

SEPTEMBER 2018

Themes

Welcome /All About Me/Friends

Verse

“For the grace of God...teaches us to say “No”...and to live self-controlled” Titus 2:11-12

Curriculum

How excited we are to start the new school year! We will be meeting some new friends, saying “Hi” to friends from last year, exploring our classrooms, and getting to know our teachers. We will learn that Jesus is a special friend who loves us so much. God has given us families to love. He also has made each of us special and unique. We will learn about what parts of our bodies bend, stretch and wiggle. We will learn about using our **Five Senses** when we learn about the world God created. As we settle in and learn the routine of school, we will **feel** play-dough, **see** through magnifying glasses on the science table, **taste** the snacks, **hear** the songs in chapel, and **smell** yummy things that we may cook. We will also learn about using our self-control as we sit in Circle Time, line up with our classmates, and how there are times we need to wait our turn during snack time. We will begin to learn about putting things back where they belong.

Chapel

During our daily chapels, we will begin our “walk” through the Beginner’s Bible. We start at the very beginning of the Bible, and by June, we will have learned God’s message and plan for us taught through His Word. The month, we begin that journey by hearing about how God created this beautiful world and everything in it. We will also learn about the Bible and that it is God’s Word, and that it is Truth. We will meet some friends, Candy and Jimmy, who help us learn our Character Traits throughout the year. We will learn that to use Self-Control means that we have control over our body and emotions/keeping our hands and our feet to ourselves.

Learning Themes

Character Trait: Self-Control **Shape:** Circle **Colors:** Red, Blue

Letters: A & B **Science:** Five Senses **Community Helpers:** Teacher/Doctor

Things You Can Do With Your Child

Talk about the fun things your child is doing at school i.e. *playing with our new friends, playing on the playground, going to chapel, making art pictures, hearing stories, and finding out what is in our new classrooms.*

- Talk about new friends. Try to remember classmates’ names
- Play a hunting game around the house, to find things that are round.
- If your teacher asks for a family picture, help your child find one, and practice saying everyone’s name.
- Help your child become self-sufficient at dressing and undressing. Practice those shoes, too!
- Make sure to check the website for important information about our Preschool.
- Read pages 7-25 in the Beginner’s’ Bible.



OCTOBER 2018

Themes

Fall/Family/Pets/Farm Animals

Verse

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” Genesis 1:1

Curriculum

As we continue to settle in to the routine of our school days, we will talk about how the weather is changing and about the season of Fall. We will talk about how God made our families special and unique! We will talk about how God gave us pets to love and take care of, and how they are a part of our families as well. We might pretend to be veterinarians and set up a pet hospital in our classrooms so we can take care of our stuffed animals. We will learn how God wants us to be orderly as we learn to put away the toys and materials we have been using in the class and on the playground. This month we will have a special In-House field trip with Barnyard Animals coming to visit us. We will have the opportunity to pet these animals and learn more about them. Back in class, we may draw a picture and write a story/dictation about our experience.

Chapel

We begin our month hearing how sin entered the world, as we hear the story about Adam and Eve, and the Sneaky Snake, but how even that was part of God’s Plan. Even though sin entered the world, because He loves His precious children so much, God has a plan for us to be with Him forever! We will also hear the story about God’s promises to Noah and Abraham. We will hear about Abraham’s son, Isaac, and how God blessed him. Next, we will meet Joseph. We will hear the story of the colorful coat his father gave him. We will learn about how Joseph’s brothers treated him unkindly, but that God took care of Joseph and He had a special plan for him. We will learn how Joseph forgave his brothers and that God wants us to forgive too. We will hear the story about a Baby in a Basket, and we will learn that this was Moses who was used mightily by God. We will learn about how God talked with Moses through a Burning Bush and how God used Moses to lead His people, the Israelites, out of Egypt. We continue to hear about God’s plan for mankind and for us. We will learn about how God wants us to be orderly.

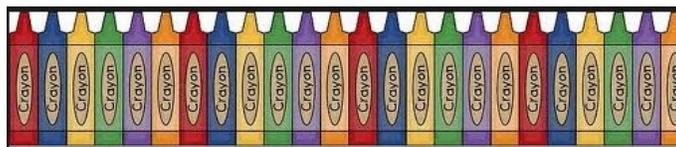
Learning Themes

Character Trait: Orderliness **Shape:** Square **Colors:** Yellow & Orange

Letters: C, D, & E **Science:** Animal Care & Anatomy **Community Helpers:** Farmer/Rancher

Things You Can Do With Your Child

- Check with your teacher about sharing a family pet with the class.
- Begin planning play days at the park with your classmates and the moms/dads.
- Let your child help in the kitchen by washing the fruits and vegetables and cutting them into pieces, measuring ingredients, and mixing things for salads or muffins.
- Make vegetable soup or a salad with the vegetables you picked at the pumpkin patch.
- Go on a family bike ride.
- Give your child the chore of putting things away in an orderly manner.
- Read pages 26-85 in the Beginner’s Bible.



NOVEMBER 2018

Themes

Patriotism/ Nutrition / Manners

Verse

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever” Psalm 107:1

Curriculum

This month we will learn about being thankful for all God has blessed us with. We will be learning about good nutrition and how we can keep our bodies strong and healthy with the foods we eat. We will also learn about being thankful to God for all the blessings he has given to us - our families, our friends, good food and especially Jesus. We will say thank you to God and our parents for all they do for us. Each class will plan a Thanksgiving feast as we learn about the Pilgrim's first Thanksgiving in America. We will learn that after their harvest, they thanked God for their new home, food, families, and new friends. They could worship and pray to God the way they wanted to do and for that, they were thankful. We will taste some new foods and some classes may cook as we prepare for our feast. We may get a chance to wash, cut, measure, and help stir the ingredients. We might make corn muffins or pumpkin pie as a class. We will also learn about good manners. We will get the chance to practice using them in our classrooms as we listen to each other, use kind words with one another, and say, "Please and Thank you." We will also enjoy a special day where we honor our Veterans.

Chapel

We will learn the story of Joshua and the spies and how God made the walls of Jericho fall down because Joshua obeyed God. We will also hear about Hannah who prayed for a baby and how God answered that prayer by giving her Samuel. We will hear about Samuel and how he heard God speaking to him at night. The First Thanksgiving will come to life, as children re-enact that first Thanksgiving that happened so long ago. We will hear the story about David, and how he loved God. We will see how David trusted God when he fought a giant! He felt the joy of the Lord when he defeated Goliath. Then we will hear about a special friendship that David and Jonathon had, and how David became King.

Learning Themes

Character Trait: Thankfulness **Shape:** Triangle **Colors:** Green & Brown

Letters: F, G, & H **Science:** Experiments & Cooking **Community Helpers:** Grocery/Restaurant Workers

Things You Can Do With Your Child

- Let your child help set the table. Help them practice putting things in order.
- Make a "Thankfulness" Banner with your Family.
- Take a nature walk and listen for birds singing, water in the stream or leaves rustling.
- Rake leaves into a pile and jump in them.
- Plant together in your yard at home.
- Make cookies or muffins and share them with a neighbor or friend.
- Pray together and thank God for each other and all He has given you.
- Help your child make nametags for the Thanksgiving table.
- Read pages 86-145 in the Beginner's Bible.



DECEMBER 2018

Themes

Jesus' Birth / Christmas

Verse

"Today in the town of David . . . A Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

Curriculum

This is such an exciting month for us at Preschool, and it will be filled with joy as we celebrate Jesus' birth and give our gifts of singing and praise. We will focus on God's greatest gift to us—and that is His Son, Jesus. We will give this gift of song to family and friends to enjoy as we tell the message of Baby Jesus' birth, born that first Christmas. After the program, we will enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshments. During the month, we may make gifts and cards to give to others. We might get a chance to practice wrapping "presents." As we hear the Christmas story, we will make glittery stars and paint beautiful angels to remind us of God's precious gift to us, and the joy that we have because of His gift, Jesus.

Chapel

We will hear the story of how God brought fire down from heaven to show that He is the One True God! We will hear the story of Esther, the Brave Queen and how God used her in a mighty way. We will hear the story of how God protected Daniel when he spent the night with lions. We will also learn how Jonah did not want to obey God, but how eventually he did, but he had to spend 3 nights in the belly of a big fish. In September, we heard that God had a plan when Adam and Eve disobeyed. Jesus' birth is the BEST part of that plan. We will act out the story of how Jesus obeyed His Heavenly Father by coming to earth to be born in a stable. This is God's greatest gift to us. This is the best news, and we can share it with everyone we know. It can be our gift to others. What Joy we have in Him! We will learn about how the shepherds were the first to hear this great news!

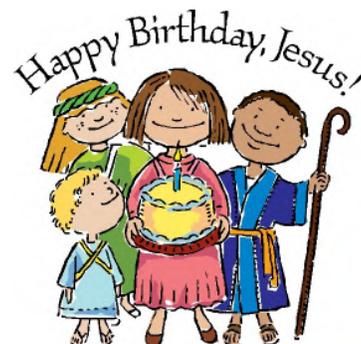
Learning Themes

Character Trait: Optimism **Shape:** Star **Colors:** Gold/Silver/Green & Red

Letters: I, J, & K **Science:** Sounds and Rhythms **Community Helpers:** Post Office Worker

Things You Can do With Your Child

- Help someone by giving of your time.
- Have a cookie decorating party.
- Sing the songs from the Christmas program.
- Make homemade Christmas cards with your children.
- Sign up to bring something to the "Happy Birthday, Jesus!" Party.
- Have a gift-wrapping party.
- Get an advent calendar and open a window every day. Talk about different parts of the Christmas story.
- Read the Christmas story together as a family from Luke 2: 1-20.
- Read pages 146-205 in the Beginner's Bible.



JANUARY 2019

Themes

Winter / Animals in Winter / Art

Verse

“God is Love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.” 1 John 4:16

Curriculum

This month, we will be learning how God wants us to be responsible for our actions and to help take care of the toys and materials we use. We will also be talking about the season of winter. We might do some experiments with ice or make frost. We will talk about the animals that live in the snow and ice. *What do they eat? How do they keep warm? What does hibernation mean?* We may also create a “Winter Wonderland” scene at the science table. We will also get the chance to participate in different art activities as we use our creativity. Another fun thing that happens this month is that we get to wear our pajamas to school!!! We will snuggle in with our favorite stuffed animal and may be hear a good “Bedtime” story as we enjoy a fun-filled day with our friends. We will get to cook something good to eat for snack too.

Chapel

This month we will hear about how the Wisemen visited Jesus when He was just two years old. We will learn that Jesus did not stay a baby, but grew up. We will hear the story of how He was teaching in the Temple when He was only twelve years old! We will hear about the special job God had for Jesus. We will learn about Jesus’ cousin John and the job he had – to baptize Jesus. We will also hear how Jesus called His special helpers, the Disciples. We will learn of Jesus’ first miracle. We will hear the story of a Captains Faith, and how friends helped a man see Jesus when they lowered him down through the roof. We will continue to learn of God’s amazing plan for us.

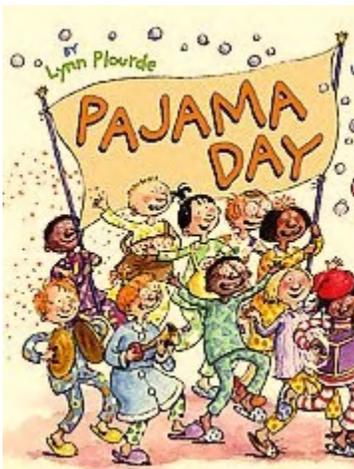
Learning Themes

Character Trait: Responsibility **Shape:** Rectangle **Colors:** Color Variations

Letters: L, M, & N **Science:** Weather & Color Mixing **Community Helpers:** Artist/Author

Things You Can Do With Your Child

- Snuggle at home reading favorite stories or learning some nursery rhymes.
- Help your child pick out favorite pajamas and slippers for Pajama Day.
- Talk about ways to share with friends, brothers and sisters.
- Make up a game trying to think of different endings to favorite stories.
- Plant bulbs in your garden.
- Read pages 206-265 in the Beginner’s Bible.



FEBRUARY 2019

Themes

Friendships/Valentines/Literature We Love

Verse

***“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.”
Matthew 22:37***

Curriculum

All year we are learning about Jesus’ love for us. This is a special month when we focus on showing our love to others, and how we can show this love by sharing with each other. We may make special cards or pictures for each other and for our families. We will share our love by having a Friendship Party in our classroom. This is a time to be extra loving and friendly to those who love us – our grandparents, moms, dads, and neighbors. This month, we will also be learning about books and stories as we focus on Literature that we love. Our teachers will share some of their favorite literature, and the authors who wrote these books. We will also have a visitor from Doctor Shannon’s Dental Office, Sammy the Dental Hygienist, to talk to us about taking care of our teeth! This month, we will honor our dad’s by inviting them to school to have donuts and a special devotion.

Chapel

This month in Chapel, we will find hear about Jesus’ love through the miracles He performed while he was here on earth. We will hear how Jesus calmed the storm by just saying “Be Still!” We will hear about God’s 10 Commandments for His people. We will hear the story of Two Miracles, and how Jesus fed thousands of people with just two fish and five loaves of bread. We will also hear the story of how Jesus walked on the water, and how Peter took his eyes off Jesus and began to sink. This helps us remember that we always need to keep our eye on Jesus! We will celebrate our Dad’s in a Special Chapel.

Learning Themes

Character Trait: Friendliness **Shape:** Heart **Colors:** Purple & Pink

Letters: O, P, & Q **Science:** Wheels/Gears/Gadgets **Community Helpers:** Dentist/Police Officer

Things You Can Do With Your Child

- Get Valentine’s cares ready for your class. Please **DO NOT** put names on the envelopes. Just write your name on the valentine card.
- Make cards for family members of neighbors and deliver them with a special treat.
- Go to the library and check out some books on space.
- Get ready to have a special time at Daddy and Me Day.
- If you would like to share a tradition, food or story from another country, talk to your child’s teacher to schedule it.
- Read pages 266-327 in the Beginner’s Bible.



MARCH 2019

Themes

Wild Animals

Verse

“A new command I give you: Love one another” John 13:34

Curriculum

This month we will learn about all the different wild animals that God has given us to enjoy. We will talk about those that live in the jungles, the rainforest and in the safari. We will talk about the differences between their habitats, and how wild animals are different than pets. We may have our Dramatic Play Center transformed into a Veterinarian Office or a Zoo. We will also learn about the Rainbow and how God put the colors, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple in order. We will use our creativity to make pictures using these colors.

Chapel

We will continue to hear of the miracles that Jesus performed while He was here on earth. We will learn about how Jesus healed a Blind Beggar. We will hear the stories of The Good Samaritan, the Lost Sheep, the love of a father as we hear about the Lost Son, and a short man named Zacchaeus; how he really wanted to see Jesus, so he climbed up a Sycamore tree. We will hear the story of two sisters, Mary and Martha, and we will learn how Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. We will also hear about a special Gift for Jesus.

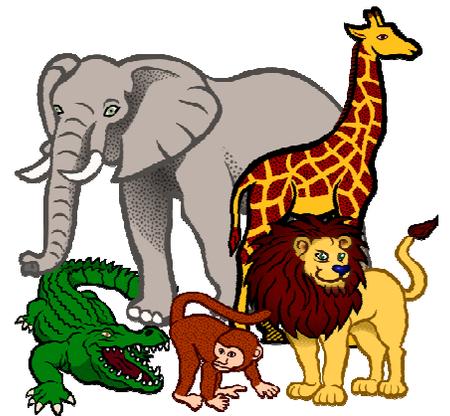
Learning Themes

Character Trait: Confidence **Shape:** Diamond **Colors:** Rainbow

Letters: R, S, & T **Science:** Habitats **Community Helpers:** Zoo Keeper/Veterinarian

Things You Can Do With Your Child

- Spend time listening to music, singing and dancing with your child.
- Go to the local Library and find some books on things that live in a pond or on insects.
- Talk about the different creatures God made that go through a metamorphosis.
- Take a family hike and see if you can find insects near your home.
- Talk about the ways that you can help one another – as Jesus did with His disciples.
- Read pages 328-390 in the Beginner’s Bible.



APRIL 2019

Themes

Spring/Easter / New Life

Verse

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and Only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16

Curriculum

This is the most exciting month for our school. We have the joy of knowing that God’s plan is perfect and although Jesus had to die on the cross, He is alive now and forever. As we learn about the season of Spring, we will hear all about new life, and that we can have New Life in Christ! We will talk about new life when we plant seeds in our classrooms and our school garden and get to watch them grow. We will talk about the new life plants and baby animals have just as we have new life with Jesus. We will talk about baby animals and how they are different from their grown up moms and dads.

Chapel

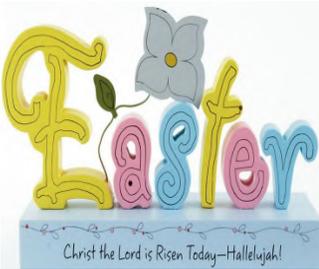
We will hear about the True King, and how on that first Palm Sunday, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey while many people waved palm branches saying, “Hosanna!” We will get to make and wave our own palm branches as we hear that story. Then we will hear how Jesus wants us to become servants to each other as we learn how He washed His Disciples feet. We will learn of God’s love for us as we hear the Easter Story. We will begin our month focusing on Jesus’ last day with His disciples and how they shared His last supper with them. We will hear about His death and resurrection. Jesus did not stay dead. After three days, He rose again! **He Is Alive!** After we hear this wonderful story, we will walk up to the wooden cross with our special flowers and sing praises to God. When we come back from our Easter vacation, we will be hearing about what Jesus did when he appeared to His friends after He died and rose again. We will hear how Jesus visited His friends in an Upper Room and showed them His hands and feet. We will be hearing the story of how Jesus had breakfast with His friends on the beach. We will also hear the story of how Jesus went back to Heaven to prepare a place for those who love and follow Him.

Learning Themes

Character Trait: Forgiveness **Shape:** Oval **Colors:** Pastels

Letters: U, V, & W **Science:** Eggs,/New Life

Community Helpers: Pastors/Church Workers



Things You Can Do With Your Child

- Plant flowers and vegetables in your garden at home.
- Help take care of a pet or sign up to take care of one of our bunnies.
- Talk about baby animals and how they change when they grow up.
- Find a special flower in your garden that you want to bring to the cross for Jesus. Bring it to school on the day of our special chapel.
- Attend Good Friday and Easter services with your child.
- Read pages 391-452 in the Beginner’s Bible.

MAY 2019

Themes

Mother's Day/Father's Day

Verse

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path” Proverbs 3:5-6

Curriculum

This month we will be learning how we can trust God and know that He will guide and direct us in the way He wants us to go. We will also learn that God gave us our moms and dads to love us and take care of us and we want to make them feel special by making special gifts for them. We will have a special *Celebrate Moms Day and Chapel*. We will spend time this month reviewing all we have learned during our school year. As we conduct some experiments, we will learn what objects sink and which ones float in water. We will question “WHY?” Weather permitting, we will enjoy a Beach Day out on the playground.

Chapel

This month, we will learn how God sent a Special Helper – the Holy Spirit- to the disciples just as Jesus promised. We will hear about the job that the disciples had after Jesus left, to continue to tell everyone about God's plan for them. We will hear the story about the First Church. We will hear the story of a Lame Man. We will hear about a man named Saul, who went from hurting God's people to teaching many to love and follow God. Then, how his name was changed to Paul. We will learn about how Paul started up many different churches as he shared God's love. We will hear of the peace that Paul had, both when he was in jail and when he was shipwrecked. We will learn that Jesus will one day return and take His children home! We will also have a special Chapel with our Moms.

Learning Themes

Character Trait: Trust **Shape:** Review **Colors:** Review

Letters: X, Y, & Z **Science:** Sink & Float **Community Helpers:** Fire Fighter/Pilot

Things You Can Do With Your Child

- Dad, help plan a special Day for Mom.
- Mom, help plan a special Day for Dad.
- Find things around the house to make a picture with.
- Listen to some Patriotic music as you draw a picture.
- As a family, pray for our country.
- Put flags in your yard to celebrate Memorial Day.
- Start taking swimming lessons.
- Read pages 453-508 in the Beginner's Bible.



JUNE 2019

Themes

Ocean / Summer

Verse

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path” Proverbs 3:5-6

Curriculum

While this is a short month, we will learn about the Ocean God created and all the animals that live in it. We will also talk about the season of Summer and the fun we will have as we travel on vacation or join us for our Clubhouse Summer Camps. This month will be a time of review—our Character Traits, our Letters, our Colors, our Shapes.

It is hard to believe our year is coming to an end. We have learned and grown so much. We are putting the finishing touches on our projects and reviewing all we have learned this year. We have learned so much about Jesus and God’s plan for us; and we know He will be with us as we say “goodbye” to school and enjoy summer fun with our families.

Chapel

We have taken a child sized walk through the Bible and learned so much. As we finish our school year, we will learn about the special job Jesus told us we have. That is to tell everyone how much He loves us. We will learn about God’s Plan, using a “Wordless Book,” and what the different colored pages mean. We will be reminded that wherever we go, whether it is another year at preschool or “Big School”, Jesus will be with us.

Learning Themes

Character Trait: Review **Shape:** Review **Colors:** Review

Letters: Review **Science:** Sink & Float

Things You Can Do With Your Child

- Go to the tide pools. What kinds of things can you find? You cannot bring them home, but you can draw a picture and share it with the class.
- Get a hermit crab. They are fun to watch and easy to care for. Talk about what happens to a hermit crab when it gets too big for its house.
- Go to the beach and build sand castles together.
- Draw a picture of your favorite thing you did at preschool.
- Plan a vacation or some fun day trips with your family.
- Look through your Beginner’s Bible and review stories with your child.

