

Fall 2016 Bible Outline for Primary–Junior Youth

God Restores the People

Year 3, Qtr 1

| | Date | Title | Scripture text | Bible story | Purpose statements |
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| Jerusalem's Rise and Fall | 1. Sept. 4 | Building the temple | 1 Kings 6, 8 | Solomon built a grand temple in Jerusalem and brought the ark of the covenant to rest there. Solomon's prayer of dedication included both Israelites and foreigners. | To imagine joyful worship at the beautiful temple |
| | 2. Sept. 11 | Solomon's wisdom and folly | 1 Kings 3–11 | Solomon loved God. God asked what he wanted. Solomon wanted understanding, which God granted. When old, however, Solomon's heart turned from God. | To understand the importance of choosing God's wisdom |
| | 3. Sept. 18 | Elijah and Naboth's vineyard | 1 Kings 21 | King Ahab of Samaria wanted his neighbor Naboth's vineyard. Ahab's wife, Jezebel, convinced Ahab to frame Naboth, kill him, and take it. Elijah confronted Ahab. | To recognize the results of envy |
| | 4. Sept. 25 | The prophets call for justice | Amos 5:14–24; Micah 6:1–8 | In the midst of unfair practices, Amos and Micah called for justice, right living, and humility as the worship and offering that pleases God. | To hear the importance of walking in God's ways |
| | 5. Oct. 2 | King Josiah follows God | 2 Kings 22:1–23:30 | In Judah, a book of the law was discovered. King Josiah realized that he and the people had not been faithful to God. He led the people in following God's ways. | To encourage faithfulness to God |
| | 6. Oct. 9 <i>Oct. 10 Thanksgiving (Canada)</i> | Fall of Jerusalem | 2 Kings 24:18–25:21 | King Zedekiah rebelled against Babylonian rule. Soldiers captured the king, tore down Jerusalem's walls, ransacked the temple, and took the people of Judah into exile. | To know that God is with us even in hard times |
| Exile and Return | 7. Oct. 16 | Job suffers | The book of Job | The story of Job reflects the suffering of the Israelites. Job suffered great loss and asked God questions. Job remained faithful to God. God restored Job's hope. | To know God hears us |
| | 8. Oct. 23 | Ezekiel and the dry bones | Ezekiel 37:1–14 | God gave Ezekiel a vision of a valley full of dry bones coming to life. This symbolized the restoration and new life God planned for Israel, even in Israel's darkest times. | To hear God's promise in times of hopelessness |
| | 9. Oct. 30 | 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 be inspired by three people who were faithful to God |
| | 10. Nov. 6 | Daniel stands up to the king | Daniel 6 | Daniel was a respected ruler. Other rulers became jealous of him. 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 |
| | 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 find hope in God's faithfulness to the people |
| | 12. Nov. 20 <i>Nov. 24 Thanksgiving (U.S.)</i> | Rebuilding the temple | Ezra 4–6 | The rebuilding of the temple was halted, but King Darius gave permission for the work to continue. The temple was completed and dedicated to God with joy. | To worship God joyfully |
| | 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 see the importance of reading scripture together |

Winter 2016–17 Bible Outline for Primary–Junior Youth

Journeys with Jesus

Year 3, Qtr 2

| | Date | Title | Scripture text | Bible story | Purpose statements |
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| Advent and Christmas | 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 1:1–25 | An angel came to, Joseph, descendant of King David. The angel told Joseph 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 offering gifts and worshipping Jesus |
| Stories of Jesus | 6. Jan. 8 | Escape to Egypt | Matthew 2:13–23 | An angel warned Joseph to escape to Egypt because Herod planned to destroy baby Jesus. Joseph, Mary, and Jesus returned to Nazareth after Herod’s death. | To hear that Jesus was kept safe as a refugee in Egypt |
| | 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 marvel at God’s words to Jesus at his baptism |
| | 8. Jan. 22 | Jesus in the desert | Matthew 4:1–11 | Jesus fasted and then was tempted. Satan urged Jesus to create food, show off God’s power, and rule the world. Jesus rejected temptation with scriptures. | To understand the choices Jesus made in the wilderness |
| | 9. Jan. 29 | Beatitudes | Matthew 5:1–12 | Jesus taught the disciples on a mountain. He offered blessings to those who follow God’s ways of mercy, righteousness, and peace, rather than striving for worldly rewards. | To hear and follow in the way of Jesus |
| | 10. Feb. 5 | Love your enemies | Matthew 5:38–48 | Jesus taught the disciples to love everyone and to pray for those who persecuted them. Loving one’s enemies is a reflection of God’s love. | To love both friends and enemies |
| | 11. Feb. 12 | Give, pray, fast | Matthew 6:1–18 | Jesus taught the disciples to give to charity anonymously, to pray humbly, and to fast privately. God rewards faithful acts done in secret. | To learn the Lord’s prayer and other spiritual practices |
| | 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 learn to build faith on a solid foundation |
| | 13. Feb. 26 | Hidden treasure | Matthew 13:44–50 | Jesus told three stories about the kingdom of heaven. The first two told of people seeking treasure. In the third, a net gathered fish; the good were separated from the bad. | To compare God’s kingdom to finding treasure |

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Quarter 3, Spring 2017: God’s Good News

| | Date | Title | Scripture text | Bible story | Purpose statements |
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| Lent and Easter | 1. Mar. 5 <i>Lent 1</i> | Jesus and the Samaritan woman | John 4:1–42 | Jesus asked a Samaritan woman for a drink of water, and they talked about the water of eternal life. She told other Samaritans about Jesus. Many believed. | To know that Jesus offers living water |
| | 2. Mar. 12 <i>Lent 2</i> | Jesus refuses to cast stones | John 7:53–8:11 | The religious authorities brought a sinner to Jesus to see if he would enforce the law by calling for her death. Jesus told those without sin to cast the first stone. | To see that Jesus forgives |
| | 3. Mar. 19 <i>Lent 3</i> | Jesus raises Lazarus | John 11:1–44 | Lazarus of Bethany died. After four days, Jesus arrived. He wept with Mary and Martha. Jesus commanded Lazarus to come out of the tomb, and Lazarus did so. | To wonder at Jesus’ power over death |
| | 4. Mar. 26 <i>Lent 4</i> | Mary anoints Jesus | John 12:1–19 | Mary honored Jesus as she anointed his feet with costly perfume and wiped them with her hair. Later, a great crowd shouted praises to Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. | To show our love for Jesus |
| | 5. Apr. 2 <i>Lent 5</i> | The Last Supper | Matthew 26:1–5, 14–30 | Judas and the leaders plotted Jesus’ arrest. Jesus shared Passover with his disciples. He said the betrayer was among them. | To hear how Jesus shared Passover with his disciples |
| | 6. Apr. 9 <i>Lent 6</i> | Jesus’ arrest and death | Matthew 26:36–27:66 | Judas helped the soldiers arrest Jesus. They took him to be questioned. Eventually soldiers led Jesus to be crucified between two criminals and he died. | To remember Jesus suffered and died |
| | 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 the risen Jesus, who sent them to Galilee with the news. | To wonder at Jesus’ resurrection |
| God Cares for the Weak | 8. Apr. 23 | God hears Hagar and Ishmael | Genesis 16:1–15; 21:8–21 | When Sarai and Abram had no children, Abram fathered Ishmael with his slave Hagar. Later God saved Ishmael and Hagar and promised many descendants. | To know that God hears our cries |
| | 9. Apr. 30 | Moses is born | Exodus 1:1–2:10 | The Israelites were fruitful and multiplied, despite being oppressed. Shiphrah and Puah saved the Hebrew boys. Moses’ sister and Pharaoh’s daughter helped rescue Moses. | To see the courage of women who rescued babies |
| | 10. May 7 | A young girl and Naaman | 2 Kings 5:1–19 | 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 |
| | 11. May 14 | Caring for those in need | Matthew 25:31–46 | Jesus will return in glory. All will come before him, and he will separate people based on how they have treated those who are sick, hungry, imprisoned, or strangers. | To heed Jesus’ call to tend to those in need |
| | 12. May 21 | True greatness | Mark 9:33–37 | Jesus’ disciples argued about who was the greatest. Jesus told them that anyone who wants to be first must be the servant of all. | To learn how Jesus defined greatness |
| | 13. May 28 | Healing on the Sabbath | Luke 6:1–11 | Jesus insisted that the Sabbath was a day to embrace life and bring healing. In spite of Sabbath rules, Jesus healed a man’s withered hand. | To value compassion as Jesus did |

Summer 2017 Bible Outline for Primary–Junior Youth

Following God

Year 3, Qtr 4

| | Date | Title | Scripture text | Bible story | Purpose statements |
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| Old Testament Stories | 1. June 4 | God leads Rebekah | Genesis 24 | Abraham sent to Haran for a wife for Isaac. At a well, Rebekah offered water as the servant had prayed. Rebekah agreed to marry Isaac. | To know that God leads us |
| | 2. June 11 | Moses accepts God's call | Exodus 4 | God gave Moses three signs so that the people would believe. God also gave Aaron as Moses' spokesperson. The Israelites were moved that God had seen their misery. | To hear how Moses responded to God's call |
| | 3. June 18 | Balaam, the donkey, and the angel | Numbers 22–24 | The king of Moab's son Balak wanted Balaam to curse the Israelites. But no matter what Balak tried, Balaam only spoke God's words of blessing. | To learn with Balaam to speak God's blessing |
| | 4. June 25 | David and Jonathan | 1 Samuel 18–20 | David and Saul's son Jonathan were close friends. Saul grew jealous of David's prowess. Several times Jonathan supported David in the face of Saul's anger. | To explore loyal friendship |
| | 5. July 2 | Elisha and the Shunammite woman | 2 Kings 4:8–37 | A Shunammite woman made a room for Elisha to stay in. In return, Elisha prophesied she'd have a son. When the boy died later, Elisha raised him. | To hear a story of hospitality and healing |
| | 6. July 9 | Queen Esther | Esther 2–7; 9:24–32 | The king chose Esther to be his queen without realizing she was a Jew. When Haman convinced the king to kill all Jews, Esther spoke up for them and saved them. | To enjoy Esther's cunning and courage |
| | 7. July 16 | Jeremiah and a new covenant | Jeremiah 1:1–10; 31:31–40 | God called Jeremiah, as a boy, to prophecy to nations and kingdoms. He prophesied God's law would be on people's hearts—a new covenant. | To love God wholeheartedly |
| | 8. July 23 | The story of Jonah | The book of Jonah | Jonah tried to escape God's call. After being swallowed by a large fish, he preached in Nineveh. When people repented, Jonah was angry at God's mercy. | To understand God's great mercy |
| New Testament Stories | 9. July 30 | Mary and Martha | Luke 10:38–42 | Martha wanted Mary to help with the housework, preparing for Jesus. Jesus said it was better to sit and listen to him like Mary did. | To compare Mary and Martha's ways of honoring Jesus |
| | 10. Aug. 6 | Zacchaeus responds | Luke 19:1–10 | Zacchaeus, a tax collector, climbed a tree to see Jesus and welcomed Jesus to his house for dinner. He said he would give generously to the poor and to any he had defrauded. | To discover that God's love can change us |
| | 11. Aug. 13 | Nicodemus visits Jesus | John 3:1–21 | Nicodemus visited Jesus at night. Jesus explained to him about God's spirit bringing new life and God's Son bringing light to the world. | To hear Jesus' answers to Nicodemus |
| | 12. Aug. 20 | Philip and the Ethiopian official | Acts 8:4–8, 26–40 | Philip traveled, preaching and healing. He met an Ethiopian official on the road. Philip explained the good news to the man who asked to be baptized. | To know that all people are welcomed to worship God |
| | 13. Aug. 27 | Cloud of witnesses | Hebrews 11:1–12:2 | The author of Hebrews recounts how faithful ancestors, such as Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, and Rahab, are a cloud of witnesses. | To be encouraged by the lives of faithful people |