

WORD OF GOD CURRICULUM GUIDE FOR GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Philosophy

We believe in the one true triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God has revealed Himself and His love for us in His errorless Word, the Bible. God created all things; He created man and woman as the crown of his creation. Mankind's fall into sin has corrupted the entire human race, making all people deserve damnation. God, through his grace, love and mercy sent his Son Jesus to live a righteous life for us and die as payment for every person's sins. Everyone who through the work of the Holy Spirit believes that Jesus is his Savior receives forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. As redeemed children of God we show love to Him by obeying His Ten Commandments and sharing the Good News of Jesus with others.

Purpose

Our religion curriculum teaches students about their sin and Savior. Through the study of the Bible, students understand sin and its consequence of eternal death in hell. Understanding their need for a Savior, students know that Jesus lived a perfect life and made atonement for their sins through his suffering, death and resurrection. Heaven is theirs and the redemptive work of Jesus transforms their behaviors and relationships with others now and into adulthood.

Premises for Word of God Curriculum

We teach Word of God based on a number of premises that guide and control the entire curriculum. These premises are revealed to us by God in his Word. We accept them as essential to Christian nurture only because God the Holy Spirit has led us to this conviction by working faith in our hearts.

These premises are as follows:

1. God's Word is truth.
 - God's Word is verbally inspired, inerrant, and infallible.
2. God's Word is christocentric.
 - The chief purpose of the Bible is to reveal God's saving plan, which centers on Christ.
3. The two main teachings of God's Word are law and gospel.
 - The law teaches us God's holy will, that is, what He requires all people to do and not to do. Because all are sinful by nature and sin daily, the law also teaches us that we are all sinners who deserve God's punishment of death and eternal damnation.
 - The gospel teaches us the good news of God's grace and mercy. It proclaims that God in love sent Jesus to take away the sins of all people and that everyone who believes in Jesus has eternal life and salvation
4. God's Word is
 - the means by which God brought us to faith
 - the continuing motivation for living a life of faith-born love to God's glory

- the means God has given us to bring unbelievers to saving faith
- the means by which we continually nurture one another to grow in saving faith and to live a sanctified life

Objectives

These premises make it evident that a curriculum which is designed to carry out God-pleasing Christian nurture will be based on God's Word and will aim at carrying out the purposes for which God gave us his Word.

The general objectives of Christian nurture, therefore, are:

- that by learning the law, Christians realize ever more fully their sinfulness and utter helplessness to save themselves.
- that by learning the gospel, Christians grow in their knowledge of God the Father as their loving Creator and Preserver, God the Son and their gracious Redeemer, and God the Holy Spirit as their enlightening Sanctifier.
- that by learning the gospel, Christians keep growing in faith, ever more firmly embracing Christ as their only hope of salvation and accepting with childlike trust everything in the Bible as God's inspired and inerrant truth.
- that by learning the gospel as motivation and the law as a guide, Christians continue to grow in living lives of thanksgiving to God for his undeserved grace
- that by being trained in the proper use of law and gospel, Christians are enabled to use the gifts God has given them to share the saving faith with others and to nurture fellow Christians in this faith.
- that by continual personal and group Bible study, Christians grow daily in faith and in leading a Christian life.

Assessment

Students in Grades K-8 shall be assessed in the following ways:

- Formative assessments such as observations, reflections, journals, written quizzes, oral quizzes and exit cards.
- Summative assessments such as projects, memory work and written tests.

Exit Goals for Graduation

Through our Word of God Curriculum, our students will...

1. Learn the teaching of the law and realize their sinfulness and utter helplessness to save themselves.

2. Learn the teaching of the gospel, and grow in their knowledge of God the Father as their creator, God the Son as their Redeemer and Savior, and God the Holy Spirit as their Sanctifier.
3. Grow in their faith and ever more firmly embrace Christ as their only hope of salvation.
4. By the grace of the Holy Spirit believe everything in the Bible as God's inspired, inerrant truth.
5. Use the gospel message as motivation for living lives of thanksgiving to God for his undeserved grace.
6. Use the law as a mirror, curb and guide to live lives of thanksgiving to God for his undeserved grace.
7. Be trained in the proper uses of law and gospel so they can use their God-given gifts to share the saving faith with others, and to nurture fellow believers.
8. Recognize that they are saved simply through the saving work of Christ alone and are brought to faith by the Holy Spirit through the means of grace; the gospel in Word and Sacrament.
9. Live lives of service to God, not to be saved, but as a way to show thanks to God for his ultimate sacrifice and saving grace.
10. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, develop Christ-centered attitudes that reflect the love of Jesus such as:
 - Appreciating Jesus' love and forgiveness.
 - Trusting that Jesus is continually watching over us and protecting us.
 - Desiring to reach out to others to share the good news of the gospel.
 - Be grateful for the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ.
 - Desiring to show love for others.
 - Forgiving others when they sin.
 - Being thankful for all of God's blessings.
 - Desiring to hear the important message of God's Word.
 - Repenting of sins, and trusting in God's forgiveness.
 - Desiring to show love for God by serving him.

Performance Objectives- Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2

Spiritual Truths

By the end of **Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2**, students will:

- Know that the Bible is God's Word.
- Know that God created all things and made mankind the crown of His creation.
- Understand that sin came into the world through Adam and Eve.
- Understand that sin is any thought, word or action contrary to God's will.
- Realize they are sinful from birth.
- Know that Jesus is the Son of God and through Him forgiveness and heaven is theirs.
- Know that heaven and hell are real places.
- Realize that faith is a gift from God.
- Understand God as their Creator, Savior and Lord.
- Understand that pleasing words and actions are a loving response for all that God has done for them.

- Learn that in the Old Testament, God tells us about the creation of the world, fall into sin, promise of a Savior during the lives and times of people who lived before Jesus.
- To learn that in the New Testament, God tells us about the birth, perfect life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus during the lives and times of Jesus' ministry and the early Church.
- Commit to memory Bible verses, Christian hymns and songs of praise.

Spiritual Attitudes

By the end of **Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2**, students will:

- Feel sorry for their sins.
- Treasure Jesus as their Savior.
- Value themselves as children of God who are loved and forgiven.
- In view of God's mercy, be kind, patient and forgiving.
- Put trust in God to provide for all their needs.
- Recognize material blessings as gifts from God for which they shall be thankful and share with others.
- Enjoy prayer as a means of talking to God.
- Respond to God's love through joyful singing of spiritual songs.
- Desire to grow in faith and love though studying God's Word and attending church regularly.

Spiritual Habits

By the end of **Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2**, students will:

- Grow in God's Word through daily devotions and Bible lessons.
- Forgive others as Christ has forgiven them.
- Pray regularly.
- Respond to God's goodness through songs of praise.
- Grow in their faith by regular church attendance with their family.
- Honor God by obeying parents and others in authority.
- Respond to God's love by sharing, working with and helping others.
- Tell others about Jesus.

Performance Objectives- Grades 3 and 4

Spiritual Truths

By the end of **Grades 3 and 4**, students will:

- Know the Bible as God's inspired word without error.
- Know that God created the world in six, normal, natural, consecutive days.
- Understand that sin came into the world through Adam and Eve.
- Understand that sin is thoughts, words and actions contrary to God's will.
- Understand that humans are sinful from birth and need a Savior.
- Know Jesus is the Son of God and promised Messiah who paid for their sins and secured forgiveness and heaven for them.
- Know that faith is a gift from God given to us by the Holy Spirit working through the Gospel message found in the Bible and Baptism.
- Know that Jesus is the Son of God and promised Messiah and through Him forgiveness and heaven is theirs.
- Know that heaven and hell are real places.
- Understand God as their Creator, Preserver, Savior and Lord.
- Understand prayer as an act of worship and means of communication with God.
- Learn that in the Old Testament, God tells us about many people who lived before Jesus came and looked forward to the promised Savior.
- To learn that in the New Testament, God tells us many things about Jesus and the Christians who also lived at that time
- Know the two main teachings of the Bible----Law and Gospel.
- Commit to memory Bible verses, Christian hymns and songs of praise.
- Know the Great Commission and look to share the good news of Jesus with everyone they meet.

Spiritual Attitudes

By the end of **Grades 3 and 4**, students will:

- Have a contrite heart in view of their sinfulness.
- Treasure Jesus as their Savior.
- Value themselves as redeemed and forgiven children of God.
- In view of God's mercy, be kind, patient and forgiving.
- Put trust in God to provide for all their needs.
- Recognize material blessings as gifts from God for which they can be thankful and share with others.
- Value prayer as a means of communication with God.
- Respond to God's love through joyful singing of spiritual songs.
- Desire to grow in faith and love through studying God's Word and attending church regularly.
- Desire to glorify God in all thoughts, words and actions.

Spiritual Habits

By the end of **Grades 3 and 4**, students will:

- Grow in God's Word through daily devotions and Bible lessons.
- Confess sins to God and to others.
- Freely forgive others as Christ forgives them.
- Read the Bible by oneself and with others.
- Honor God by honoring parents, teachers and other children.
- Pray regularly.
- Look to share their faith with others.
- Respond to God's goodness through songs of praise.
- Grow in their faith by regular church attendance with their family.
- Honor God by doing their best on whatever task is put before them.

Performance Objectives- Grades 5 and 6

Spiritual Truths

By the end of **Grades 5 and 6**, students will:

- Know that the Bible is God's Word without error as verbally inspired by God.
- Realize that sins are thoughts, words and actions contrary to God's will.
- Know that original sin has been passed on to humankind through Adam and Eve and that all people are born sinful and need a Savior.
- Know that Jesus is the Son of God and promised Messiah who was born, suffered, died, rose from the dead, ascended to heaven, and will return on the last day.
- Know that God, by His almighty power, created the universe in six, normal, natural, consecutive days and continues to use His almighty power to preserve and protect mankind and creation.
- Know that God created mankind with a soul as the crown of His creation.
- Realize that the Holy Spirit uses the means of grace to create faith and sanctify believers to live God-pleasing lives.
- Understand that the law reveals sinfulness and God's condemnation, while the gospel assures forgiveness through Jesus' perfect life and sacrificial death.

Spiritual Attitudes

- Know that prayer is talking with God and can be used to praise and thank Him, confess sinfulness and petition for bodily and spiritually needs.
- Understand that public worship is an opportunity to be strengthened in Word and Sacrament in the midst of fellow believers.

- Understand that believers can serve God with their time, talents and treasures in a variety of ways.
- Through the study of Old Testament Bible accounts, see God's grace at work in the lives of His people.
- Through the study of New Testament Bible accounts, see God's plan of salvation fulfilled in Jesus and spread to others.
- Know the two main teachings of the Bible----Law and Gospel.
- Through the study of Luther's catechism, understand its six chief parts: The Ten Commandments, Apostle's Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Lord's Supper, Confession and Absolution.
- Commit to memory Bible verses, Christian hymns and songs of praise.
- Know that God wants us to share Jesus with others.

Spiritual Attitudes

By the end of **Grades 5 and 6**, students will:

- Have a contrite heart in view of their sinfulness.
- Treasure Jesus as their Savior.
- Value themselves as redeemed and forgiven children of God.
- In view of God's mercy, be kind, patient and forgiving.
- Put trust in God to provide for all their needs.
- Recognize material blessings as gifts from God for which they can be thankful and share with others.
- Value prayer as a means of communication with God.
- Respond to God's love through joyful singing of spiritual songs.
- Desire to grow in faith and love through studying God's Word and attending church regularly.
- Desire to glorify God in all thoughts, words and actions.

Spiritual Habits

By the end of **Grades 5 and 6**, students will:

- Grow in God's Word through daily devotions and Bible lessons.
- Confess sins to God and to others.
- Freely forgive others as Christ forgives them.
- Read the Bible by oneself and with others.
- Honor God by honoring parents, teachers and other children.
- Pray regularly.
- Look to share their faith with others.
- Respond to God's goodness through songs of praise.
- Grow in their faith by regular church attendance with their family.
- Honor God by doing their best on whatever task is put before them.

Performance Objectives- Grades 7 and 8

Spiritual Truths

By the end of **Grades 7 and 8**, students will:

- Know that the Bible is God's Word which is errorless and verbally inspired by the Holy Spirit.
- Know the two main teachings of the Bible and what they mean for their daily lives---Law and Gospel.
- Understand that the chief purpose of the Bible is to lead all people to know and believe in Jesus as their Savior from sin.
- Know the true God is three in one, that is triune---Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Know that God the Father, by His almighty power, created the universe in six, normal, natural, consecutive days and continues to use His almighty power to preserve and protect mankind and creation.
- Know that God created mankind with a soul as the crown of His creation.
- Know that Jesus is the Son of God and promised Messiah who was born, suffered, died, rose from the dead, ascended to heaven, and will return on the last day.
- Realize that the Holy Spirit uses the means of grace to create faith and sanctify believers to live God-pleasing lives.
- Understand the difference between sins of commission and omission.
- Understand what original sin is and its impact on humankind.
- Know that prayer is talking with God and can be used to praise and thank Him, confess sinfulness and petition for bodily and spiritual needs.
- Understand that public worship is an opportunity to be strengthened in Word and Sacrament amongst the blessing of fellow believers.
- Understand that believers can serve God with their time, talents and treasures in a variety of ways within their homes, churches and community.
- Through the study of Old Testament Bible accounts, see God's grace at work in the lives of His people.
- Through the study of New Testament Bible accounts, see God's plan of salvation fulfilled in Jesus and spread to others.
- Through the study of Luther's catechism, understand its six chief parts: The Ten Commandments, Apostle's Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Lord's Supper, Confession and Absolution.
- Commit to memory Bible verses, Christian hymns and songs of praise.
- Understand the difference between orthodox and heterodox Christian churches.
- Understand the difference between Christianity and other world religions.
- Understand God's Great Commission to share Jesus with others.

Spiritual Attitudes

By the end of **Grades 7 and 8**, students will:

- Have a contrite heart in view of their sinfulness.
- Treasure Jesus as their Savior.
- Value themselves as redeemed and forgiven children of God.
- In view of God's mercy, be kind, patient and forgiving.
- Put trust in God to provide for all their needs.
- Recognize material blessings as gifts from God for which they can be thankful and share with others.
- Value prayer as an act of worship and means of communication with God.
- Respond to God's love through joyful singing of spiritual songs.
- Desire to grow in faith and love through studying God's Word and attending church regularly.
- Desire to glorify God in all thoughts, words and actions.

Spiritual Habits

By the end of **Grades 7 and 8**, students will:

- Grow in God's Word through daily devotions and Bible lessons.
- Confess sins to God and to others.
- Freely forgive others as Christ forgives them.
- Read the Bible by oneself and with others.
- Apply God's Word to their daily lives.
- Honor God by honoring parents, teachers and peers.
- Pray regularly.
- Look to share their faith with others.
- Respond to God's goodness through songs of praise.
- Grow in their faith by regular church attendance with their family.
- Regularly partake of the Lord's Supper following their confirmation.
- Honor God by doing their best on whatever task is put before them.

Scope and Sequence

Christ-Light Old Testament Scope & Sequence

Week of	Lesson	PK & K	Grades 1-2	Grades 3-4	Grades 5-6
Set 1					
Theme: God is the almighty, loving Creator.					
1A	God Creates Our Beautiful World		The Creation of the World	The Creation of All Things	The Creation
1B	God Creates Man and Woman		The Creation of the Man and Woman	The Creation of the Man and Woman	Adam and Eve
Theme: God's love is more powerful than man's sin.					
2A	God Saves Adam and Eve		The First Sin	Man's Sin and God's Promise	The Fall and the Promise
2B	Cain's Sin and God's Love		Cain and Abel	Cain and Abel	Cain and Abel
Theme: God rules the earth and the nations of the earth.					
3A	God Saves Noah and His Family		The Flood	The Flood	The Flood
3B	God Watches Over the People at Babel		The Tower of Babel	The Tower of Babel	The Tower of Babel
Theme: Through the gift of faith, believers are able to trust God completely.					
4A	God Speaks; Abraham Listens		Abraham Trusts God	Abraham Trusts God	God Calls Abram
4B	Abraham Shares His Land		Abraham and Lot	Abraham and Lot	Abraham and Lot
Theme: God keeps his promises and answers prayer.					
5A	God Answers Abraham's Prayer for a Son		God Promises Abraham a Son	God Promises Abraham a Son	God Again Promises Abraham a Son
5B	God Answers Abraham's Prayer for Lot		God Answers Abraham's Prayer	God Answers Abraham's Prayer	God Answers Abraham's Prayer
Theme: Faith is being certain of what we do not see.					
6A	God Makes Abraham's Faith Grow		God Tests Abraham's Faith	God Tests Abraham's Faith	The Test of Abraham's Faith
6B	The Faith of Abraham's Servant and Rebekah		Abraham's Servant Finds a Wife for Isaac	A Wife for Isaac	Isaac and Rebekah
Theme: Lack of trust leads to trickery and trouble, but God forgives.					
7A	Jacob Lies to His Father		Jacob Tricks Isaac	Jacob Deceives Isaac	Jacob Deceives Isaac
7B	Jacob Sees a Beautiful Dream		Jacob's Dream	Jacob's Flight and Vision	Jacob's Flight and Vision
Theme: Sinful reliance needs to be changed to reliance on God.					
8A	God Blesses Jacob with Riches		Jacob and Laban	Jacob and Laban	Jacob and Laban
8B	God Takes Jacob Home Safely		Jacob Returns to Canaan	Jacob's Return Home	Jacob's Return

Theme: God permits sorrows to enter a Christian's life.

Choice	God Has a Plan for Joseph	Joseph is Sold by His Brothers	Joseph is Sold by His Brothers	Joseph Sold by His Brothers
9A/B	God Is With Joseph in Egypt	Joseph in Potiphar's House and in Prison	Joseph in Potiphar's House and in Prison	Joseph in Egypt

Theme: God uses what is bad and sad in our lives for his good purpose.

10A	Joseph Becomes a Ruler in Egypt	Joseph Becomes Ruler of Egypt	Joseph Is Made Ruler	Joseph Becomes Ruler of Egypt
10B	Joseph's Brothers Come to Egypt	Joseph's Brothers Come to Egypt	The First Journey of Joseph's Brothers	Joseph's Brothers Come to Egypt

Theme: God wants us to show love and forgiveness to others.

11A	Joseph Shows Kindness to His Brothers	Joseph Tests His Brothers	The Second Journey of Joseph's Brothers	Joseph Tests His Brothers
11B	Joseph Forgives His Brothers	Joseph Forgives His Brothers	Joseph Makes Himself Known	Joseph Makes Himself Known

Theme: God moves in mysterious ways to perform his wonders.

12A	Jacob and Joseph Go to Heaven	Jacob Brings His Family to Egypt	Jacob in Egypt	The Deaths of Jacob and Joseph
12B	Baby Moses	Baby Moses	The Birth of Moses	Moses' Birth

Theme: God wants us to follow his direction rather than our own.

Choice	God Teaches Moses	Moses Leaves Egypt	Moses Escapes to Midian	Moses' Sin
13A/B	God Calls Moses	God Calls Moses	God Calls Moses to Lead Israel	God Calls Moses

Set 2

Theme: Some people refuse to believe in God and to obey him.

1A	Moses and Aaron Speak to the King	Pharaoh Does Not Obey God	Pharaoh Disobeys God	Moses and Pharaoh
1B	The Plagues	The Plagues	The Plagues	The Plagues

Theme: The Lord fights the battle for his people and delivers them.

2A	God Leads His People Out of Egypt	The Passover	The First Passover	The Passover
2B	God Leads His People Through the Red Sea	Crossing the Red Sea	God Delivers His People at the Red Sea	Crossing the Red Sea

Theme: God provides for all the needs of his people.

3A	God Gives His People Food	God Sends Quail and Manna	God Feeds His People in the Desert	Quail and Manna
3B	God Takes Care of His People	God Helps His People in the Desert	Water from a Rock and Victory in Battle	God's Staff

Theme: God in his mercy spares his "holy people" when they sin.

4A	God Gives the Ten Commandments	God Gives the Ten Commandments	God Gives His Law to His People	The Giving of the Law
4B	The Golden Calf	The Golden Calf	The Golden Calf	The Golden Calf

Theme: God's people worship him.

5A	The Tabernacle	The Tabernacle	God's Rules for Worship	The Tabernacle
5B	The Day of Atonement	The Day of Atonement	The Day of Atonement	The Day of Atonement

Theme: God punishes his people if they rebel against him.

6A	The Twelve Spies	The Twelve Spies	The Twelve Spies	The Twelve Spies
6B	Korah and His Men Sin	Korah Turns against God's Leaders	Korah's Rebellion	Korah's Rebellion

Theme: God disciplines those who do not give him the glory due.

7A	The Bronze Snake	Moses' Sin and the Bronze Snake	The Bronze Snake	The Bronze Snake
7B	Balaam	Balaam Blesses the Israelites	Balaam	Balaam

Theme: God encourages his people with assurances of final victory.

8A	God's People Enter the Promised Land	The Israelites Enter Canaan	God's People Enter the Promised Land	Crossing the Jordan
8B	Rahab and the Spies	Rahab and the Spies	Rahab and the Spies	Rahab and the Spies

Theme: God blesses the obedient faith of his people and warns them against disobedience.

9A	God Gives His People Jericho	The Fall of Jericho	The Fall of Jericho	The Fall of Jericho
9B	Achan Disobeys God's Command	Achan's Sin	Achan's Sin	Achan's Sin

Theme: God blesses his people and wants them to stay faithful to him.

Choice	The Day the Sun Kept Shining	The Sun Stands Still	God Gives the Israelites the Promised Land	Peace and Prosperity in the Promised Land
10A or B	Joshua Says Good-Bye	The Israelites Turn Away from God	The Israelites Turn Away from God	Israel Loses God's Blessing

Theme: God makes a reluctant leader into a bold conqueror.

11A	God Chooses Gideon to Lead the Israelites	God Chooses Gideon to Lead Israel	Gideon's Call	God Calls Gideon
11B	God Helps Gideon in Battle	God Gives Gideon Victory	Gideon's Victory	God Gives Gideon the Victory

Theme: God judges and shows mercy to the unfaithful champion of his people.

12A	Samson	Samson	Samson's Strength	Samson the Champion
12B	God Forgives Samson	Samson's Sin and Death	Samson's Capture and Death	Samson's Fall and Death

Theme: God graciously blesses faith that forsakes all for him.

13A	Ruth Believes in God	Ruth's Faith	Ruth's Faith	Ruth's Faith
13B	God Blesses Ruth	Ruth and Boaz	God Blesses Ruth	Ruth and Boaz

Set 3

Theme: God-fearing parents love their children and train them spiritually.

1A	Hannah Loves Her Son	God Answers Hannah's Prayer	Hannah and Samuel	Hannah and Samuel
1B	God Speaks to Samuel	Eli and His Wicked Sons	Eli and His Wicked Sons	Eli and His Wicked Sons

Theme: The humble Christian can serve God well, while the proud person who takes sin lightly cannot.

2A	God Chooses Saul to be King	Saul Becomes King	Saul Serves God as King	Saul is Chosen
2B	Saul Takes Sin Lightly	Saul Disobeys God	Saul Turns Away from God	Saul is Rejected

Theme: By faith we trust God's help and establish true friendships.				
3A	David and Goliath	David and Goliath	David and Goliath	David and Goliath
3B	David Is Loved and Hated	David and Jonathan	Jonathan's Friendship	Saul's Jealousy and Jonathan's Friendship
Theme: Out of love for God, we neither try to get even with others nor are happy when other have troubles.				
4A	David is Kind to Saul	David Shows Kindness to Saul	David's Kindness toward Saul	David's Kindness to Saul
4B	Saul Dies, and David Becomes King	The Deaths of Saul and Jonathan	The Deaths of Saul and Jonathan	David Mourns Saul's Death
Theme: Sin causes harm and grief, and brings God's condemnation.				
Choice	God Helps David See His Sins	David Sins	David Sins	David Sins and Repents
5A/B	David and Absalom	Absalom Sins Against David	Absalom Sins Against His Father	Absalom's Rebellion
Theme: The examples of our leaders influence us.				
6A	God Makes Solomon Wise	Solomon's Wisdom	Solomon Becomes King	Solomon's Wisdom
6B	Solomon As King	Israel's Kings Turn Away from God	The Idolatry of Solomon and Jeroboam	The King's Idolatry
Theme: Dealing with unbelievers is often difficult.				
7A	Elijah and King Ahab	Elijah and the Prophets of Baal	Ahab and Elijah	Ahab and Jezebel
7B	Ahab and Naboth's Vineyard	Naboth's Vineyard	Naboth's Vineyard	Naboth's Vineyard
Theme: God is the Lord of life and death.				
8A	God Takes Elijah to Heaven	Elijah Goes to Heaven	Elijah and Elisha	Elijah and Elisha
8B	Elisha and the Kind Woman	A Boy Comes Back to Life	The Shunammite Woman	Elisha and the Shunammite Woman
Theme: God wants us to share his Word with unbelievers.				
9A	A Young Girl Helps Naaman	Naaman Is Brought to Faith	Naaman Is Brought to Faith	Naaman's Servant
9B	Jonah	God Sends Jonah to Nineveh	Jonah and the People of Nineveh	Jonah
Theme: God promises to help believers in times of trouble.				
10A	Hezekiah Prays for God's People	God Answers Hezekiah's Prayers	Hezekiah and the Assyrian Attack	Hezekiah and the Assyrian Invasion
10B	Hezekiah Prays for Himself	God Heals Hezekiah	Hezekiah's Sickness	Hezekiah's Illness
Theme: Boldly tell unbelievers about God and his judgment on sin.				
11A	The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace	The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace	The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace	The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace
11B	Daniel and the Writing on the Wall	Daniel and Belshazzar	Daniel and Belshazzar	Daniel and Belshazzar

Theme: Dare to stand alone!

12A	Daniel in the Lion's Den	Daniel in the Lion's Den	Daniel in the Lion's Den	Daniel in the Lion's Den
12B	Queen Esther	Queen Esther	Esther	Esther

Theme: Patiently wait for God's time and purpose.

13A	God Brings His People Home	God's People Return Home	The Jews Return to Judah	Return from Exile
13B	Job	Job	Job	Job

Christ-Light New Testament Scope & Sequence

Week of	Lesson	PK & K	Grades 1-2	Grades 3-4	Grades 5-6
Set 1					
Theme: God prepared his people for the Savior's coming.					
1A	God's Special Message for Mary	Gabriel Visits Zechariah and Mary	Gabriel Announces the Births of John and Jesus	The Birth of John the Baptist	The Births of John and Jesus Announced
1B	John the Baptist	John is Born			The Birth of John the Baptist
Theme: The Savior's birth brings joy.					
2A	Jesus the Savior is Born	Jesus is Born	The Birth of Jesus	Jesus Is Brought to the Temple	The Birth of Jesus
2B	The Shepherds	Simeon and Anna			The Presentation; Simeon and Anna
Theme: The Savior is worshipped and hated as King.					
3A	The Wise Men	Wise Men Worship the Savior	The Wise Men Worship the Savior		The Wise Men
3B	God Keeps Jesus Safe from Herod	Herod's Wicked Plan	The Escape to Egypt		The Flight to Egypt
Theme: One greater than John is coming.					
4A	Twelve-Year-Old Jesus	The Boy Jesus in the Temple	The Twelve-Year-Old Jesus		The Twelve-Year-Old Jesus
4B	John, God's Worker	John the Baptist	John the Baptist		John Preaches Repentance
Theme: Jesus came to take our place.					
5A	Jesus is Baptized	The Baptism of Jesus	The Baptism of Jesus		The Baptism of Jesus
5B	Jesus Says No to Sin and the Devil	Jesus is Tempted	The Temptation of Jesus		The Temptation of Jesus
Theme: Jesus' first miracles show that he is God.					
6A	Jesus Changes Water into Wine	Jesus' First Miracle	The Wedding at Cana		Jesus Changes Water into Wine
6B	Jesus Makes a Sick Boy Well	Jesus Heals the Official's Son	Jesus Heals the Official's Son		Jesus Heals the Official's Son
Theme: Jesus teaches that he is the Messiah.					
7A	Nicodemus	Jesus and Nicodemus	Jesus and Nicodemus		Jesus and Nicodemus
7B	Jesus and the Woman at the Well	Jesus and the Samaritan Woman	Jesus and the Woman of Samaria		Jesus and the Woman of Samaria

13A/B	Jesus Teaches Us Not to Worry	Jesus Teaches about Earthly Needs	Jesus Teaches His Disciples about Earthly Needs	Jesus Teaches about Worrying
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Set 2

Theme: Through the gift of faith, believers are able to trust Jesus completely.

1A	Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant	The Faith of the Captain	Jesus and the Centurion	Jesus Heals the Centurion's Servant
1B	Jesus Heals the Daughter of a Canaanite Woman	The Gentile Woman's Faith	Jesus and the Canaanite Woman	The Canaanite Woman's Daughter

Theme: Jesus' enemies reject his Word, but believers respond with love and thanks.

2A	The Death of John the Baptist	The Death of John the Baptist	The Death of John the Baptist	The Death of John the Baptist
2B	Simon the Pharisee	The Woman in Simon's House	The Sinful Woman in Simon's House	The Woman in Simon's House

Theme: Jesus teaches his disciples to trust him.

3A	Jesus Feeds More than Five Thousand People	Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand	Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand	Feeding the Five Thousand
3B	Jesus Walks on the Water	Jesus Walks on the Water	Jesus Walks on the Water	Jesus Walks on the Water

Theme: Jesus came to die for us.

Choice	Jesus Shows He is the Son of God	Jesus Appears in Glory	Jesus' Transfiguration	The Transfiguration
4A or B	Peter's Confession	Jesus Comforts His Disciples	Jesus Encourages His Disciples	Peter's Confession

Theme: Love your neighbor.

5A	The Good Samaritan	The Good Samaritan	The Parable of the Loving Samaritan	The Good Samaritan
5B	The Servant Who Did Not Forgive	The Unforgiving Servant	The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant	The Unforgiving Servant

Theme: Each one of us is important to Jesus.

6A	Jesus Shows Love to a Man Born Blind	Healing the Man Born Blind	Healing the Man Born Blind	Healing the Blind Man
6B	Jesus and the Ten Sick Men	The Ten Lepers	Ten Healed of Leprosy	The Ten Lepers

Theme: God's Word is the one thing needed.

7A	Mary and Martha	Jesus visits Mary and Martha	Mary and Martha	Mary and Martha
7B	The Great Dinner	The Big Dinner	The Parable of the Great Banquet	The Great Banquet

Theme: Jesus teaches lessons on repentance.

8A	The Pharisee and the Tax Collector	The Pharisee and the Tax Collector	The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector	The Pharisee and the Tax Collector
8B	The Sinful Son	The Lost Son	The Parable of a Father's Great Love	The Lost Son

Theme: Jesus teaches lessons on the dangers of possessions.

9A	The Rich Man	The Parable of the Rich Man and Poor Lazarus	The Parable of the Rich Man and Poor Lazarus	The Parable of the Rich Man and Poor Lazarus
9B	The Rich Young Ruler	The Rich Young Ruler	The Rich Young Ruler	The Rich Young Ruler

Theme: Jesus shows concern for others while on his way to die.

Choice 10A/B	Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead	Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead	Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead	Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead
	Zacchaeus	Zacchaeus	Zacchaeus	Zacchaeus

Theme: Jesus is the king, who came to give his life for us.

11A	Mary Anoints Jesus	Mary Shows Her Love for Jesus	Mary Honors Jesus	Mary Anoints Jesus
11B	Palm Sunday	Jesus Rides into Jerusalem	Jesus Rides into Jerusalem	Palm Sunday

Theme: God gives us his grace and expects faithfulness.

12A	The Story of the Three Servants	The Parable of the Talents	The Parable of the Talents	Talents
12B	The Workers in the Vineyard	The Parable of the Vineyard Workers	The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard	Workers in the Vineyard

Theme: Jesus teaches lessons on using God-given gifts.

13A	Taxes to Caesar The Poor Woman's Offering	Taxes to Caesar	Paying Taxes to Caesar	Paying Taxes to Caesar
13B	The Widow's Offering	The Widow's Offering	The Widow's Offering	The Widow's Offering

Set 3

Theme: Jesus warns his enemies concerning their unbelief.

1A	Wicked Farmers	The Parable of the Wicked Farmers	The Parable of the Wicked Renters	The Parable of the Tenants
1B	The Wedding Clothes	The Parable of the Wedding Feast	The Parable of the Wedding Banquet	The Parable of the Wedding Clothes

Theme: Jesus is betrayed and arrested.

2A	Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet	The Lord's Supper	In the Upper Room	Jesus and His Disciples in the Upper Room
2B	The Garden of Gethsemane	Jesus in Gethsemane	Jesus in Gethsemane	Betrayal in Gethsemane

Theme: Jesus is denied and condemned to death.

3A	Peter Sins	Peter's Sin	Peter's Denial	Peter's Denial
3B	Jesus Before Pilate	Jesus Trial Before Pilate	Jesus Before Pilate	Jesus Before Pilate

Theme: Jesus finished the work of our salvation.

4A	Jesus is Put on the Cross	Jesus Is Crucified	Jesus Is Crucified	Jesus' Crucifixion
4B	Jesus Dies on the Cross	Our Savior Dies	Our Savior Dies	Jesus' Dying Words

Theme: Jesus proves he is God's Son and the Savior by his resurrection.

5A	The Empty Grave	Jesus' Burial and Resurrection	Jesus' Burial and Resurrection	Jesus' Burial and Resurrection
5B	The Guards Tell Lies	Jesus' Grave is Opened	The Enemies Guard the Tomb	Jesus' Enemies Deny the Resurrection

Theme: Jesus' resurrection assures us of our resurrection.

6A	Jesus Appears to the Women	Jesus' Friends Learn That He Is Risen	Easter Morning at the Tomb	The Empty Tomb
6B	Mary Sees Jesus	Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene	Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene	Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

Theme: Jesus rose in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy.				
Choice	On the Road to Emmaus	Two Disciples See Jesus	On the Road to Emmaus	On the Road to Emmaus
7A/B	Easter Evening	Jesus Appears to His Disciples	Jesus Appears to His Disciples	Easter Evening
Theme: Jesus prepares his disciples to be witnesses.				
8A	Doubting Thomas	Thomas Believes	Doubting Thomas	Doubting Thomas
8B	Jesus and the Catch of Fish	Jesus Meets His Disciples in Galilee	Jesus Appears in Galilee	Jesus Appears in Galilee
Theme: Our ascended Lord guides and blesses his church.				
9A	Jesus' Ascension	Jesus Ascends into Heaven	Jesus Ascends into Heaven	Jesus' Ascension
9B	A New Disciple	A Replacement for Judas is Chosen	Choosing Matthias	Matthias Replaces Judas
Theme: The Holy Spirit works faith and Christian love in us.				
10A	The Coming of the Holy Spirit	The Coming of the Holy Spirit	Pentecost	The Gift of the Holy Spirit
10B	Peter Speaks to the Crowd	Peter's Sermon	Many Come to Faith	Peter's Pentecost Sermon
Theme: Christ's disciples confess him boldly.				
11A	Peter Heals a Crippled Man	The Healing of the Lame Man	Healing the Lame Man	Healing the Lame Man
11B	Peter Tells the Enemies About Jesus	Peter and John Are Arrested	Peter and John Are Arrested	The Apostles Before the Council
Theme: Satan's persecutions cannot destroy God's church.				
Choice	An Angel Opens the Prison Doors	The Disciples Are Arrested	The Apostles are Persecuted	The Apostles in Prison
12A/B	Faithful Stephen	Stephen	The Persecuted Church	Persecutions Help to Spread the Gospel
Theme: God wants all people to hear the Gospel.				
13A	Jesus Changes Saul's Heart	Saul Becomes a Believer	Saul Becomes a Believer	Saul's Conversion
13B	Philip and the Ethiopian	Philip and the Man from Ethiopia	Philip and the Ethiopian Man	Philip and the Ethiopian

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