

Year 8 Term 1

Number of weeks: 13

Weeks	Attribute of God	Christian Education Lessons	Related classroom research topic	Values
	God is Love		The Family: traditional values versus changing moral values; Heredity	
1		Love within a family Exodus 20:12 Honour your father and your mother; 1 John 4:20 – 21		loving others / compassion
2		Loving the body of Christ 1 Cor 12: 12-27; Rom 12:5 One body	Biographies: Elizabeth Fry	kindness
3		Loving unbelievers Matthew 9:9-13 Matthew the tax collector		gentleness
4		Loving people of other religions Acts 17:16-32 The unknown god		respect
5		Loving your enemies Matthew 5: 43-44		
	God is Provider		Farming	
6		God wants us to share what He provides John 6:1-14 The boy who shared his lunch	Biography: George Muller	faith
7		Food from God's Garden Genesis 1:29-30		security
8		Everyone can give Matthew 25:35-40		thankfulness
9		God provide the things we need Psalm 23		generosity
10		God our Father cares for us Matthew 6:25-27 Do not worry		
	God is our Saviour		Countries of the world: Europe	
11		Jesus died for you		joy
12		The love of Jesus		thankfulness
13		Demonstrating our love for Jesus John 18:25-27; John 21:15-17 Peter's denial	Biographies: Sefanaia Sukanaivalu; Reona Peterson	faith

Year 8 Term 2

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Weeks	Attribute of God:	Christian Education Lessons	Related classroom research topic:	Values:
	God is Pure & Holy	The Fruit of the Spirit	Human Biology	responsibility
1		Patience Rom 8:28		integrity
2		Kindness Luke 6:31		patience
3		Goodness Phil 4:8	Biography: John Mark, Lolohea Akosita	kindness
4		Self-control James 3:3-9		Self-control
	God is Creator		Space & the Solar System	
5		In six days Genesis 1		thankfulness
6		The heavens declare God's glory Psalm 19:1-6		Responsibility
7		God is in charge of His creation Joshua 10 The day the sun stood still.		Stewardship
8		God created male and female Genesis 2:22-24 Matthew 19:4-6	Biography: James Irwin	Respect for truth
9		Beliefs about Creation John 5:46 Disbelief		Faith
	God is Wise		Exploration & navigation	
10		Right or wrong motives? Luke 18:9-14 The Pharisee & the tax collector		Decision making
11		Guidance: Conviction & circumstances 1 Kings 19 Elijah and the still small voice	Biographies: John Williams; Christopher Columbus; Captain James Cook	Knowing & doing what is right
12		Guidance: Confirmation Judges 6:36-40 Gideon and the fleece		Trust & faith
13		Guidance: dreams, visions & angels		Obedience to truth

Year 8 Term 3

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Weeks	Attribute of God	Christian Education Lessons	Related classroom research topic	Values
	God is a Servant		Missionaries as servants	
1		Jesus came to serve, Luke 4:18-21		willingness
2		Jesus, the healing servant John 11:1-44 The raising of Lazarus		humility
3		Jesus still heals today Luke 7:1-10; Mark 2:1-12	Biographies: Thomas Baker; David Cargill; Don Richardson; The Fijian call to PNG	sacrifice
4		Paul, a servant of Jesus, Acts 9		Care, compassion
	God is Protector		A balanced diet	
5		God cares for our bodies James 5:14-15	Health & hygiene for our protection	Wisdom
6		Looking after our bodies 1 Cor 6:19-20 Temple of Holy Spirit	Biographies: David Wilkerson; Jackie Pullinger	Responsibility
7		Smoking, drugs and alcohol		Self-control
	God is Truth	God's standard for moral law	Government	
8		Leaders and followers Mark 6:34		Respect for truth
9		Qualities of good leaders Mark 10:45 Who is greatest?	Biographies: Martin Luther; Peter the leader; John Wesley	Gentleness, Humility
10		Evil leaders 1 Kings 18:18 - 40 Elijah and the prophets of Baal; 2 Kings 9:33-35 Jezebel		Discernment, Honesty, Fairness
	God is Lord and King			
11		Jesus came to us	Free Choice	Faith
12		Jesus will come again		Trust
13		Jesus wants to be Lord and King of your life		Respect for truth

Link between “God is Love” and classroom topics:

Love is the cement that holds the family together.

Link between “God is Provider” and classroom topics:

God can use us to provide for others. There is enough food for everyone in the world but it is unequally distributed.

Link between “God is our Saviour” and classroom topics:

John 3:16 For God loved the world so much that He sent his only son so that whoever believes in Him should not die but have everlasting life.

God wants the people of every country in the whole world to come to know Him, so that they can live forever with Him in heaven. People of every nation can come to know the true God by asking Jesus to forgive their sins and then to follow Him. Some people have never heard about Jesus so those who know about Him must tell others. How did Fijians come to know about Jesus?

Link between “God is Pure and Holy” and classroom topics:

The Fruit of the Spirit will be studied, remembering that our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. Living a pure and holy Christian life involves displaying the Fruit of the Spirit. Note that *love, joy, peace* are studied in Year 6. In Year 8 we will study *patience, kindness, goodness, self-control* in Term 2, and in Term 3, *gentleness/humility*.

Link between “God is Creator” and classroom topics:

“The heavens declare the glory of God” Psalm 19

Link between “God is Wise” and classroom topics:

Life is like a journey. Just as ships and planes need mechanisms for guidance to their destination, Christians rely on God’s wisdom to guide them through life.

Link between “God is a Servant” and classroom topics:

God sent Jesus to serve humanity. He served by teaching, healing, delivering, miraculously providing basic needs, and most of all, giving His life. As followers in His footsteps Christians are called to serve sacrificially. We see this in the work of missionaries.

Link between “God is Protector” and classroom topics:

God has given us knowledge and common sense that we can use to keep our bodies fit and healthy. By following rules for good health we are protected against sickness and disease.

Link between “God is Truth” and classroom topics:

God blesses governments that are founded on the Ten Commandments and the Bible. Many countries have in the past, had the Ten Commandments as their foundation, e.g. USA (“In God we trust”), Britain and the Commonwealth. These countries have traditionally used the Bible for swearing in political members. However, there is a move away from this truth in our modern world and we are now seeing a decline in moral values all around the world.

The world needs leadership that is founded on the truth of God’s word. Unfortunately, we see few examples of this in the world’s political systems. The Christian church can provide the example of true leadership and be a light in a world that is becoming darker. Jesus predicted that the world would become darker as we approach His second coming. He said that it would be “as in the days of Noah”.

Link between “God is Lord and King” and classroom topic:

Discuss with children that God is in control of the whole universe, that is, our world, the sun, the planets and the stars. He tells the sun the time to set. He makes the tides because the moon is under His control, (Ps 104:19). Because God is looking after our world, He looks after the people whom He made. He sent His son Jesus into the world so that every person in the whole world could have the opportunity of knowing the true God.