

2014-2015 OVERVIEW

...and Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and favor with God and man. Luke 2:52 It's in the STORY OF GOD that we discover the CHARACTER OF GOD.

MONTH

THEME

August

Skate Park

LIFE APPLICATION

Respect: Showing others they are important by what you say and do.

Week 1 Bible Story: Faith of the Centurion (Matthew 8:5-13)

Bottom Line: Respect God because He's in charge of everything.

Week 2 Bible Story: Respect Authority (Romans 13:1-5) Bottom Line: Respect those who are in charge.

Week 3 Bible Story: David Spares Saul's Life (1 Samuel 24)

Bottom Line: Respect those who are in charge, even if they don't deserve it.

Week 4 Bible Story: Taming the Tongue (James 3:9-12)

Bottom Line: Respect others with your words.

Week 5 Bible Story: Not Showing Favoritism (James 2:1-5)

Bottom Line: Respect others because they are important to God.

MEMORY VERSE:

"Show proper respect to everyone."

(1 PETER 2:17A, NIV)

MONTH

THEME

September Opportunity
Knocks

MEMORY VERSE:

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much."

(LUKE 16:10, NIV)

LIFE APPLICATION

Responsibility: Showing you can be trusted with what's expected of you.

- Week 1 Bible Story: Adam and Eve (Genesis 1:26-31; 2:15, 19-20)

 Bottom Line: Show you can be trusted by taking care of what God has made.
- Week 2 Bible Story: Elijah and Elisha (1 Kings 19:16-21; 2 Kings 2:1-15)

 Bottom Line: Show you can be trusted to lead by learning how to follow.
- Week 3 Bible Story: Parable of the Two Sons (Matthew 21:28-32)

 Bottom Line: Show you can be trusted by what you do.
- Week 4 Bible Story: Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-29a)

 Bottom Line: Show you can be trusted with more by taking care of what you have.



MONTH THEME

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MEMORY VERSE:

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."
(EPHESIANS 2:10, NIV)

LIFE APPLICATION

Creativity: Using your imagination to do something unique.

Week 1 Bible Story: Creation Story (Genesis 1:1–2:1)

Bottom Line: You were created, so you can be creative.

Week 2 Bible Story: Moses and Miriam (Exodus 1:22–2:10)

Bottom Line: Use your imagination to figure it out.

Week 3 Bible Story: David's Final Words (2 Samuel 23:1-2)

Bottom Line: Use your imagination to do what you were made to do.

Week 4 Bible Story: Salt & Light (Matthew 5:14-16)

Bottom Line: Use your imagination to do more good.

MONTH THEME

November Time Out

MEMORY VERSE:

"Give thanks no matter what happens. God wants you to thank him because you believe in Christ Jesus."

(1 THESSALONIANS 5:18, NIRV)

LIFE APPLICATION

Gratitude: Letting others know you see how they've helped you.

Week 1 Bible Story: Give thanks all the time (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Bottom Line: You always have something to be grateful for.

Week 2 Bible Story: Jesus Heals 10 Lepers (Luke 17:11-19)
Bottom Line: Take time to say thank you.

Week 3 Bible Story: Parable of the Vineyard Workers (Matthew 20:1-15)

Bottom Line: Take time to adjust your attitude.

Week 4 Bible Story: Israelite Feast Days (Exodus 23:14-19)

Bottom Line: Take time to celebrate what God has done.

Week 5 Bible Story: Paul Thanks People (Romans 16:1-19)

Bottom Line: Take time to remember how others have helped you.



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THEME

LIFE APPLICATION

December

Get Wrapped Up

Generosity: Making someone's day by giving something away.

(1 TIMOTHY 6:18, NIV)

MEMORY VERSE:"Be rich in good deeds . . . be generous and willing to share."

Week 1 Bible Story: Parable of the Rich Man (Luke 12:13-21)

Bottom Line: Don't get wrapped up in your stuff.

Week 2 Bible Story: Rich Young Ruler (Luke 18:18-25)

Bottom Line: Get wrapped up in the right thing.

Week 3 Bible Story: Jesus Is Born (Luke 2:1-18)

Bottom Line: Get wrapped up in Christmas.

Week 4 Bible Story: Wise Men Visit Jesus (Matthew 2:1-12)

Bottom Line: Get wrapped up in giving.

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THEME

January

Rehearsal Room

LIFE APPLICATION

Commitment: Making a plan and putting it into practice.

Week 1 Bible Story: Sand & Rock (Matthew 7:24-25)/Hear Bottom Line: Practice hearing what God says.

Week 2 Bible Story: Model Prayer (Luke 11:1-14)/Pray Bottom Line: Practice praying to God.

Week 3 Bible Story: Who Do You Say That I Am? (Matthew 16:13-20)/Talk Bottom Line: Practice talking about God.

Week 4 Bible Story: Widow's Mite (Mark 12:1-44) /Live Bottom Line: Practice living for God.

MEMORY VERSE:

"Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come."

(1 TIMOTHY 4:8, NIRV)



MONTH

THEME

February

Undercover Kindness

MEMORY VERSE:

"Do to others as you want them to do to you."

(LUKE 6:31, NIRV)

LIFE APPLICATION

Kindness: Showing others they are valuable by how you treat them.

Week 1 Bible Story: Jesus and the Children (Mark 10:13-16)

Bottom Line: There's always time to be kind.

Week 2 Bible Story: Ruth and Boaz (Ruth)

Bottom Line: Be kind to your family and friends.

Week 3 Bible Story: Least of These (Matthew 25:35-40)

Bottom Line: Be kind to people who are overlooked.

Week 4 Bible Story: Barnabas Welcomes Saul (Acts 9:26-30)

Bottom Line: Be kind to people who are aren't kind to you.

MONTH

THEME

March

Are We There Yet?

MEMORY VERSE:

"Wait for the Lord. Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the Lord!"

(PSALM 27:14, NIRV)

LIFE APPLICATION

Patience: Waiting until later for what you want now.

Week 1 Bible Story: Jacob Steals the Birthright (Genesis 25:24-34)

Bottom Line: When you think you can't wait, think twice.

Week 2 Bible Story: Golden Calf (Exodus 32:1-35)

Bottom Line: When you think you can't wait, think about what's true.

Week 3 Bible Story: Proverbs 14:29 (Proverbs 14:29)

Bottom Line: When you think you can't wait, keep your cool.

Week 4 Bible Story: Hanna Prays for a Baby (1 Samuel 1:6–2:1)

Bottom Line: When you think you can't wait, talk to God about it.

Week 5 Bible Story: Jesus' Crucifixion (various passages)

Bottom Line: Remember that God's plan is bigger than yours.



MONTH

THEME

April

Conflict Kitchen

MEMORY VERSE:

"So let us do all we can to live in peace. And let us work hard to build each other up." (ROMANS 14:19, NIRV)

LIFE APPLICATION

Peace: Proving you care more about each other than winning an argument.

Week 1 Bible Story: (Easter) God made peace with us through Jesus (Colossians 1:20; 3:15)

Bottom Line: When God sent us Jesus, He proved He cared for us.

Week 2 Bible Story: Isaac's Wells (Genesis 26:16-22, 26-31)

Bottom Line: Prove you care about others by walking away from a fight.

Week 3 Bible Story: Jacob and Esau meet again (Genesis 27:41-45; 31:3; 32:1-21; 33:1-11)

Bottom Line: Prove you care about others by letting go of "what's fair."

Week 4 Bible Story: Abigail Intervenes (1 Samuel 25:1-35)

Bottom Line: Prove you care about others by being part of the solution.

MONTH THEME

May

Tangled

LIFE APPLICATION

Honesty: Choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do.

Week 1 Bible Story: Integrity Principle (Proverbs 10:9)

Bottom Line: Being truthful helps you stay out of trouble.

Week 2 Bible Story: Jacob deceives Isaac (Genesis 27:1-45)

Bottom Line: When you are not truthful, you can hurt the people you care about.

Week 3 Bible Story: Naaman and Elisha's servant, Gehazi (2 Kings 5)

Bottom Line: When you are not truthful, you lose trust.

Week 4 Bible Story: Haman's Plot Against the Jews (Esther 3; 4:8b; 5:6-10; 7:1-6, 9b-10)

Bottom Line: When you lie to help yourself, you hurt yourself.

Week 5 Bible Story: Confession/Being Honest with God (1 John 1:9)

Bottom Line: Being truthful with God keeps you close to Him.

MEMORY VERSE:

"Keep me from cheating and telling lies. Be kind and teach me your laws"

(PSALM 119:29, NIRV)



SUMMER SERIES: JUNE & JULY 2015

Stand up: Get in the Story

MONTH THEME

Stand Up

LIFE APPLICATION

Conviction: Standing for what is right even when others don't.

(Part 1)

Week 1 Bible Story: Jesus in the Garden (Matthew 26:36-46)

Bottom Line: Jesus showed us how to stand for what's right.

Week 2 Bible Story: Daniel Trained in Babylon (Daniel 1) Bottom Line: When you know what God says, it can help you stand for what's right.

Week 3 Bible Story: Daniel Interprets a Dream (Daniel 2—statue dream) Bottom Line: When you stand for what's right, you stand up for others.

Week 4 Bible Story: The Fiery Furnace (Daniel 3) Bottom Line: When you stand for what's right, others can see God.

MEMORY VERSE:

June

"Don't ever get tired of doing the right thing"

(2 THESSALONIANS 3:13, NIRV)

MONTH **THEME**

July Stand Up LIFE APPLICATION

Conviction: Standing for what is right even when others don't.

MEMORY VERSE:

"Finally, let the Lord make you strong. Depend on his mighty power"

(EPHESIANS 6:10, NIRV)

(Part 2)

Week 5 Bible Story: Daniel Interprets Another Dream (Daniel 4—tree dream) Bottom Line: If you want to stand for what's right, listen to someone who listens to God.

Week 6 Bible Story: The Writing on the Wall (Daniel 5) Bottom Line: You can stand for what's right, even when it's not popular.

Week 7 Bible Story: Daniel in the Lion's Den (Daniel 6) **Bottom Line:** Get in the habit of standing for what's right.

Week 8 Bible Story: Peter and John Before the Sanhedrin (Acts 3:1-9, Acts 4:1-21) Bottom Line: We can stand for what's right because Jesus is alive.