

# Scope and Sequence

## Ages Three and Four

### INTRODUCTORY CHAPTERS

#### I Am Welcomed

##### INTRODUCTORY CHAPTERS FOCUS

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

#### 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 name and they love and care for us.*

#### 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.*

#### 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.*

#### 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.*

#### 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.*

#### 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; Psalm 5:3; Psalm 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, 16:18; 2 Samuel 5:4–5; Psalm 23 and Psalm 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 Day

**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 celebrate 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 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 family and for other people.  
**Key Word:** Lent  
**Bible 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"