

## Fall 2016 Bible Outline for Early Childhood

### Stories of God's Faithfulness

Year 3, Qtr 1

	Date	Title	Scripture text	Bible story	Purpose statements
<b>Images of God's Care</b>	1. Sept. 4	God provides a safe place	Psalms 91	The psalmist compares God's faithfulness to a bird's wings that protect its young. God offers refuge and protection when people call out in times of trouble.	To find safety and comfort in God's care
	2. Sept. 11	God gathers us close	Deuteronomy 32:4, 10–13, 18; Matthew 23:37	In these passages, God is seen as a rock, an eagle hovering over its nest, a mother, and a hen gathering her brood of chicks.	To find safety and comfort in God's care
	3. Sept. 18	God's promise of peace	Ezekiel 34:23–31	Ezekiel's message to the people reassures them of God's loving care. God speaks as a shepherd. God blesses the people with peace and safety.	To know God's blessing of peace
<b>The Light Shines</b>	4. Sept. 25	God lights the way	Exodus 13:21–22; 14:19–20	When the Hebrew people escaped slavery in Egypt, a pillar of fire lit the night and led the way. The pillar of light protected them when the Egyptian army chased them.	To know that God is like a light that guides and protects
	5. Oct. 2	Light of the world	John 8:12; 9:1–7	Jesus told the people he was the light of the world. Those who follow will have the light of life. He then healed a man who was unable to see. The man saw light for the first time.	To recognize Jesus as light of the world
	6. Oct. 9 <i>Oct. 10 Thanksgiving (Canada)</i>	Let your light shine	Matthew 5:14–16	In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus taught that God's light shines through people to bring goodness to the world. Jesus' followers should not hide their light.	To know that we can shine God's light to others
<b>Stories of God's People</b>	7. Oct. 16	The story of Job	Book of Job	Job suffered great loss. Friends came to sit with him. Job talked to God about his sadness, and God answered Job. Later Job experienced happiness again.	To know God is with us in sad times
	8. Oct. 23	The prophet Ezekiel	Book of Ezekiel	The people didn't know if God would be with them in a strange land. God sent messages of hope through the prophet Ezekiel.	To hear God's message of hope
	9. Oct. 30	The prophet Isaiah	Isaiah 1–33	Isaiah responded to God's call. He spoke to God's people about vineyards, light, and a child who would be born to show the way.	To hear God's message of hope
	10. Nov. 6	The prophet Jeremiah	Book of Jeremiah	God called Jeremiah at a young age. The Babylonian army destroyed Jerusalem and took many people to Babylon. Then God spoke words of comfort through Jeremiah.	To hear God's message of hope
	11. Nov. 13	Returning to Jerusalem	Ezra 1	King Cyrus of Persia sent the Israelites back to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple. Neighbors gave them gifts, and Cyrus restored to them treasures from Jerusalem.	To learn that God brought the people home
	12. Nov. 20 <i>Nov. 24 Thanksgiving (U.S.)</i>	Rebuilding the temple	Ezra 4–6	The rebuilding of the temple was stopped, but King Darius gave permission for the work to continue. The temple was completed and dedicated to God with joy.	To learn that God brought the people home
	13. Nov. 27 <i>Advent 1</i>	Reading God's Word together	Nehemiah 8	The priest Ezra read to the people from the book of law. The people worshiped God, weeping and rejoicing. The community kept the Festival of Booths.	To worship God together

## Winter 2016–17 Bible Outline for Early Childhood

### Journeys with Jesus

Year 3, Qtr 2

	Date	Title	Scripture text	Bible story	Purpose statements
<b>Advent and Christmas</b>	1. Dec. 4 <i>Advent 2</i>	Walk in the light of the Lord	Isaiah 2:1–5	Isaiah foretold a time when people would seek to know the ways of God. When nations turn to God and follow God’s instruction, peace will follow.	To prepare for the coming of Jesus
	2. Dec. 11 <i>Advent 3</i>	An angel visits Joseph	Matthew 1:18–25	An angel came to Joseph in a dream. The angel told him that Mary’s child was from the Holy Spirit and should be named Jesus.	To wonder at the angel’s message to Joseph
	3. Dec. 18 <i>Advent 4</i>	Jesus is born!	Luke 2:1–7	Jesus was born in a Bethlehem stable. Mary wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger.	To rejoice in Jesus’ birth
	4. Dec. 25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	Shepherds show the way	Luke 2:8–20	An angel told nearby shepherds of the birth, and they came to see Jesus. Then they praised God, telling everyone around them what they had seen.	To praise God with the shepherds
	5. Jan. 1	A visit from the magi	Matthew 2:1–12	The magi came from the east to honor Jesus and offer gifts. They were warned in a dream to not tell Herod where they had found the baby.	To join the magi in worshipping Jesus
<b>Stories of Jesus</b>	6. Jan. 8	Safe in Egypt	Matthew 2:13–23	After the angel’s warning, Joseph and Mary traveled to Egypt because Herod planned to hurt baby Jesus. The family returned to Nazareth only after Herod’s death.	To know that Jesus’ family traveled to safety
	7. Jan. 15	Jesus is baptized	Matthew 3:13–17	John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. The Spirit of God descended on Jesus. He was identified as the Son of God.	To hear the story of Jesus’ baptism
	8. Jan. 22	Jesus calls disciples	Matthew 4:18–22	When walking by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus called Peter, Andrew, James, and John. They immediately left their fishing nets and boats and followed Jesus.	To follow in the way of Jesus
	9. Jan. 29	Beatitudes	Matthew 5:1–12	Jesus taught his friends on a mountain. He offered blessings to those who follow God’s ways of humility, kindness, mercy, and peace.	To follow in the way of Jesus
	10. Feb. 5	Jesus heals a servant	Matthew 8:5–13	A Roman centurion asked Jesus to heal his servant. The centurion said he was not worthy to have Jesus come to his house. Jesus healed the servant.	To know that Jesus healed
	11. Feb. 12	Give and pray	Matthew 6:1–15	Jesus told the disciples to give in ways that did not call attention to themselves. He also taught them a model prayer.	To follow in the way of Jesus
	12. Feb. 19	Building on the rock	Matthew 7:24–27	Jesus told this story: A wise builder chose solid rock for a foundation while a foolish builder chose sand. Only the wise builder’s house remained when the floods came.	To hear a story about a wise builder
	13. Feb. 26	Jesus stills the storm	Matthew 8:23–27	Jesus slept while a night windstorm arose on the sea. The disciples woke him, and Jesus calmed the wind. The disciples were amazed.	To know that Jesus calmed the storm

## Spring 2017 Bible Outline for Early Childhood

**God's Good News**

**Year 3, Qtr 3**

	Date	Title	Scripture text	Bible story	Purpose statements
<b>Lent and Easter</b>	1. Mar. 5 <i>Lent 1</i>	A boy shares his lunch	John 6:1–15	A young boy shared five barley loaves and two fish with Jesus. Jesus blessed the food and fed about five thousand in all.	To hear what Jesus can do with a small gift
	2. Mar. 12 <i>Lent 2</i>	Crowds welcome Jesus	Matthew 21:1–11	Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. Crowds welcomed Jesus by shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” They spread cloaks and branches on the road.	To celebrate with the crowd that welcomed Jesus
	3. Mar. 19 <i>Lent 3</i>	Jesus raises Lazarus	John 11:1–44	Lazarus of Bethany died and was entombed. After four days, Jesus arrived. He wept with Mary and Martha. Jesus commanded Lazarus to come out, and Lazarus did so.	To hear that Jesus raised Lazarus
	4. Mar. 26 <i>Lent 4</i>	A woman anoints Jesus	Matthew 26:6–13	Two days before Passover, a woman honored Jesus by anointing his head with costly ointment. Jesus said her loving action would be remembered.	To show our love to Jesus
	5. Apr. 2 <i>Lent 5</i>	The Last Supper	Matthew 26:1–5, 14–30	Judas sought to betray Jesus. Jesus shared Passover with his disciples, offering them bread and cup. He said the betrayer was among them.	To hear how Jesus shared Passover with the disciples
	6. Apr. 9 <i>Lent 6</i>	Jesus dies on a cross	Matthew 27:1–2, 45–61	Jesus was arrested and crucified by Roman soldiers. Mary Magdalene and other women stayed nearby. Joseph of Arimathea placed Jesus’ body in a tomb.	To remember Jesus’ death
	7. Apr. 16 <i>Easter</i>	Jesus is risen!	Matthew 28:1–10	Women went to the tomb. A dazzling angel rolled the stone away. They met Jesus, who went to Galilee with the news.	To celebrate Jesus’ resurrection
<b>Follow the Way of Peace</b>	8. Apr. 23	Isaac and the wells	Genesis 26:12–33	The Philistines envied Isaac and stopped up his wells. Isaac moved on, instead of fighting. The king saw that God was with Isaac and made a covenant of peace with him.	To see an example of peacemaking
	9. Apr. 30	Abigail	1 Samuel 25:1–35	Nabal insulted David. David and his men prepared for battle. Nabal’s wife, Abigail apologized, offered food, and prevented the fight.	To see an example of peacemaking
	10. May 7	Elisha turns back the soldiers	2 Kings 6:8–23	Enemy soldiers surrounded Elisha’s town. Elisha led the blinded soldiers to the king of Israel where they ate together. The Arameans did not attack after that.	To see an example of peacemaking
	11. May 14	Caring for those in need	Matthew 25:34–40	Jesus taught followers to welcome strangers and help the hungry, thirsty, and sick. Kindness done to those in need is kindness shown to Jesus.	To share with anyone in need
	12. May 21	Respect everyone	James 2:1–8	James said that Christians must not favor the wealthy over the poor. They are to love their neighbors as themselves and show mercy to others.	To treat everyone with kindness
	13. May 28	A time of peace	Zechariah 8:1–8	Zechariah pictured a community shaped by God’s peace. The old and young will be in the streets together. All ages will feel secure and enjoy life together.	To hear about a peaceful world

## Summer 2017 Bible Outline for Early Childhood

Following God

Year 3, Qtr 4

	Date	Title	Scripture text	Bible story	Purpose statements
<b>Elijah and Elisha</b>	1. June 4	Elijah and the ravens	1 Kings 17:1–7	While Elijah hid from King Ahab in the Wadi Cherith, God sent ravens to bring him food. The ravens brought bread and meat morning and night.	To hear stories of God’s care
	2. June 11	The widow of Zarephath	1 Kings 17:8–16	God told Elijah to stay with a widow who only had a little flour and oil left. After she shared, the oil and flour did not run out.	To see an example of sharing
	3. June 18	Elijah and the silence	1 Kings 19:1–16	Elijah ran away from Jezebel’s threats. Angels provided food for the journey. On Mt. Horeb, God came to Elijah in a great silence.	To know that God is with us in quiet places
	4. June 25	A young girl and Naaman	2 Kings 5:1–16	An Israelite servant girl told Naaman, a commander in Aram, that a prophet in Israel might cure his leprosy. Naaman went and Elisha healed him.	To notice God at work through the small and powerless
	5. July 2	Elisha and the Shunammite woman	2 Kings 4:8–17	A Shunammite woman and her husband made a room for Elisha to stay in. In return, Elisha prophesied that she’d have a son.	To hear a story of hospitality
<b>Stories of Courage</b>	6. July 9	Queen Esther	Book of Esther	The king chose Esther to be his queen without realizing she was a Jew. When Haman convinced the king to attack all Jews, Esther spoke up for them and saved them.	To learn about Esther’s courage
	7. July 16	Daniel and the lions	Daniel 6:1–23	Daniel was a respected ruler, making other rulers jealous. They created a law to trap Daniel. Daniel entered the lion’s den, prayed to God, and was saved.	To hear that God kept Daniel safe from the lions
	8. July 23	Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego	Daniel 3	King Nebuchadnezzar ordered people to worship an idol. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused and were thrown into a furnace. With God’s help, they survived.	To see how God rescued Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego
<b>Followers of Jesus</b>	9. July 30	Matthew the tax collector	Matthew 9:9–13	Matthew left his tax booth and followed Jesus. Matthew and other tax collectors ate dinner with Jesus. People wondered why Jesus would associate with them.	To know that Matthew became Jesus’ friend
	10. Aug. 6	Peter	Acts 12:1–17	Peter was one of Jesus’ followers. After Jesus’ death and resurrection, Peter told many people about Jesus. He was put in prison then miraculously rescued.	To observe the life of a faithful follower of Jesus
	11. Aug. 13	Mary Magdalene	Luke 8:1–3; John 19:25; 20:11–18	Mary Magdalene was one of Jesus’ friends. She stood near the cross as Jesus died. Jesus appeared and spoke with her; she went to the disciples and told them.	To observe the life of a faithful follower of Jesus
	12. Aug. 20	Barnabas	Acts 4:36–37; 9:26–27; 13:1–5	Barnabas gave the money to help others. When the disciples were afraid to trust Paul, Barnabas spoke up for him. He traveled with Paul to tell others about Jesus.	To observe the life of a faithful follower of Jesus
	13. Aug. 27	People of God	1 Peter 2:9–17	The book of Peter reminds believers that they are filled with God’s light. They have been chosen to be God’s own people.	To affirm that we are part of God’s story