

Goals for Christian growth

As defined in “*Themes for Christian Studies*”

Age 5-6

Creator

Understand that God made the world by His great power, in just six days.

Love

Understand that each person is special, created and loved by God.
Understand that God knows everything about us.

Wise

Understand that God wants us to do what is right. Being wise is to do the right thing.

Protector

Understand that God is a father who protects His children.

Powerful

Understand that God can heal by His great power.

Truth

Understand that there is only one true God. He wants us to always tell the truth.

Pure and Holy

Understand that doing wrong is called sin. When we sin, God can forgive us and make us clean on the inside.

Patient

Understand that patience means learning to wait.

A servant

Understand the meaning of ‘obey’, and realize that Jesus always obeyed His heavenly Father.

Life

Understand what it means to be alive, and that God gives life to every living thing.

Provider

Understand that God is good to us and gives us the things we need.

Peace

Understand that having ‘peace’ inside is not being afraid. We don’t need to be afraid when we trust in God to keep us safe.

Age 6-7

Creator

Understand that God provides for His creation.

Love

Understand that God knows what to do in every situation.

Wise

Understand that God protects His people when they are in danger.

Protector

Understand that God protects His people when they are in danger.

Powerful

Understand that Jesus is Lord and King of the whole world.

Truth

Understand that God keeps all His promises.

Pure and Holy

Understand that God is pure because He has never done anything wrong.

Patient

Understand that we can listen to God and wait for Him to speak to us.

A servant

Understand that Jesus was a willing and helpful servant. He wants us to be willing to help others.

Life

Understand that God gives new life on the inside, when we ask Jesus to forgive us for wrong things, and to be our friend.

Provider

Understand that God can do amazing miracles to provide for needs.

Peace

Understand that God wants us to have peace with others, and not to fight.

Age 7-8

Creator

Understand that God provides through His creation and wants us to say 'thank you'.

Love

Understand that Jesus is a friend.

Wise

Understand that when things go wrong, God understands.

Protector

Understand that God protects His people when they stand up for Him.

Powerful

Understand that God is great, strong and mighty.

Truth

Understand that God's truth doesn't change.

Pure and Holy

Understand that as God forgives us, so we should forgive others.

Patient

Understand that it takes patience to care for people who have special needs.

A servant

Understand that Jesus served while on earth by healing the sick.

Life

Understand that we need God in our life as much as air, food and water.

Provider

Understand that God provides the things we need.

Peace

Understand that peace comes from trusting God.

Age 8-9

Creator

Understand that we are created in God's image. This means that we are more important than the animals.

Love

Understand that God is a loving Father.

Wise

Understand that to have God's wisdom is better than being rich.

Protector

Understand that God protects those who love and trust in Him.

Powerful

Understand that God's power is greater than any other power in the whole universe.

Truth

Understand that God's word is true, and it shows us how to live.

Pure and Holy

Understand that there is a battle between powers of darkness, (Satan), and powers of light (God), but God will win!

Patient

Understand that it takes patience to do things properly.

A servant

Understand that Jesus was a humble servant, and wants us to show humility, not pride.

Life

Understand that God is a living person.

Provider

Understand that God is a caring provider.

Peace

Understand that Jesus broke down the barrier of sin and made it possible for us to have peace with God.

Age 9-10

Creator

Understand that God created us with the ability to choose

Love

Understand that God wants us to love others

Wise

Understand that it is wise to be prepared for the future.

Protector

Understand that God protects us from harm and evil

Powerful

Understand that God has power to change things

Truth

Understand that we must ask God to show us what is true and what is false.

Pure and Holy

Understand that when we live as God wants us to live we can be lights to the world.

Patient

Understand that the Holy Spirit produces patience and self-control

A servant

Understand that Jesus was a faithful servant.

Life

Understand that God is the joy of life.

Provider

Understand that God is a faithful provider

Peace

Understand that we may have troubles, but we can have peace inside knowing that God is in control.

Age 10-11

Creator

Understand that God is a perfect Creator. His creation was perfect, but spoiled by sin.

Love

Understand that God loved the world so much that He sent His Son.

Wise

Understand that it is wise to let God be our guide through life.

Protector

Understand that God protects his people in times of trouble.

Powerful

Understand that God has power to raise the dead.

Truth

Understand that Jesus, the way, the truth, the life

Pure and Holy

Understand that God's righteousness makes us a Christian, not self righteousness.

Patient

Understand that having ppatience includes having perseverance.

A servant

Understand that as God's servants He wants us to spread the Good News.

Life

Understand that Jesus is the Living Water. He gives us the Holy Spirit.

Provider

Understand that God is a miraculous provider.

Peace

Understand that Jesus has made the way for us to be friends with God.

Age 11-12

Creator

Understand that God did not create the world by evolution, and the Biblical record of creation is true. This means that the world is 6,000 years old. If the fossil record was true, then death came before the Fall, which contradicts God's word.

Love

Understand that God wants us to love Him.

Wise

Understand that we need to rely on God for wisdom. This means learning to hear His voice.

Protector

Understand that God is our shelter.

Powerful

Understand that God gives us power when we ask Him. The Holy Spirit is a source of power.

Truth

Understand that in order to find truth, we must seek it.

Pure and Holy

Understand that God's perfect creation has been destroyed by sin. God is not responsible for the ugly things in this world. He gave man the choice.

Patient

Understand that God is patient with us and waits for us to come back to Him when we sin.

A servant

Understand that Jesus made the greatest sacrifice of all: His life.

Life

Understand that God sustains life, and is more important than anything else in life.

Provider

Understand that God expects us to share His provision with the needy.

Peace

Understand that God wants us to be peace-makers.