

2015-2016 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
August

THEME
Dig Deep

LIFE APPLICATION

Wisdom: Finding out what you should do and doing it.

Week 1 Bible Story: Solomon chooses wisdom (James 1:5; 1 Kings 3:4-15)
Bottom Line: If you want to be wise, ask God for wisdom.

Week 2 Bible Story: Rehoboam listens to fools (Proverbs 13:20; 1 Kings 12:1-15a)
Bottom Line: If you want to be wise, hang out with wise people.

Week 3 Bible Story: Choose your words carefully (Proverbs 12:18)
Bottom Line: If you want to be wise, think before you speak.

Week 4 Bible Story: Prudent see Danger (Proverbs 22:3)
Bottom Line: If you want to be wise, look before you leap.

Week 5 Bible Story: Wisdom of Jesus (Luke 2:52)
Bottom Line: If you want to be wise, find out what Jesus said.

MEMORY VERSE:

"Choose my teaching instead of silver. Choose knowledge rather than fine gold."

(PROVERBS 8:10, NIRV)

MONTH
September

THEME
Dirty Jobs

LIFE APPLICATION

Initiative: Seeing what needs to be done and doing it.

Week 1 Bible Story: Nehemiah hears about the wall (Nehemiah 1)
Bottom Line: When you see something big to be done, ask God for help.

Week 2 Bible Story: Nehemiah wants to rebuild the wall (Nehemiah 2:1-9, 11-18)
Bottom Line: When you see what needs to be done, don't wait for someone else to do it.

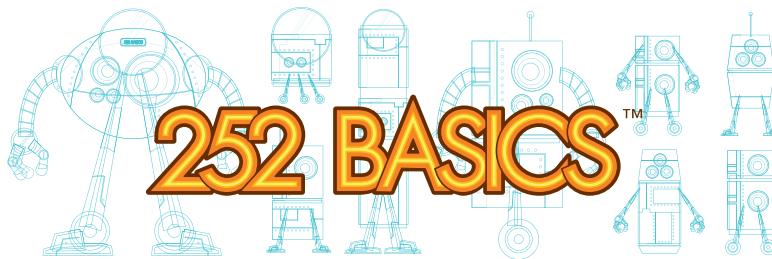
Week 3 Bible Story: Nehemiah helps the poor (Nehemiah 5:1-12)
Bottom Line: When you see people in need, don't wait for someone else to help them.

Week 4 Bible Story: The wall is rebuilt (Nehemiah 2:19-20; 3-4; 6:15-16; 8:1-3a, 17b)
Bottom Line: You can trust God to help you do what needs to be done.

MEMORY VERSE:

"Work at everything you do with all your heart. Work as if you were working for the Lord."

(COLOSSIANS 3:23A, NIRV)



MONTH

October

THEME

In Focus

LIFE APPLICATION

Individuality: Discovering who are you are meant to be so you can make a difference.

MEMORY VERSE:

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in what you say and in how you live."

(1 TIMOTHY 4:12A, NIV)

Week 1 Bible Story: Paul shares his story with Timothy (1 Timothy 1:12-17)

Bottom Line: Jesus wants to use your story to make a difference.

Week 2 Bible Story: Paul chooses Timothy (Acts 16:1-5; 1 Timothy 4:14)

Bottom Line: When you discover your gifts, you can make a difference.

Week 3 Bible Story: Paul writes to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 12:12-21, 25-27)

Bottom Line: When we use our gifts together, we make a greater difference.

Week 4 Bible Story: Timothy as a young leader (1 Timothy 4:12)

Bottom Line: You can make a difference right now.

MONTH

November

THEME

All Hands
On Deck

LIFE APPLICATION

Service: Lending a hand to help someone else.

Week 1 Bible Story: Servant of All / Jesus Came to Serve (Mark 10:32-45)

Bottom Line: Serve others because of what Jesus did for us.

Week 2 Bible Story: Attitude of Giving to the Poor (Deuteronomy 15:7-8)

Bottom Line: Have a good attitude when you lend a hand.

Week 3 Bible Story: Feeding 5000 (John 6:1-13)

Bottom Line: Use what you have to lend a hand.

Week 4 Bible Story: Widow of Zeraphath (1 Kings 17:1-16)

Bottom Line: Ask God for what you need to lend a hand.

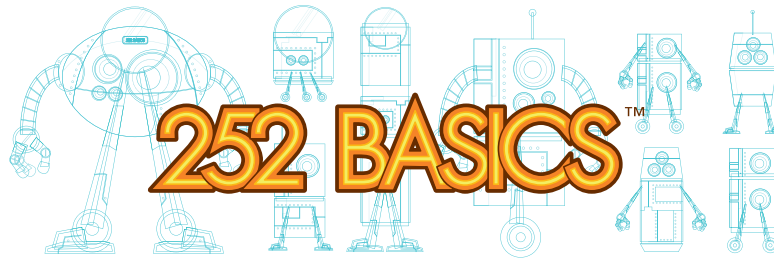
Week 5 Bible Story: Give in Secret (Matthew 6:1-4)

Bottom Line: Lend a hand without looking for applause.

MEMORY VERSE:

"Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven."

(MATTHEW 5:16, NIRV)



MONTH

December

THEME

Triple Dog Dare:
A Challenge In
Compassion

LIFE APPLICATION

Compassion: Caring enough to do something about someone else's need.

MEMORY VERSE:

"God loved the world so much
that he gave his one and only
Son. Anyone who believes in him
will not die but will have eternal
life."

(JOHN 3:16, NIRV)

Week 1 Bible Story: God Showed His Love (1 John 4:9-12)

Bottom Line: God loved you first. How will you love others?

Week 2 Bible Story: Gabriel Appears to Mary (Luke 1:26-38)

Bottom Line: God saw our greatest needs. Whose needs do you see?

Week 3 Bible Story: Jesus is Born (Luke 2:1-7)

Bottom Line: God gave us the greatest gift. What will you give?

Week 4 Bible Story: Shepherds Visit Jesus (Luke 2:8-20)

Bottom Line: God gave us Good News. Who will you tell?

MONTH

January

THEME

Power Up:
Change the
Way You Play

LIFE APPLICATION

Self-Control: Choosing to do what you should do, not what you want to do.

MEMORY VERSE:

"A person without self-control is
like a city whose walls are broken
through."

(PROVERBS 25:28, NIRV)

Week 1 Bible Story: A Broken Down Wall (Proverbs 25:28; 1 Peter 1:3a)

Bottom Line: God can give you the POWER to control yourself.

Week 2 Bible Story: Slow to Anger (Proverbs 16:32)

Bottom Line: PAUSE before you lose your temper.

Week 3 Bible Story: Reckless Words (Proverbs 21:23)

Bottom Line: SELECT your words carefully.

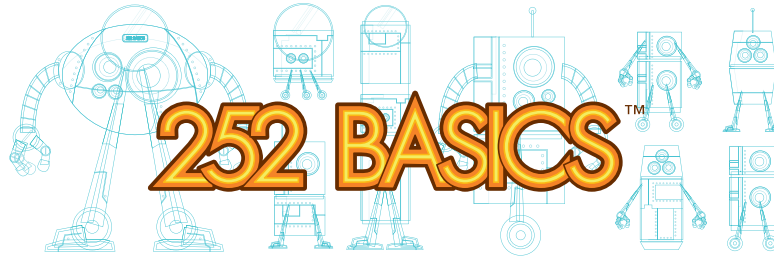
Week 4 Bible Story: Too Much of a Good Thing (Proverbs 25:16)

Bottom Line: Know when to STOP.

Week 5 Bible Story: What You Think About (Proverbs 4:23; Phillipians 4:8)

Bottom Line: Use God's Words to GUIDE your thoughts.

Additional monthly themes, life apps, Bible stories and bottom lines will be added as they are available.



MONTH

February

THEME

High Gear:
Faster, Further,
Better, Together

LIFE APPLICATION

Cooperation: Working together to do more than you can do alone.

MEMORY VERSE:

"Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do."
(ECCLESIASTES 4:9, NIRV)

Week 1 Bible Story: Building the Tabernacle (Exodus 24:12; 25:1-9; 28:1,3; 31:1-11; 35:21,25,34; 39:42-43)

Bottom Line: We can work together to get God's work done.

Week 2 Bible Story: Defeating the Amalekites (Exodus 17:8-13))

Bottom Line: We can work together to help someone else succeed.

Week 3 Bible Story: Jesus Heals the Paralytic (Luke 5:17-26)

Bottom Line: We can work together to change someone's life.

Week 4 Bible Story: The Early Church Helps Each Other (Acts 2:42-47; John 13:35)

Bottom Line: Working together can point others to Jesus.

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