



August 2026

TOPIC: Wisdom

SCRIPTURE: Old Testament

DECORATING THEME: Books and back-to-school

A lot of parents and kids alike focus more heavily on gleaning academic knowledge and gaining meaningful experiences, but teaching our kids to pursue wisdom will help them merge those fields and develop better, God-centered decision-making skills. Kids are placed in plenty of situations where they would need to exercise such discernment. While the wisdom they would need on a daily basis may not be on the scale of Solomon deliberating an argument between two women each claiming to be the rightful mother of a baby, kids will still collect valuable insight about wisdom from such stories. They will first determine wisdom comes from God, and that being wise also has a lot to do with saying the right words and asking the right questions. . . all of which we can ask of God, who will give them to us because God can be trusted.

BIG IDEAS & BIBLE STORIES

Week 1: Wisdom comes from God. (Solomon Gets Wisdom: 1 Kings 3:1-13; Proverbs 1:7)

Week 2: God can be trusted. (The Ark of the Covenant: 1 Kings 8:1-21; Proverbs 3:1-7; Exodus 20:1-20)

Week 3: KICK-OFF SUNDAY

Week 4: We can ask God for the right words. (Solomon's Wise Ruling: 1 Kings 3:16-28; Proverbs 18:4-8, 21; 21:23)

Week 5: We can ask God our questions. (Nehemiah Asks to Rebuild the Wall: Nehemiah 2:1-20; Matthew 14:22-32)

MEMORY VERSE: "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." James 1:5 (NIV)



CROSSOVER

FROM EVERYDAY TO EXTRAORDINARY

September 2026

TOPIC: Judges & Prophets

SCRIPTURE: Old Testament

DECORATING THEME: Flipped

No matter how many larger than life stories they hear, most kids will always think they are too small or insignificant to make an impact. As a result, “living for God” often ends with church attendance and rarely carries over into their daily lives. Kids need affirmation, therefore, that they individually do matter, and that God will give them the necessary tools to do the right thing for God. In “Crossover,” we are meeting everyday people who were led to do extraordinary things through God’s gifts of extraordinary peace, strength, courage, and help—all things made available to us today!

BIG IDEAS & BIBLE STORIES

Week 1: God gives extraordinary peace. (Gideon Asks for a Sign: Judges 6; Philippians 4:7)

Week 2: God gives extraordinary strength. (Joshua and Jericho: Joshua 6; Joshua 1:9)

Week 3: MIA Day

Week 4: God gives extraordinary help. (Daniel in the Lion's Den: Daniel 6; Isaiah 41:10)

MEMORY VERSE: "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us." Ephesians 3:20 (NIV)



October 2026

TOPIC: The Wilderness

SCRIPTURE: Old Testament

DECORATING THEME: Comic Books

When we think about the Israelites in the wilderness, we often think of it as a time of disappointment, suffering, and promises deferred. What we often forget is that God was there even in the wilderness, reminding the Israelites of God's goodness and faithfulness. No matter their present circumstances, the people experienced that God was with them, and moved people like Joshua, Caleb, and Rahab to take incredible leaps of faith! Through the amazing accounts of Israel's journey during that time, your kids will also come to realize that they can: spend time with God anywhere, trust God, take risks for God, and remember what God has done for us.

BIG IDEAS & BIBLE STORIES

Week 1: I can spend time with God anywhere. (The Israelites Build the Tabernacle: Exodus 35:4-35; James 4:8a)

Week 2: I can trust God. (Joshua and Caleb in the Promised Land: Numbers 13:2-9; Matthew 6:25-34)

Week 3: I can take risks for God. (Rahab Helps the Israelite Spies: Joshua 2:1-15; Philippians 4:10-13)

Week 4: I can remember what God has done for us. (Crossing the Jordan River: Joshua 3:10-4:9; Psalm 136)

MEMORY VERSE: "But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you." 1 Samuel 12:24 (NIV)



November 2026

TOPIC: The Psalms

SCRIPTURE: Old Testament

DECORATING THEME: Music

People say music is the universal language, something everyone loves in one form or another, and a way we can communicate shared emotion and experience even across generations, culture, location, backgrounds, and traditions. Much of what is expressed in the book of Psalms are things we experience and feel today. Because of that, we can learn a lot about God and ourselves in these Psalms. When kids can claim these five things – I am wonderful because God made me; I am safe because God watches over me; I am confident because God leads me; I am forgiven because God loves me; I am not afraid because God can be trusted – they will be unstoppable in their life with God!

BIG IDEAS & BIBLE STORIES

Week 1: I am wonderful because God made me. (Fearfully and Wonderfully Made: Psalm 139; Psalm 104:24)

Week 2: I am safe because God watches over me. (The Lord is My Shepherd: Psalm 23; Philippians 4:8, 19)

Week 3: I am confident because God leads me. (Your Word is a Lamp for my Feet: Psalm 119:101-105; John 8:12)

Week 4: I am forgiven because God loves me. (Confession and Forgiveness: Psalm 32; 1 John 1:9)

Week 5: I am not afraid because God can be trusted. (When I Am Afraid: Psalm 56; 1 Samuel 21:10-22:2; Isaiah 41:10; Proverbs 3:5-6)

MEMORY VERSE: "Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation." Psalm 95:1 (NIV)



December 2027

TOPIC: Christmas

SCRIPTURE: Gospels

DECORATING THEME: Christmas

The Christmas season is filled with many celebrations but Jesus being born is the biggest reason to celebrate! Even though we have heard the story of baby Jesus many times by now, for your youngest kids, it's still a fairly new story that they usually only hear once a year. Help them feel the wonder and excitement of Christmas each week, in anticipation of the big day! In addition to all the holiday tidings, remind your kids that they can celebrate God's plan for Jesus' birth. We can worship Jesus and celebrate because God keeps promises!

BIG IDEAS & BIBLE STORIES

Week 1: We can celebrate God's plan. (Mary and Joseph]: Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-24; Colossians 1:15-20)

Week 2: We can celebrate Jesus' birth. (Jesus is Born: Luke 2:1-7; Isaiah 9:6-7)

Week 3: We can worship Jesus. (The Wise Men and Shepherds: Luke 2:8-20; Matthew 2:1-12; Luke 4:5-8)

Week 4: NO PROGRAMMING - Family Sunday

MEMORY VERSE: "And Mary said: 'My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.'" Luke 1:46-47 (NIV)



January 2027

TOPIC: Jesus' Parables

SCRIPTURE: Gospels

DECORATING THEME: Illusions

An illusionist's motto is "magicians never reveals their secrets." That is because once we figure out the mechanics of how each illusion is performed, the act loses its "magic." Jesus, however, shares with us all the trade secrets of being in a relationship with God and serving the Kingdom of God. Often times, it was through teaching with parables that these "secrets" were revealed, secrets such as: I can be a part of something big, God will never stop loving me, God made me to do great things, and God forgives me. Of course, kids will quickly learn that these aren't secrets at all and that they should share it EVERYONE!

BIG IDEAS & BIBLE STORIES

Week 1: God can help me grow. (The Sower and the Seed: Matthew 13:1-23; James 1:22)

Week 2: I can be a part of something big. (The Mustard Seed: [Matthew 13:31-32; Philippians 2:10-11)

Week 3: God will never stop loving me. (The Lost Sheep, Coin, and Son: Luke 15:4-32; Psalm 23)

Week 4: God made me to do great things. (The Faithful Servant: Matthew 25:14-30; Ephesians 2:10)

Week 5: God forgives me. (Jesus Talks About Forgiveness: Luke 7:40-50; Romans 3:23; Hebrews 10:17)

MEMORY VERSE: "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know." Jeremiah 33:3 (NIV)



February 2027

TOPIC: Jesus' Teachings

SCRIPTURE: Gospels

DECORATING THEME: Hearts

We are always teaching our kids that we need to love God and love one another, but often times neglect to give them tangible ways to do so. In this series, we are going to examine a few of Jesus' teachings in depth and discover practical ways we can demonstrate our love for God, family, friends, and enemies, too! Our hope is that by the end of this series, every kid will be able to say, because God loves everyone, I can show God's love by being kind, I can show God's love even when it's hard, and that ultimately, love is the best choice!

BIG IDEAS & BIBLE STORIES

Week 1: God loves everyone. (Nicodemus: John 3:1-21; 1 Corinthians 13)

Week 2: I can show God's love by being kind. (The Good Samaritan: Luke 10:31-37; John 13:35)

Week 3: I can show God's love even when it's hard. (Loving Your Enemies: Matthew 5:40-48; Romans 12:20-21)

Week 4: Love is the best choice. (The Greatest Commandment: Mark 12:28-34; 1 Corinthians 9:24-25)

MEMORY VERSE: "Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." 1 John 4:11 (NIV)



March 2027

TOPIC: Easter

SCRIPTURE: Gospels

DECORATING THEME: Video Games

Video games are something today's kids are familiar with. . . maybe even too familiar! Games are played on every platform from game consoles to handheld devices/phones, and there are a ton of different games to choose from. But the constant across this diverse gaming universe is that every game has levels of increasing difficulty. When a player "levels up," they are usually met with more challenges but also with more rewards. Through this series, we are challenging kids to "level up" their faith by examining the events surrounding Jesus' death and resurrection. Even though they might be facing difficulties and adversity of their own, kids will find the greatest rewards in their faith when they fix their eyes on Jesus. Because Jesus trusted God, Jesus beat death! When we doubt and have questions about God, Jesus helps me believe, and even during those times, Jesus is always with me.

BIG IDEAS & BIBLE STORIES

Week 1: Jesus trusted God. (The Garden of Gethsemane: Matthew 26:36-46; Psalm 28:7a)

Week 2: Jesus beat death. (Easter: Matthew 28:1-10; John 3:16-17)

Week 3: Jesus helps me believe. (Doubting Thomas: John 20:19-20, 24-29; 2 Corinthians 5:7; Hebrews 11:1)

Week 4: (EASTER SUNDAY) Jesus is always with me. (The Road to Emmaus: Luke 24:13-35; Psalm 139:7-10)

MEMORY VERSE: "For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)



April 2027

TOPIC: The Early Church

SCRIPTURE: New Testament

DECORATING THEME: Armor

More than ever, our kids are engaged in spiritual battle these days, whether they realize it or not. Their faith is attacked—not by obvious opposition—but by subtle questions and moral ambiguity, that can cause kids to doubt and become less outspoken about Jesus. In this way, it has become an increasingly difficult era to share the Gospel. . . all the more reason why we, and our kids, need to be thoroughly equipped to “GO!” Through this series, kids will see that even though they are young, God gave us a mission, to share God’s story through words and actions. In order to do this with power and conviction, God gives us the Holy Spirit, and moreover, God gives us everything we need. When I face obstacles, God will protect my heart and mind, and when it seems like there is nothing I can do, kids will realize I can help others when I pray.

BIG IDEAS & BIBLE STORIES

Week 1: God gave us a mission. (The Great Commission: Matthew 28:16-20; Romans 10:14-15)

Week 2: God gives us the Holy Spirit. (Pentecost: Acts 2:1-12; John 14:25-26)

Week 3: God gives us everything we need. (The Armor of God: Ephesians 6:10-18; 2 Corinthians 10:3-4)

Week 4: God will protect my heart and mind. (Joy & Peace: Philippians 4:4-9, 11-13)

MEMORY VERSE: "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (NIV)



May 2027

TOPIC: Spiritual Gifts

SCRIPTURE: New Testament

DECORATING THEME: Presents

With the holiday season having just passed by, most kids still have the concept of giving and receiving gifts fresh on their minds. While many, if not all, of the gifts that were unboxed at Christmas will eventually fall into disrepair, gifts given by God will never fade! Through this “Unboxed” series, kids will discover what kinds of gifts those are, starting with the fact that everyone has special gifts! Then they will see how God can use those gifts to help others, among those gifts being special blessings from God, as well. Our gifts help us care about what God cares about, by focusing on heavenly things, and we can trust God with our gifts when we offer it up cheerfully!

BIG IDEAS & BIBLE STORIES

Week 1: Everyone has special gifts. (Spiritual Gifts: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Luke 11: 9-13)

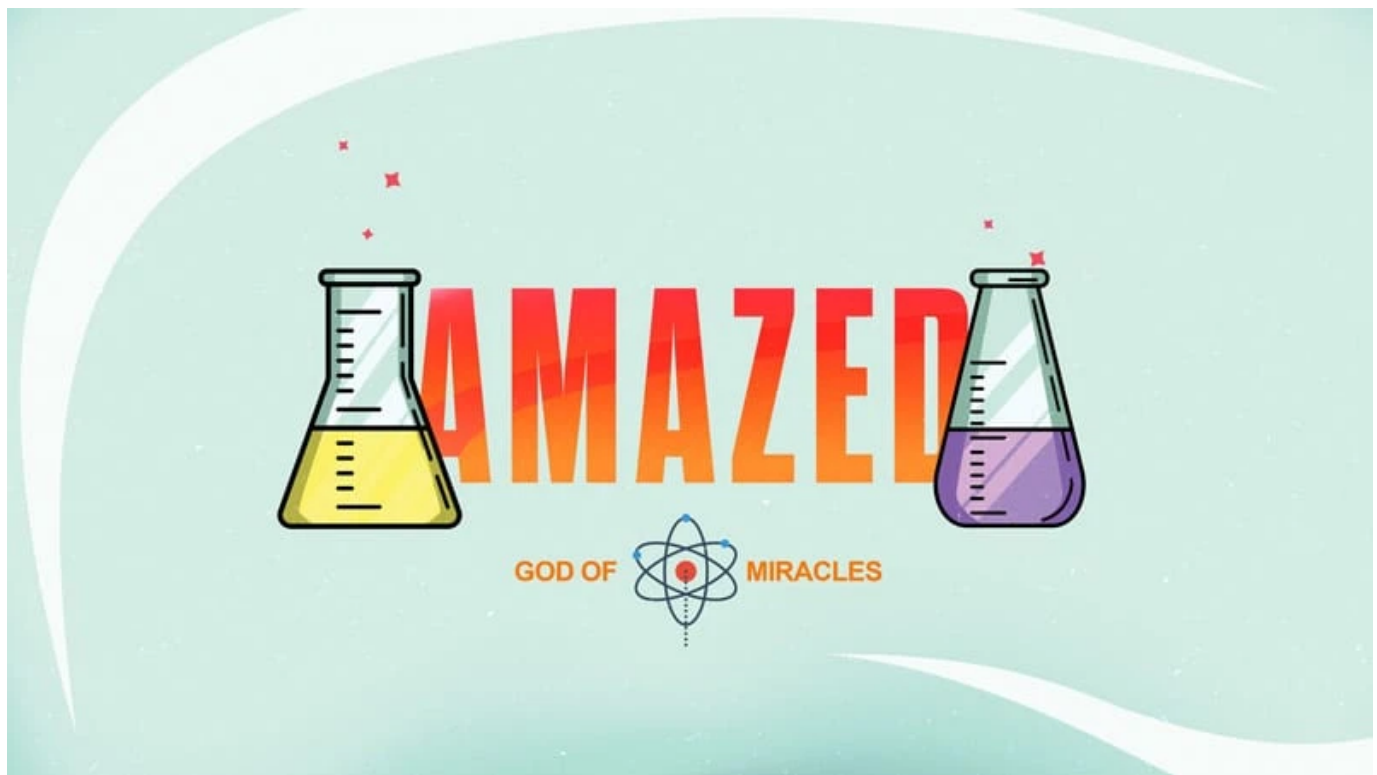
Week 2: God uses my gifts to help others. (The Body of Christ: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Romans 12:6-8)

Week 3: Blessings are gifts God gives us. (The Beatitudes: Matthew 5:3-12; James 1:17)

Week 4: We can care about what God cares about. (Treasures in Heaven: Matthew 6:19-24; John 8:12)

Week 5: We can trust God with our gifts! (Generosity: 2 Corinthians 9:1-15; John 6:5-13)

MEMORY VERSE: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)



June 2027

TOPIC: Elijah

SCRIPTURE: Old Testament

DECORATING THEME: Science experiments

This month, we are going through the major events in the life of prophet Elijah, all of which are nothing short of amazing! Elijah's ministry took place during turbulent times for God's people – so much so that Elijah felt utterly alone at times. Sometimes he was literally alone. But God's presence and power with Elijah throughout those times is undeniable. Through these stories, kids will discover how amazing it is that God takes care of us, God knows what's best for us, God speaks to us, and in all, God does SO MANY amazing things!

BIG IDEAS & BIBLE STORIES

Week 1: It's amazing! God takes care of me. (God Provides for Elijah]: 1 Kings 17; 1 Peter 5:7)

Week 2: It's amazing! God knows what's best for me. (Elijah and the Prophets of Baal: 1 Kings 18; Philippians 4:19)

Week 3: It's amazing! God speaks to me. (God Speaks to Elijah in a Whisper: 1 Kings 19; John 10:27)

Week 4: God does amazing things! (Elijah and the Chariot of Fire: 2 Kings 2; John 14:12)

MEMORY VERSE: "Do not be terrified by them, for the Lord your God, who is among you, is a great and awesome God." Deuteronomy 7:21 (NIV)



July 2027

TOPIC: David & Esther

SCRIPTURE: Old Testament

DECORATING THEME: Adventure stories

This month, we are talking about being brave! Bravery takes many shapes and forms. Kids are faced with challenges every day that require some level of bravery, such as having to step out of their comfort zones, sticking up for someone or something they believe in, or simply being comfortable with and confident of who they are. The Bible stories about David and Esther in this series may seem larger than life at first. How do I relate to someone who was able to take down a giant with a sling? How can I actually do anything when I don't have any power or authority – both David and Esther were royals! But upon closer inspection, kids will come to realize that David and Esther had God's help –a lot of it –along the way. Through these stories, kids can discover small ways they can exhibit bravery, because God knows who they are and God can use their gifts. They will also find that a form of bravery is to show others mercy. Their bravery will be put the test with challenges, but God can help overcome those difficulties, and they can rest assured that God has a plan for their lives!

BIG IDEAS & BIBLE STORIES

Week 1: God knows who I am. (David is Anointed: 1 Samuel 16)

Week 2: God can use my gifts. (David and Goliath: 1 Samuel 17)

Week 3: We can show others mercy. (David Spares Saul's Life: 1 Samuel 24:1-18)

Week 4: God can help me overcome difficulty. (Esther Adapts to the New Culture: Esther 2 and 4)

MEMORY VERSE: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will