

Scope and Sequence

Ages Four and Five

INTRODUCTORY CHAPTERS

We Gather as the Friends of Jesus

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

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

Bible 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 tells us that each person is special to God. God loves us and cares for us.

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: "Who Is God's Favorite?"

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.

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 for 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.

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.*

- 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 family and with our Church family.*

- 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 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: "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 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: Magi/honor
Bible Story: "The Magi Honor Baby Jesus"
Based on Matthew 2:1–2, 9–11
- Chapter 27 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'm sorry" when we hurt someone.
Key Word: Lent/forgiveness
Bible Story: "A Son Says, 'Father, I'm 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; John 20:1–10
- Chapter 30 We Honor Mary**
Major Concept: The Church honors Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and shows our 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"