

Preschool Ages 4-5 Scope and Sequence

INTRODUCTORY CHAPTERS

We Gather as the Friends of Jesus

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Jesus is our friend. We have friends in religion class.

UNIT VIRTUE: Friendship

Chapter 1 Jesus' Special Friends

Major Concept: Jesus calls Peter, Andrew, James, and John to follow him and to be his special friends.

Key Word: Bible, friends of Jesus

Story: Come, Follow Me,
Based on Matthew 4:18-22

Chapter 2 We Are Friends

Major Concept: We gather with friends at religion class. We come together to learn about Jesus.

Key Word: friends

Story: Be My Friend

UNIT ONE

God Knows and Loves Us

UNIT ONE FOCUS

*Jesus tell us that each person is special to God.
God loves us and cares for us.*

UNIT VIRTUE: Love

Chapter 3 Jesus Welcomes the Children

Major Concept: Jesus invites the children to come to him and he blesses them. Children are special to God.

Key Word: Jesus

Bible Story: Jesus Blesses the Children,
Based on Matthew 19:13-15, Mark 10:13-16, and Luke 18:15-17

Chapter 4 We Are Special

Major Concept: God loves us. We are all special. Our likenesses and differences make us special, or unique, individuals.

Key Word: special, unique

Story: God Loves All Creatures

Chapter 5 The Good Shepherd

Major Concept: Jesus is the Good Shepherd. The sheep trust the good shepherd because he is always kind to them. He loves and cares for his sheep.

Key Word: trust

Bible Story: Jesus Is the Good Shepherd,
Based on John 10:14-15 and Luke 15:3-7

Chapter 6 We Are Kind

Major Concept: We show our love for one another. We are kind to one another.

Key Word: kind

Story: Ming's Furry Puppy

UNIT TWO

God Gave Us the World

UNIT TWO FOCUS

*God created the world and everything and everyone good.
All of God's creation is a sign that God loves us.
We show our love for God by taking care of his creation.*

UNIT VIRTUE: Kindness

Chapter 7 God Made the World

Major Concept: God is the Creator. God created the world and people good.

Key Word: creation

Bible Story: God Made All Things Good,
Based on Genesis 1:6-27

Chapter 8 We Care for God's Creation

Major Concept: We show our love for God by taking care of creation.

Key Word: care, caring

Story: Ducks and Flowers

Chapter 9 God Always Loves Us

Major Concept: God promises to always love and care for Noah, his family, and all people. The rainbow in the sky is a sign of God's promise.

Key Word: promise

Bible Story: God's Promise,
Based on Genesis 6-9

Chapter 10 We Love Others

Major Concept: God always shares his love with us. We show our love for others when we share with them.

Key Word: share

Story: Only One Cookie

UNIT THREE

Jesus Is God's Own Son

UNIT THREE FOCUS

God sent Jesus, his own Son, to us. Mary and Joseph loved and cared for Jesus. Our families love us and care for us.

UNIT VIRTUE: Togetherness

Chapter 11 Jesus Is Born

Major Concept: Jesus was born to Mary. Jesus is Mary's Son and God's own Son.

Key Word: Mary

Bible Story: Mary's Baby,
Based on Luke 1:26-35; 2:1-7, 15-17

Chapter 12 We Celebrate Jesus' Birthday

Major Concept: We celebrate the birth of Jesus with joy. We celebrate the birth of Jesus with our family and all the friends of Jesus.

Key Word: celebrate

Story: The Christmas Play

Chapter 13 Jesus Belonged to a Family

Major Concept: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are the Holy Family. Jesus lived in a family who loved and cared for him.

Key Word: Holy Family

Bible Story: The Boy Jesus in the Temple,
Based on Luke 2:41-52

Chapter 14 We Belong to a Family

Major Concept: We are a part of a family who loves and cares for us.

Key Word: belong

Story: A Family's Love

UNIT FOUR

God Gave Us Our Church Family

UNIT FOUR FOCUS

*We are members of our Church family.
We celebrate God's love with our Church family.*

UNIT VIRTUE: Compassion

Chapter 15 Jesus Has Many Friends

Major Concept: Peter, one of Jesus' special friends, tells people about Jesus. Many people become friends of Jesus. The friends of Jesus are called the Church.

Key Word: Church

Bible Story: New Friends of Jesus,
Based on Acts of the Apostles 2:14-47

Chapter 16 We Are Friends of Jesus

Major Concept: We belong to the Church family. At Baptism, we become children of God and members of our Church family.

Key Word: Baptism, pope

Story: Baby Diana's Special Day

Chapter 17 Jesus Feeds Many People

Major Concept: Jesus shows the people God's love when he feeds the crowd with five loaves of bread and two fish.

Key Word: Mass, thank you

Bible Story: Everyone Had Enough to Eat,
Based on Luke 9:10-17 and John 6:1-13

Chapter 18 Jesus Gives Us Special Food

Major Concept: At Mass, Jesus gives us special food. Holy Communion is the special food Jesus gives us at Mass.

Key Word: Holy Communion, Mass, thank you

Story: Justin and His First Communion

UNIT FIVE

We Talk to God in Prayer

UNIT FIVE FOCUS

*We pray. We tell God that we love him and trust in his love.
We pray alone, with our families, and with our Church family.*

UNIT VIRTUE: Prayerfulness

Chapter 19 David Teaches Us to Pray

Major Concept: David, the shepherd boy who became king, teaches us how to pray.

Key Word: pray, prayer

Bible Story: David Sang His Prayers, Based on 1 Samuel 16:11-13, Psalm 51:3, Psalm 118:1, Psalm 136:1-3, and Psalm 145

Chapter 20 We Pray Every Day

Major Concept: We pray every day. We thank God for his blessings when we pray.

Key Word: thanksgiving

Story: A Birthday Thank-You

Chapter 21 Friends of Jesus Pray Together

Major Concept: The friends of Jesus came together to pray.

Key Word: praise, Sign of the Cross

Bible Story: The Friends of Jesus Praise God,
Based on Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

Chapter 22 We Pray with Our Church Family

Major Concept: We pray together as Jesus' friends. We praise God because he loves us and we love him so much.

Key Word: prayer of praise

Story: A Special Celebration

UNIT SIX

We 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: The Parade of 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

Story: A Special Way to Thank God

Chapter 25 We Prepare for Christmas

Major Concept: During Advent, our Church family prepares for and looks forward to celebrating Christmas.

Key Word: Advent, angel

Bible Story: An Angel Brings Wonderful News to Mary,
Based on Luke 1:26-40, 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 Honor Baby Jesus,
Based on Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11

Chapter 27 Saint Valentine's Day

Major Concept: We are doing what Jesus told us to do when we help people and show them we love them.

Key Word: love

Story: Helping Mom

Chapter 28 We Celebrate Lent

Major Concept: Lent is a special time of the year for our Church family. We grow in our love for God and for others. One way we grow in love is to say, "I am sorry" when we hurt someone.

Key Word: Lent, forgiveness

Bible Story: A Son Says, "Father, I Am Sorry,"
Based on Luke 15:11-32

Chapter 29 We Celebrate Easter

Major Concept: At Easter, we remember that Jesus is alive and is always with us. The Church Sings "Alleluia! Praise God!"

Key Word: Easter, alleluia

Bible Story: Alleluia! Jesus Is Alive,
Based on Matthew 28:1, 5-8; Mark 16:2, 7;
Luke 24:4-6, 9-12; and John 20:1-10

Chapter 30 We Honor Mary

Major Concept: The Church honors Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and shows great love for her. We love and honor Mary as our Mother, the Mother of all the friends of Jesus.

Key Word: Mary

Story: A Special Celebration for Mary