

Thematic units: Whole school focus

Points to note:

All classes in the school can work on the same broad theme of God's character / nature at the same time by selecting topics accordingly. This gives a whole-school focus for assemblies, and allows God to reinforce what He has to say to the whole school community.

All topics can be linked to *Beacon Media* resources, which provide a wealth of material for classroom use.

Values education stems from our response to understanding about *who* God is. (e.g. kindness comes from an understanding of "God is Love"). See *Beacon Media* values education.

The following table provides an example of a whole-school curriculum. Schools can construct their own table organizing topics of choice under attribute themes.

Theme: God is Creator

Related themes: Loving Provider, Pure and Holy, Order, Designer

AGE GROUP	BUILDING BLOCKS TOPICS	KEY BIBLE PASSAGES	MEMORY VERSES
5-6 years	Me <i>God is a Loving Creator</i>	Matthew 10:29-30 – God sees the sparrow John 10 – The Good Shepherd Luke 15:1-7 – The lost sheep Luke 19:1-9 -Zacchaeus	Psalms 139:1 Matthew 10:30 Genesis 1:27 Psalm 23
6-7 years	Plants <i>God is Creator and Provider</i>	Genesis 1-3 -The Creation Luke 17:11-19 - The man who said ‘thank you’ Ruth 1-4 - God provided grain Matthew 6:25-34 -Do not worry about food.	Matthew 6:25 Matthew 6:28 Genesis 1:29 Philippians 4:19
7-8 years	Animals <i>God is the giver of life</i>	Genesis 1 – The Creation Genesis 6-8 - Noah’s Ark Mark 11: 1-10 - Jesus rode an untamed donkey	Genesis 1:24 Psalm 150:6 Psalm 148:9
8-9 years	Mini-beasts <i>God is a wise creator</i>	Proverbs 6:6; Proverbs 30:24-25 - wisdom of the ant 1 Corinthians 3:9 - We are workers together for God Romans 12:4-6 - One body, many members	Proverbs 10:4; Proverbs 12:27; Proverbs 21:5 - Diligence
9-10 years	Space and time <i>God is a powerful Protector</i>	Psalms 91 - Angels protect us 2 Kings 6 - Elisha and God's army of angels	Psalms 4:8 - God makes us dwell in safety Isaiah 31:5 - The earth is the Lords

10-11 years	Ecosystems / Marine Life <i>God is a God of order; God is Life</i>	Genesis 1: 20-21 God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures..." Psalm 148 The Creation praises God. Luke 5:1-11 - The great catch. (Shows Jesus' power over creation)	Genesis 1:24 – God said “Let the earth be filled with animals”. Psalm 150:6 – Praise the Lord, all living creatures. Psalm 148:9 – Praise Him...all animals, tame and wild, reptiles and birds.
11-12 years	Human biology 1 <i>God is a marvelous designer</i>	Genesis 1 - 3 The creation and fall. Psalm 139 We are wonderfully made. Matthew 10:29-30 God knows the number of hairs on our head. Matthew 25:14 – The parable of the talents	Acts 17:28 (a) For in Him we live and move and have our being. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 - Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. Mark 10:6 God made them male and female.

God is Provider

Related themes: Creator, Protector, Wise, Faithful

AGE GROUP	TOPICS	KEY BIBLE PASSAGES	MEMORY VERSES
5-6 years	Food <i>God is a Wise Provider</i>	Daniel 2 & 5 - God gave wisdom to Daniel. Matthew 7:24-27 - The wise and foolish builders Matthew 6:26 - Look at the birds. God cares for them. He will care for me.	Psalm 139:13 – Lord, you created every part of me. Phil 4:19 - God shall supply all your needs. Psalm 136:1 - Give thanks to the Lord. His love lasts forever Luke 2:52 Jesus grew in wisdom and stature
6-7 years	Shopping <i>God is a faithful provider</i>	1 Kings 17 - Elijah – oil and flour 2 Kings 4 - Elisha and the Shunamite woman Genesis 37-47 - God provided for Joseph and family during the drought	Matt 6:25 - Do not worry food or clothes Matt 6:26 - Look at the birds. Your Heavenly Father feeds them. Matt 6:26 - You are more valuable than many sparrows.
7-8 years	Food around the world (See New Start) <i>God is a loving provider</i>	Matthew 9:9-12 - Jesus calls the disciples. Matthew 29:19 - Go and make disciples of all nations. Acts 9 - Jesus called Saul (Paul) to go into the world and share the Good News.	Psalm 67:4 - May the nations be glad and sing for joy. (GNB) Psalm 96:10 - Say to all the nations the Lord is King! (GNB) 1 John 3:1 - See how much the Father has loved us...
8-9 years	Classification of food plants <i>God provides food for our bodies and food for our spirit.</i>	Mark 6:30-44 - The loaves and the fishes John 6:47-58 - Jesus the bread of life Matthew 4:4 - Man shall not live by bread alone. (Jesus goes into the desert).	1 Peter 2:2 - As new-born babies need milk, we need God’s word as our spiritual food. Psalm 119:105 - Your word is a lamp to my feet. John 6:35 - Jesus said, “I am the bread of life.”

9-10 years	Plants and seeds <i>God provides the things we need</i>	Genesis 1-3 - The Creation and Fall. Ruth 1-4 - God provided grain for Ruth and Naomi. Matthew 6:25-34 - Do not worry about food or clothes. Mark 4:1-8 - Parable of the sower	Genesis 1:29-30 "I give you every seed-bearing plant...for food" 2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!
10-11 years	Kitchen chemistry; Persuasion of advertising; Healthy foods of traditional cultures <i>God is wisdom and truth</i>	Leviticus 11 - Health laws that God gave to the Israelites. 2 Kings 5 - Naaman was healed by obeying instructions. Matthew 7:15-21 – Wolf in sheep’s clothing.	Ephesians 4:1 – Live a life that measures up to the standard God set when he called you (GNB) Exodus 15:26 - If you pay attention to my commandments, I will put none of these diseases upon you. I am the Lord who heals you. 1 Corinthians 10:23 - All things are lawful but not all things are expedient.
11-12 years	Human body 2 Healthy Food <i>God is a miraculous provider</i>	1 Kings 17:2-6 - Elijah fed by ravens 1 Kings 17:10-16 - Provision of oil for a widow. 2 Kings 4:1-7 - God uses Elisha to provide for another widow. 2 Kings 4:42-44 - Elisha multiplies bread Mark 6:30-44 – The loaves and the fishes	3 John 2 - I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you. Exodus 15:26 - For I am the Lord that heals you. Revelation 22:2 - healing for the nations

Theme: God is Love

Related themes: Protector, Shepherd, Provider, Kind, Forgiving, Friend, Father

AGE GROUP	TOPICS	KEY BIBLE PASSAGES	MEMORY VERSES
5-6 years	Families 1 & 2 <i>God cares for families and provides protection</i>	Luke 15: 11-32 – The prodigal son Luke 2: 41-52 - Jesus obeyed His Heavenly Father Matthew 2 -Protection of baby Jesus Exodus 1-2 -Protection of baby Moses	2 Cor 6:8 1 John 3:1 Ephesians 6:1 Joshua 24:15
6-7 years	Cultural studies <i>Jesus is a friend to all the children of the world</i>	Mark 10:13-16 -Jesus, friend of children John 1:43 – Jesus knows our names Luke 10:25-38 - The good Samaritan; Love your neighbour	Joshua 1:5 Hebrews 13:5 John 15:12-14 Luke 10:27
7-8 years	Sound and communication <i>Communication with God; communication with others</i>	Luke 10:38 - Mary and Martha 1 Kings 19 – The still small voice 1 Samuel 3 – The boy Samuel listened to God.	Ps. 85:8 John 10:14-15 Mark 4:9
8-9 years	My country <i>God is a loving provider</i>	Romans 3:19-26; Acts 10: 34-35 -Salvation for the nations. Acts 16:6-10 - Taking the gospel to the nations John 3:16 - For God so loved the world John 15:13 - The greatest love	1 John 4:16 – God is love. Psalm 136 – Give thanks to the Lord, His love endures forever. Psalm 33:12 – Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

9-10 years	Soil and crop farming <i>God is a faithful and caring provider</i>	Genesis 1:30; 2:5; 3:23 - instruction to cultivate the soil. Matthew 13:31 - The mustard seed. Matthew 26 - Do not worry. Exodus 15:22-27; Exodus 17 - God provided for the Israelites. Job 36:26-31 – God is faithful in providing through the creation. Genesis 6-8 – God provided for Noah and the animals. Noah farmed some of the animals after leaving the ark. (8 of some animals)	Psalm 104:14 - God provides grass for the cattle and vegetables for man. Psalm 119:86a - God's words can be trusted. Psalm 56:3 - I put my trust in you. Psalm 20:7 We trust in the power of the Lord our God.
10-11 years	Forests and Forestry <i>God provides through His creation</i>	Matthew 25: 14-30 - The talents –responsibility with God’s provision. Genesis 37-46 - God gave Joseph wisdom and he was able to provide food for his family. Psalm 92:12 - Trees of the Bible. Genesis 2: 8-9 - Trees in the Garden of Eden.	Psalm 104:10-18 - God provides for His creation. Psalm 147:7-9 - God gives food to every living creature. Psalm 50:10 - He owns the cattle on a thousand hills. Genesis 1:11 - The land produced vegetation.
11-12 years	World Missions 3 - Nations rich and poor <i>God loves all people and wants us to share with those in need</i>	John 6:1-14 - The boy who shared his lunch with Jesus. Matthew 25:35-40 - I was hungry and you gave me food.... Mark 12:41-44 – The widow's gift. Luke 7:36-50 - The woman with the jar of perfume.	Matthew 10:8 2 Corinthians 9:7-9 2 Corinthians 8:7 - Mark 16:15-18 - 1 John 4:16; Luke 4:8 Luke 6:38 - Give and it shall be given.

God is Wisdom and Truth

Related themes: Creator, Powerful, Just, Teacher

AGE GROUP	TOPICS	KEY BIBLE PASSAGES	MEMORY VERSES
5-6 years	<p>Laws and Customs; Health and safety</p> <p><i>It is wise to obey God</i></p>	<p>Mark 12:30-31 – The greatest commandment Exodus 20 – The ten commandments Jonah – The consequences of disobedience. Colossians 3:20 – Children obey your parents. 1 Peter 1:14 – Be obedient to God Deut 11:22 – Obey faithfully all the laws I have given you.</p>	<p>1 Cor 3:9 – We are workers together for God. Romans 12:4-8 – One body, many members. Proverbs 3:5-7 – Trust in the Lord with all your heart...obey the Lord and refuse to do wrong (GNB) Colossians 3:20 – Children obey your parents. 1 Peter 1:14 – Be obedient to God</p>
6-7 years	<p>Materials The Senses</p> <p><i>The only true God</i></p>	<p>Matthew 7:13-14 - The broad and narrow way. Matthew 16:13-17 - Jesus asks, "Who am I?" John 10:1-8 - The Good Shepherd. The sheep recognize His voice. Matthew 7:15-21 - Wolves in sheep's clothing. Acts 17:16-34 - The unknown god. 1 Kings 18 – God of Israel, God of Baal?</p>	<p>John 14:6 - Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Acts 4:12 - There is no other name by which we are saved. Exodus 20:3-4; Isaiah 42:8 & 17 - No other gods.</p>
7-8 years	<p>Growth & change</p> <p><i>Growing in wisdom</i></p>	<p>Galatians 5:19-24 Fruits of the Spirit we change to become more like Jesus. Job - Job grew in His faith through difficulties in life. John 2:1-12 Jesus changed water to wine. Acts 9:1-23 Saul changed to Paul</p>	<p>Luke 2:40 - Jesus grew in stature and in wisdom. Malachi 3:6 – “I the Lord do not change.” 1 Peter 2:2 - As new-born babies need milk, we need God's word as our spiritual food.</p>

8-9 years	Cultural studies <i>Cross-cultural communication</i>	Luke 10:25-38- The Good Samaritan Luke 10:27; Matthew 22:39 - Love the Lord with all your heart...and your neighbour as yourself. Acts 10:34 - God treats everyone on the same basis. James 2:1-9 - Warning against prejudice.	John 3:16 – For God so loved the world Ephesians 4:32 - forgive one another. 1 John 3:11-18 - Love one another in word and deed. 1 Corinthians 13:14 - Love is patient and kind. John 13:34 - A new commandment.
9-10 years	Creation/ Fossils / The great Flood <i>God's word is truth</i>	Genesis 1 - God created living things after their own kind. John 14:6 - Jesus is the Way, the Truth, the Life. Mark 4:1-8 - The sower - shows need for a solid foundation. Luke 24:13-35 - The two on the road to Emmaus failed to recognize the truth because of unbelief.	Proverbs 30:5-6 - The word of God is truth. Psalm 119:105 - God's word is a lamp to our feet. Ephesians 6:17 - God's word is a sword. John 5:46-47 - "If you do not believe what Moses wrote, (Genesis), how can you believe what I say?"
10-11 years	Gravity & pendulums / Scientists <i>Jesus, the way, the truth and the life</i>	Matthew 7:15-21 - Wolves in sheep's clothing. John 10:1-8 - The Good Shepherd. The sheep hear His voice. Matthew 7:13-14 - The broad and narrow way. Exodus 20:3-4; Isaiah 42:8 & 17 - No other gods. 2 Peter 2 - False teachers. 2 Corinthians 11:13-14 - False apostles; Satan is an angel of light.	Proverbs 11:1 - The Lord hates dishonest scales, but He is pleased with correct weights. John 18:38 - Everyone that is of the truth hears my voice. John 14:6-7 - I am the way, the truth and the life. 1 Peter 5:8 - Satan is a roaring lion.
11-12 years	Natural disasters / The great Flood / Archeology <i>Seek the truth and wisdom; Prepare for the future</i>	Great Flood: history's greatest natural disaster so far James 1:5 - Ask God for wisdom. Matthew 25:1-13 - The ten girls and their lamps. Matthew 7:24-28 - The wise and foolish builders. Luke 11:9-10 - Ask, seek, knock. Seek for the truth. Matthew 13:44-45 - The pearl of great price.	John 1:17 - Truth came through Jesus Christ. John 16:13 - When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. Matthew 6:33 - Seek first God's kingdom Matthew 7:24 - Build your life on truth.

God is Pure and Holy

Related themes: Wise, Powerful, Creator, Just, Judge, Light

AGE GROUP	TOPICS	KEY BIBLE PASSAGES	MEMORY VERSES
5-6 years	<p>Cleaning up</p> <p><i>God can forgive me and make me clean</i></p>	<p>Matthew 23:13-27 - Jesus said that we must be clean on the inside, not just the outside.</p> <p>Mark 7:1-16 - The ceremonial cleansing by the Pharisees did not really make them clean.</p> <p>Luke 19:1-19 - Zacchaeus was forgiven and he changed his ways.</p> <p>John 21:15 - Jesus forgives Peter.</p> <p>1 Peter 1 & 1 John 3 - We are made pure through Jesus.</p>	<p>Psalm 51:7 - Take away my sin and I will be clean.</p> <p>Matt. 6:9 – Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.</p> <p>Psalm 51: 10 – Create in me a clean heart O God.</p>
6-7 years	<p>Fruit of the Spirit</p> <p><i>Walk in the light</i></p>	<p>Mark 12:30-31 - Love your neighbour as yourself.</p> <p>Acts 3 - The lame man healed and leapt for joy.</p> <p>Matthew 6:26 - Do not worry. (Have peace)</p> <p>The Good Samaritan showed kindness.</p> <p>Ephesians 5:8-11 - Show goodness, by living as children of the light</p>	<p>Galatians 5:22-23 - The fruits of the Spirit</p> <p>Mark 12:30-31 - Love your neighbour as yourself.</p> <p>1 John 1:7 Walk in the light as He is in the light.</p> <p>1 Cor 3:4 – Love is patient and kind</p>
7-8 years	<p>Light and colour</p> <p><i>God is light</i></p>	<p>Genesis 1 - God's light</p> <p>Galatians 5:22 - Goodness is a fruit of the Spirit.</p> <p>Matthew 5:13-16 - Christians as salt and light.</p> <p>John 8:12 - Jesus, the light of the world.</p> <p>Matthew 6:22-23 - If your eye is clear your whole body will be full of light.</p> <p>Genesis 9 - The sign of the rainbow</p>	<p>Ephesians 5:8-11 - Live as children of the light.</p> <p>Deuteronomy 6:18 - Do that which is right and good.</p> <p>Romans 13:12 - Put on the armour of light.</p> <p>1 John 2:28-29 - Everyone who does what is right is of God.</p> <p>1 John 1:5-7 - Walk in the light.</p>

8-9 years	Water <i>God is pure because He is without sin</i>	Genesis 6-8: The world was purified by a flood. Psalm 51:1-7 - Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. 1 Peter 1:19; Hebrews 9:14 - Jesus was without sin. Matthew 9:1-7 - Jesus healed and forgave sin. John 18 - 19 - Because Jesus was without sin He was able to die for us.	1 John 1:9 Confess our sin & God will forgive Psalm 145:17 - The Lord is righteous in everything He does. Isaiah 43:25 - God forgives our sins. Isaiah 1:18 - I will wash you as clean as the snow.
9-10 years	Geology 1 <i>You are the salt of the earth</i>	Job 6:6 - Salt for preserving food. Ezekiel 16:4 - Salt as an antiseptic. Luke 14:34-35; Mark 9:49-50 - Salt Exodus 25 - Materials for building the Ark: Metals included pure gold; gemstones; only the best for the most holy God. Hebrews 9 & 10 - Revelation 21 & 22 - The purity of Heaven: city of pure gold, gates of pearls, foundations of precious jewels.	Matthew 5:13 - You are the salt of the earth. Phil 4:8 - Whatever is true, noble, right and pure - think about such things. John 5:15 You are my friends if you do what I command you. Psalm 23:6 – Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
10-11 years	Pollution and waste management <i>What happened to God's perfect creation?</i>	Genesis 1-2 - the perfect creation Genesis 2:15 God's caretakers. Genesis 2 - the fall Romans 5:12 – Sin came into the world through Adam Genesis 4 - The sin of Cain 1 Peter 1:19; Hebrews 9:14 - Jesus was without sin. 1 John 1:9 - Jesus made a way to God. Romans 8:19-22 The creation groans, waiting to be freed	Psalm 18:30 - God's way is perfect. Isaiah 1:18 – Though your sins be as scarlet they will be as white as snow. Isaiah 43:25 – I will blot out your sins and remember them no more. Romans 3:23 – For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
11-12 years	Geology 2 / The Great Flood <i>God is a just and fair judge</i>	Genesis 6-8 - The Great Flood Jeremiah 18 - Jeremiah at the potter's house. Matthew 21:12-13 - Jesus didn't tolerate sin in His Father's house. Psalm 97 – The creation proclaims His righteousness.	Psalm 7:11 – God is a righteous judge Acts 17:31 – For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice 1 Chron. 16:33 -The trees of the forests will sing for joy because He comes to judge the earth.

God is a Powerful Protector

Related themes: Lord and King, Creator, Healer

AGE GROUP	TOPICS	KEY BIBLE PASSAGES	MEMORY VERSES
5-6 years	<p>Weather and Climate / Times and seasons</p> <p><i>God is Lord and King of all creation</i></p>	<p>Genesis 6-8 – Noah and his family survived the flood. Genesis 37-47 – Joseph’s family survived the drought. Mark 4 – Jesus calmed the storm. Mark 4 – Jesus walked on water. Acts 27 – God protected Paul in the storm.</p>	<p>Isaiah 43:5 – Fear not for I am with you. Job 36:22 – God does great things by His power. Psalm 121:7 The Lord will keep you from all harm. He will watch over your life.</p>
6-7 years	<p>Animals protection / Ecosystems</p> <p><i>God protects us from harm and evil</i></p>	<p>Psalm 91 - Angels protect us Psalm 23 - The Lord is my Shepherd Ephesians 6:10-18 - The armour of God 2 Kings 6 - Elisha and God's army of angels Daniel 3 - Three men in the fiery furnace.</p>	<p>Psalm 27 - The Lord is my light, whom shall I fear? Isaiah 41:10 - Fear no for I am with you. Isaiah 43:10 - You will walk through the fire and not be burned. Psalm 4:8 - God makes us dwell in safety</p>
7-8 years	<p>Shelter / Structures for strength</p> <p><i>God is our shelter</i></p>	<p>Psalm 27:4-14 - Shelter in the house of the Lord. Psalm 4:8 - God will keep us safe. Esther 1-10 - God used Esther to protect His people. Ephesians 6:10-18 - The armour of God James 4:7 - Resist the devil Proverbs 18:10; Jeremiah 16:19; Psalm 46:1</p>	<p>Psalm 56:3 - Trust in God when you are afraid. Psalm 17:8; Psalm 32:5 - God is a shelter for us. Psalm 18:2; Psalm 61:13 - God is a strong tower; Proverbs 30:5 - God is our shield Psalm 18:30-36; Psalm 61:3 - God is our protector.</p>

8-9 years	Air / Electricity <i>God provides for us through the powerful forces of His creation</i>	Mark 4:3 – Jesus has power over the wind. Acts 2 – The disciples receive the Holy Spirit – wind representing power. Exodus – God sustained the Israelites in the wilderness. God sustains us every day through air.	Psalms 63:2; 66:3; 89:13; 146:6; 145:5 - God is powerful Matthew 6:25-34 – Life is more important than food. Matthew 4:4 – Man shall not live by bread alone.
9-10 years	Space and time <i>We are God's special creation</i>	Psalms 91 - Angels protect us 2 Kings 6 - Elisha and God's army of angels Acts 12:1-9 - An angel saves Peter Psalm 4:8 - God makes us dwell in safety Isaiah 31:5 - The Lord protects Jerusalem.	Isaiah 41:10 7 43:1-2 - Fear not Proverbs 3:5-6 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Isaiah 54:10 - Though the mountains be shaken... yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken.
10-11 years	Exploration & navigation 1 & 2 <i>God is our guide</i>	Acts 27 & 28 - God protected Paul during the shipwreck. Luke 8:24 - Jesus protected the disciples during the storm. 2 Kings 4:38-41 - Protection from effects of a poisonous plant. Matthew 7:24-27 - The house on the rock. Exodus 13:21-22 God guided the Israelites by fire and cloud.	Psalms 27:1-14 - The Lord is my light...I will not be afraid. Isaiah 43:1-2 - Fear not. Psalm 32:7; Psalm 27:5 – Protection in times of trouble. When you are afraid, trust in the Lord. John 8:12 - Jesus, the light of the world.
11-12 years	Government <i>God is Lord and King</i>	Genesis 11:1-9 - Tower of Babel – disobedience to God's authority Exodus 20 - Ten Commandments Esther - God's hand in ruling a nation. Exodus - God's rule won over Pharaoh's rule. Matthew 2 - Jesus was born as King John 12:12-19 - Triumphal entry. John 18:28-38 - Jesus on trial for being King. Acts 1:6-10 - Jesus will return as King.	Psalms 19:7-8 - The law of the Lord is perfect; the statutes of the Lord are trustworthy. Psalm 47 - God is King of all the earth. Isaiah 9:6-7 - He will govern and reign. Romans 13:1-7 - Pray for those in authority. Psalm 66:11-9 - God rules the nations.

God is a Servant

Related themes: Humble, Faithful, Healer

AGE GROUP	TOPICS	KEY BIBLE PASSAGES	MEMORY VERSES
5-6 years	Special communities – aged & disabled <i>God is patient and kind</i>	2 Sam 4 & 9 – The little lame prince, Mephibosheth Matt 9; Mark 3:1-6; Matt 12:10; Luke 18:35-43 – Jesus showed kindness through healing disabled people.	1 Peter 5:7 He cares for you 1 Cor 13:14 Love is patient and kind 1 Thess – Help the weak
6-7 years	Community helpers 1 <i>Jesus, the willing and helpful servant</i>	Matt 5:41-42 - The extra mile John 15:13 - Laying down one's life for his friends. Matthew 8:14-17 - Jesus healed Peter's mother. Luke 18:10-28 - Jesus healed a crippled woman. Luke 10:30-37 - The Good Samaritan	Ephesians 6:7 - Serve wholeheartedly. Galatians 6:2 - Carry one another's burdens. Isaiah 1:19 – willing and obedient Phil 2:14 Do things without grumbling or complaining
7-8 years	Community helpers 2 - the medical profession <i>Jesus, the healing servant</i>	The healing miracles of Jesus: John 9:1-34 John 5:1-18 Luke 8:43-48 Luke 5:18-25 Luke 6:6-10 Mark 10:46-52 Luke 4:18 - He has chosen me to bring good news to the poor and recovery of sight to the blind... Matthew 9:35-36 - Jesus healed people with every kind of disease.	Matthew 4:23 – Jesus healed all kinds of diseases Luke 6:17-18 - They had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases. Matthew 14:14 - He was filled with pity for them and healed those who were ill.

<p>8-9 years</p>	<p>Community helpers 3 - Serving with time and talents</p> <p><i>Serve the Lord with humility</i></p>	<p>Matthew 25:14-29 - The talents Luke 12:35-47 - Be faithful in doing what Jesus wants us to do. Acts 8:1-4 - The disciples continued to be faithful in the face of danger. Acts 1-2 - The disciples received power to work for Jesus. 1 Corinthians 12 - Spiritual gifts Luke 14:7-11 - Don't make yourself important.</p>	<p>Luke 6:10 - Be faithful in little things Matthew 5:15 - Don't hide your light under a bushel. Mark 10:4 – If you want to be great in God's kingdom then you must be a servant of all</p>
<p>9-10 years</p>	<p>Tools, machines, technology - how they can serve the world in bringing the Gospel</p> <p><i>Jesus, the willing and humble servant</i></p>	<p>1 Peter 4:8-11 – Each one should use whatever gift he has to serve others. John 13:4-5 – Jesus washed the disciple's feet. Luke 12:35-47 - Faithfulness in serving Jesus.</p>	<p>Luke 16:10 - Be faithful in little things. Matthew 5:14 - Christians are lights to the world. Matthew 16:24 - Take up your cross.</p>
<p>10-11 years</p>	<p>World missions 2 - Missionaries</p> <p><i>God is a powerful servant</i></p>	<p>Acts 1:8; Acts 2 - The disciples receive power. Acts 3 - Peter and John demonstrate power. Acts 13:4-12 - Barnabas and Paul demonstrate power. Luke 4:18; 7:22 - Jesus came to bring the Good News Romans 10:14; 1 Corinthians 12 - The gifts of the Holy Spirit</p>	<p>Matthew 28:18-20 -Go and make disciples of all nations..." Mark 16:14-20 - "Go into all the world..." Ephesians 6:15 - Feet to spread the Good News</p>

11-12 years	Famous Scientists <i>Standing up for the truth</i>	Matthew 25:14-29 - The talents John 10 – The Good Shepherd – hearing the voice of God. Romans 1:20 – God’s invisible qualities clearly seen through the creation	John 16:13 – The Holy Spirit guides us into all truth. John 14:15-21 – The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth. John 18:37 – Everyone of the truth hears my voice
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God is Redeemer

Related themes: Saviour, Life, Peace, Forgiving, Gracious, Merciful

AGE GROUP	TOPICS	KEY BIBLE PASSAGES	MEMORY VERSES
5-6 years	<p>Living and non-living</p> <p><i>God is life</i></p>	<p>John 15 - The Vine John 3 - Nicodemus John 6:47-58 - Jesus, the bread of life. John 4 - Jesus, the living water John 1:2 & 14 - Jesus is the Word John 5:24-25; John 6:53-54 – Eternal life</p>	<p>Matthew 4:4 - Man shall not live by bread alone. 1 Peter 2:2 - God's word as our spiritual food. John 15 - The Vine</p>
6-7 years	<p>Life cycles</p> <p><i>God gives new life</i></p>	<p>Genesis 2:7 - God gave life to man. Matthew 9:9-12; Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32; John 1:43-50 - Jesus called the disciples to a new life. John 5:24-25; John 6:53-54 - Eternal life. John 11:25 - Jesus, the resurrection and the life.</p>	<p>Psalms 150 - Praise the Lord, all living creatures. Acts 17:28 - In Him we live and move. John 11:25 - Jesus, the resurrection and the life.</p>
7-8 years	<p>Cultural studies</p> <p><i>God cares for the poor</i></p>	<p>Mark 16:15-18 - The Great Commission Isaiah 58:7-11 - Share your food with the hungry. John 6:1-14 - The boy who shared his lunch with Jesus. Matthew 25:35-40 - I was hungry and you gave me food. 2 Corinthians 9:7-9 - God loves a person who gives happily. 2 Corinthians 8:7 - Generosity</p>	<p>Proverbs 22:9 - Be generous and share your food with the poor. Luke 6:38 - Give and it shall be given. Matthew 10:8 - Freely you have received, freely give. 1 John 4:16 - God is love. Luke 4:8 - Jesus came to bring good news to the poor.</p>

8-9 years	World Missions 1 <i>Spreading the Good News</i>	Acts 1:8; Acts 2 - The disciples receive power. Acts 3 - Peter and John demonstrate power. Acts 13:4-12 - Barnabas and Paul demonstrate power. Luke 4:18; 7:22 - Jesus came to bring the Good News Romans 10:14; 1 Corinthians 12 - The gifts of the Holy Spirit	Ephesians 6:15 - Feet to spread the Good News Matthew 28:18-20 - Go and make disciples of all nations..." Mark 16:14-20 - "Go into all the world..."
9-10 years	Sound and communication <i>God is a communicator</i>	. 1 Kings 19 – The still small voice 1 Samuel 3 - The boy Samuel hears God's voice. Genesis 2-5 - God spoke face to face with Adam and Eve. Genesis 37-40, Daniel 2 - God speaks through dreams. Numbers 22 - God spoke through Balaam's donkey. Exodus 19:20 – 10 Commandments: God spoke to Moses	Psalms 85:8 - I am listening to what the Lord God is saying. John 10:14-15 - The sheep know the shepherd's voice. Mark 4:19 – He who has ears, let him hear.
10-11 years	World Mission 1 / The history of the world <i>God is Saviour</i>	Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:14-20 - The Great Commission Romans 1:20 - God's invisible qualities - His eternal power and divine nature - have been clearly seen. Ecclesiastes 3:11 - He has set eternity in the hearts of men. Acts 13 & 14 - Paul and Barnabas spread the Good News Acts 16 - Timothy, Paul and Silas Acts 17 - Paul in Athens - 'to the Unknown God' Acts 19 - Paul in Ephesus	Romans 10:14; Ephesians 6:15 - Feet to spread the Good News John 14:6-7 - Jesus, the Way, the Truth, the Life 1 Corinthians 7:23 - We were bought with a price Romans 5:10 - We were God's enemies, but made His friends through His death. John 3:16 - For God so loved the world...

<p>11-12 years</p>	<p>Racial and national peace</p> <p><i>God is Lord and King</i></p>	<p>Romans 3:23; 5:8; 6:23 - When people sin, they are separated from God. Sin forms a barrier between people and God.</p> <p>Matthew 5:21-23 - Make peace with your brother.</p> <p>Mark 9:50; 1 Thessalonians 5:13 - Peace with one another.</p> <p>Psalm 2; Ephesians 2:22; Romans 10:12-21 - Peace for nations.</p> <p>Romans 12:18-21 - Don't take revenge.</p> <p>Matthew 5:38-42 - Don't fight back.</p> <p>Luke 10:25-37 - The Good Samaritan</p> <p>Matthew 26:50-56; Luke 23:34 - Jesus set the example</p>	<p>Colossians 1:20 - Christ's death on the cross broke the barrier.</p> <p>Ephesians 2:14 - He is our peace. He has broken down the wall.</p> <p>Romans 5:1; 1 John 1:9 - If we ask Jesus to forgive us, and we have faith in God, we can have peace with God.</p> <p>Matthew 5:9 - Blessed are the peace-makers</p> <p>Romans 12:17 - Don't repay evil for evil.</p> <p>Matthew 5:38-42 - Love your enemies.</p>
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