

# Preschool Ages 3-4 Scope and Sequence

## INTRODUCTORY CHAPTERS

### I Am Welcomed

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*Jesus welcomes the children. We feel welcome in our religion class.*

**UNIT VIRTUE:** Friendship

#### Chapter 1: Jesus Welcomes the Children

**Major Concept:** The Bible tells us that Jesus welcomes all children.

**Key Word:** Bible

**Bible Story:** Let Them Come to Me,  
Based on Matthew 19:13-15, Mark 10:13-16, and  
Luke 18:15-17

#### Chapter 2: My Teacher Welcomes Me

**Major Concept:** We welcome you in religion class as Jesus welcomed the children. We will do things together and learn about Jesus and how much God loves us.

**Key Word:** Jesus

**Story:** Jamal and Abby

## UNIT ONE

### God Knows and Loves Me

#### UNIT ONE FOCUS

*God loves and knows everyone by name.*

*Our parents gave us our names, and they love and care for us.*

**UNIT VIRTUE:** Love

#### Chapter 3: Jesus Is the Good Shepherd

**Major Concept:** Jesus is the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep by name.

**Key word:** shepherd

**Bible story:** I Am the Good Shepherd,  
Based on John 10:3-5, 11, 14-15

#### Chapter 4: My Name Is Special

**Major Concept:** People call me by my name. God knows each one of us by name.

**Key Word:** special

**Story:** Carlos and Grandpa Go to the Park

#### Chapter 5: The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep

**Major Concept:** Good shepherds always take care of their sheep. Jesus the Good Shepherd loves and cares for us.

**Key Word:** Good Shepherd

**Bible Story:** The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep,  
Based on Luke 15:4-7

#### Chapter 6: My Family Cares for Me

**Major Concept:** My family loves me and cares for me.

**Key Word:** care

**Story:** Music Across the Street

## UNIT TWO

### God Gives Us All That Is Good

#### UNIT TWO FOCUS

*God made and gave us the world because he loves us.*

*We show our love for God by taking care of ourselves and of the world.*

**UNIT VIRTUE:** Caring

#### Chapter 7: God Made the World

**Major Concept:** God created the world because of his love. God's creation is good.

**Key Word:** creation

**Bible Story:** God Made All Things Good,  
Based on Genesis 1:1-25

#### Chapter 8: I Help Take Care of the World

**Major Concept:** God told people to take care of all that he made. We show our love for God when we take care of the world.

**Key Word:** care

**Story:** The Perfect Beach

#### Chapter 9: God Made People

**Major Concept:** God created people to share in his love. We are special.

**Key Word:** people

**Bible Story:** God Made People Special,  
Based on Genesis 1:6-27

#### Chapter 10: I Take Care of Myself

**Major Concept:** We are good. We take care of ourselves.

**Key Word:** good

**Story:** Shiny Teeth

## UNIT THREE

### Jesus Is God's Own Son

#### UNIT THREE FOCUS

*Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are the Holy Family.*

*Our family loves us and cares for us.*

**UNIT VIRTUE:** Goodness

#### Chapter 11: Jesus Is Born

**Major Concept:** We celebrate the birth of Jesus. Mary is the Mother of Jesus, God's own Son.

**Key Word:** Mary, Holy Family

**Bible Story:** Mary's Baby,  
Based on Luke 1:31; 2:3-7

#### Chapter 12: I Have a Family

**Major Concept:** I have a family. A baby is a special gift from God to a family. I am happy when a new baby is born into our family.

**Key Word:** family

**Story:** A Baby to Love

#### Chapter 13: Shepherds Visit Baby Jesus

**Major Concept:** The angels tell the shepherds about the birth of Jesus. The shepherds thank God for the birth of Jesus.

**Key Word:** angels, shepherds

**Bible Story:** Shepherds Hear Good News,  
Based on Luke 2:8-20

#### Chapter 14: A Visit from My Family

**Major Concept:** I am happy when our family visits.

**Key Word:** family (extended family)

**Story:** The Birthday Visit

## UNIT FOUR

### I Belong to My Church Family

#### UNIT FOUR FOCUS

*We are friends of Jesus. The friends of Jesus are called the Church.*

**UNIT VIRTUE:** Compassion

#### Chapter 15: Friends of Jesus

**Major Concept:** Jesus invites four fishermen to be his special friends.  
**Key Word:** friends of Jesus  
**Bible Story:** Come, Follow Me,  
Based on Matthew 4:18-22

#### Chapter 16: I Am a Friend of Jesus

**Major Concept:** I am a friend of Jesus. I like going to church.  
**Key Word:** church (as building, the place Jesus' friends come together)  
**Story:** The Remember Game

#### Chapter 17: Jesus Has Many Friends

**Major Concept:** Jesus' friends invite others to become friends of Jesus.  
**Key Word:** Apostles, invitation  
**Bible Story:** Jesus Makes Two New Friends,  
Based on John 1:43-49

#### Chapter 18: My Church Friends

**Major Concept:** I join with other friends of Jesus at church.  
**Key Word:** Church (the people, the community of Jesus' friends)  
**Story:** Carlos' Church Friends

## UNIT FIVE

### I Tell God I Love Him

#### UNIT FIVE FOCUS

*I talk to God and speak to him. I pray every day.*

**UNIT VIRTUE:** Prayerfulness

#### Chapter 19: David Talked with God

**Major Concept:** God chose David the shepherd boy to be his special friend. David talked and listened to God.  
**Key Word:** pray  
**Bible Story:** God's Good Friend David,  
Based on 1 Samuel 16:11-12, 18 and Psalm 5:3; 17:6

#### Chapter 20: I Pray Every Day

**Major Concept:** I talk with God every day.  
**Key Word:** prayer  
**Story:** Abby Says Thank You to God

#### Chapter 21: David Sang His Prayers

**Major Concept:** David played music. He wrote and sang his prayers.  
**Key Word:** hymns  
**Bible Story:** David Sang His Prayers,  
Based on 1 Samuel 16:11b-12, 18; 2 Samuel 5:4-5;  
and Psalm 23, 25

#### Chapter 22: I Can Sing My Prayers

**Major Concept:** I sing songs with my family and friends to tell God how much I love him.  
**Key Word:** love  
**Story:** Kim's BIG Surprise

## UNIT SIX

### I Celebrate Holy Days and Holidays

#### Chapter 23: All Saints

**Major Concept:** Saints help us know God's love. They show us how to love God and live as friends of Jesus.  
**Key Word:** saint  
**Story:** Dressing Up as Saints

#### Chapter 24: Thanksgiving Day

**Major Concept:** We thank God for all his blessings. We show we are thankful for the blessings that God gives us by sharing them with other people.  
**Key Word:** thankful, blessing  
**Story:** The Thank-You Game

#### Chapter 25: Getting Ready for Christmas

**Major Concept:** During Advent the friends of Jesus prepare for Christmas and look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus.  
**Key Word:** Advent  
**Bible Story:** The Angel Tells Mary Wonderful News,  
Based on Luke 1:26-32, 36, 45-46

#### Chapter 26: We Celebrate Christmas

**Major Concept:** The Magi honor Jesus, the Son of God and Son of Mary. We honor Jesus in a special way during Christmas time.  
**Key Word:** honor, Magi  
**Bible Story:** The Magi Visit the Baby Jesus,  
Based on Matthew 2:1, 9-11

#### Chapter 27: Saint Valentine's Day

**Major Concept:** Saint Valentine showed his love for God and for people. We are doing what Jesus told us to do when we help people and show them we love them.  
**Key Word:** love  
**Story:** A Valentine's Day Hug

#### Chapter 28: We Love God More and More

**Major Concept:** Lent is a special time of the year for our Church family. We do things that show we are growing in our love for God, for our families, and for other people.  
**Key Word:** Lent  
**Story:** Kim Is Growing Up

#### Chapter 29: We Celebrate Easter

**Major Concept:** At Easter the Church sings "Alleluia." We remember that Jesus is alive and is always with us.  
**Key Word:** Easter, Alleluia  
**Story:** Grandpa Keeps His Promises

#### Chapter 30: We Love Mary

**Major Concept:** We love Mary as our Mother, the Mother of all the friends of Jesus. The Church shows her love for Mary in many ways.  
**Key Word:** Mary  
**Story:** Mary Loves Us