

# SEPTEMBER 2020

## 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 God made us each special and unique, and Jesus is a special friend who loves us so much. We will learn about what parts of our bodies bend, stretch and wiggle. We will learn about Doctors and how they help us to keep our bodies healthy, and how they help us when we are sick. We also will learn the nursery rhyme “Jack be Nimble” to help us with our pre-reading skills. For science 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. To help us with our pre-reading skills, our Nursery rhyme this month will be “Jack be Nimble”.

## Chapel

During our daily chapels, we will begin our “walk” through the Beginner’s Bible. We will 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. This 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 all the stories in it are True. We will hear how sin entered the world, 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 meet some friends, Candy and Jimmy, who will 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

## 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.
- Play a game to figure out what Senses of the five senses you are using when you do different things.
- 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.



# OCTOBER 2020

## Themes

Fall / Family / Pets / Farm Animals

## Verse

***“Show proper respect to everyone...” 1 Peter 2:17***

## Curriculum

This month we will talk about how God has given us families to love, and how God made our families special and unique. As we continue to settle in to the routine of our school days, we will learn to be respectful with our friends. 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 also learn about being respectful of our animals. We will learn about the season of Fall and how the leaves change on the trees and turn the beautiful colors of red, orange, yellow, and gold. We learn about how Farmer’s help us to grow food to eat and take care of animals. We will learn about all the animals that live on the Farm and all of the sounds farm animals make. For science we will learn the names of all of our body parts by singing and playing games. We will also learn Animal care, by talking about what animals eat, and what we need to do to take care of them and keep them healthy. To help us with our pre-reading skills, our Nursery rhyme this month will be “Baa, Baa, Black Sheep”.

## Chapel

We begin our month hearing the story about Noah, who built the ark and put two of every kind of animal on it. We will also hear 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 Jacob and his son, 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 learn about the baby in the basket “Moses” and how God had a plan for him and the princess rescued him out of the water. We will continue to hear about God’s plan for mankind and for us. We will learn about how God wants us to treat others with respectfulness.

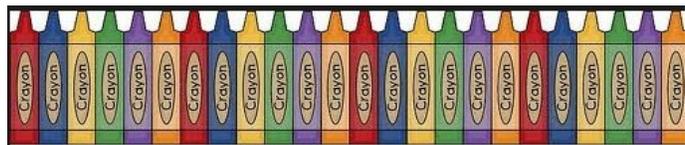
## Learning Themes

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

**Letters:** C, D, & E    **Science:** Animal Care & Anatomy

## Things You Can Do With Your Child

- If your teacher asks for a family picture, help your child find one, and practice saying everyone’s name.
- Check with your teacher about sharing a family pet/ or picture of a pet with the class.
- Begin planning play days at the park with your classmates and the moms/dads.
- Go on a family bike ride.
- Give your child the chore of putting things away in an orderly manner.
- Read pages 26-97 in the Beginner’s Bible.



# NOVEMBER 2020

## Themes

Patriotism / Nutrition / Manners

## Verse

***“this is love for God: to obey his commands.” 1 John 5:3***

## Curriculum

This month we will learn about the importance of obeying our mommies, daddies, teachers and God. 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 will learn about our community helpers the grocer who sells us our food, and the soldier who protects our country. 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 also will be learning about our country and how our veterans fought to preserve our freedoms. To help us with our pre-reading skills our Nursery rhyme this month will be “Jack and Jill”.

## Chapel

We will learn about Moses, and how he grew to be a man used by God. We will learn about how God talked with Moses through a Burning Bush. We will hear the story of how Pharaoh would not let God’s people, the Israelites, leave Egypt, but that God had a plan. We will hear how Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt. We will hear about Joshua and how God made the walls of Jericho fall down. The First Thanksgiving will come to life, as our Pre-K classes will re-enact that first Thanksgiving that happened so long ago.

## Learning Themes

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

**Letters:** F, G, & H    **Science:** Experiments & Cooking

## 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 98-135 in the Beginner’s Bible.



# DECEMBER 2020

## Themes

Jesus' Birth / Christmas

## Verse

*"... for God loves a cheerful giver" 2 Cor. 9:7*

## 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 give this gift of song to family and friends to enjoy as we tell the message of Baby Jesus' birth, born that first Christmas. The children will 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. Our community helper for this month is the Post officer who delivers gifts and cards to us from our family and friends. For Science we will be exploring the sounds of different instruments, and learn to follow simple rhythms as we make a joyful noise to the Lord. To help us with our pre-reading skills, our Nursery rhyme this month will be "Hush Little Baby".

## Chapel

We will hear the story of Hannah, and how she couldn't have a baby, but when she prayed God gave her a special baby boy named Samuel. Then when Samuel was old enough she took him to the temple to live with Eli the Priest and dedicated him to God, and he became one of God's special helpers. We will hear 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. 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, and how Simeon and Anna met Baby Jesus in the Temple.

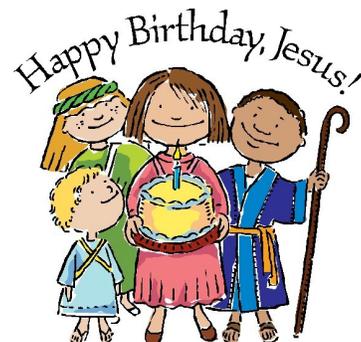
## Learning Themes

**Character Trait:** Giving   **Shape:** Star   **Colors:** Gold, Silver, Green, & Red

**Letters:** I, J, & K   **Science:** Sounds & Rhythms

## Things You Can do With Your Child

- Help someone by giving of your time.
- Sing the songs from the Christmas program.
- Make homemade Christmas cards with your children.
- 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 156-285 in the Beginner's Bible.



# JANUARY 2021

## Themes

Winter / Animals in Winter / Art

## Verse

**“...godliness with contentment is great gain.” 1 Timothy 6:6**

## Curriculum

This month, we will be learning how God wants us to be content– being happy and not complaining. We will get to practice being content, as we have to wait our turn for toys or a chance to ride the bikes on the playground. 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 be learning about our community helper the Painter/Artist, and explore different art mediums. 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 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. For Science we will be mixing colors and learning how to make blue, purple, and orange. We also will be talking about all the different kinds of weather God has created, and what clothes you wear in different kinds of weather. To help us with our pre-reading skills, our Nursery rhyme this month will be “Hey Diddle, Diddle”.

## Chapel

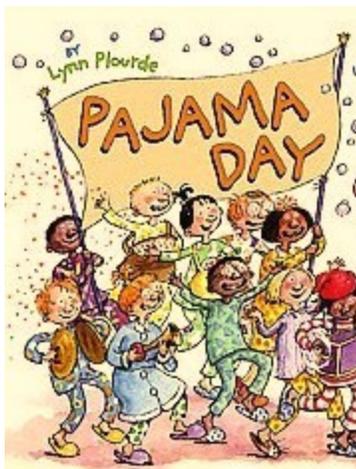
This month we will hear about how the Wisemen visited Jesus when He was just a toddler. We will learn that Jesus did not stay a baby, but grew up. We will hear the story of how He was teaching in the Temple when He was only twelve years old! We will hear about the special job God had for Jesus. We will 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 also learn about a Captain’s faith to believe that if Jesus spoke his friend could be healed. Then we will see how some friends helped their friend that could not walk be healed by taking him to Jesus and making a hole in the roof for him to be placed in front of Jesus. We will learn that Jesus is God’s son, and only God can do miracles, and only God controls the weather. We will continue to learn of God’s amazing plan for us.

## Learning Themes

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

**Letters:** L, M, & N    **Science:** Weather & Color Mixing

## 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 286-339 in the Beginner’s Bible.

# FEBRUARY 2021

## Themes

Friendship / Valentines / Literature We Love

## Verse

***“... do not forget to do good and to share with others ...” Hebrews 13:16***

## Curriculum

All year we are leaning 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 what authors and illustrators do and share our favorite stories with one another. We will also be learning about the Community helper the dentist, and how they help us take care of our teeth! For science we will explore wheels gears and gadgets, by building and creating with different blocks, and objects. To help with our pre-reading skills our Nursery rhyme this month will be “Jack and Jill”.

## Chapel

This month in Chapel, we will 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!” How Jesus fed thousands of people with just two fish and five loaves of bread. How Jesus walked on the water and Peter did too, until he took his eyes off Jesus. We will also hear about Mary and Martha who were special friends of Jesus.

## Learning Themes

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

**Letters:** O, P, & Q **Science:** Wheels/Gears/Gadgets

## Things You Can Do With Your Child

- Get Valentine’s cards ready for your class. Please **DO NOT** put names on the envelopes. Just write your child’s name on the valentine card.
- Make cards for family members or neighbors and deliver them with a special treat.
- Go to the library and check out some books.
- Share a tradition, food or story from another country, with your child.
- Read pages 334-416 in the Beginner’s Bible.



# April 2021

## Themes

Wild Animals

## Verse

***“Serve wholeheartly, ... because you know that the Lord will reward everyone ...”***

***Ephesians 6:7-8***

## Curriculum

This month we will learn the colors of the rainbow, and how God placed them in His special order. We will make a variety of things using different things like clay, plastic items, or wood. We will also learn about all different kinds of Wild Animals that God made and their different habitats. We will learn to classify and sort animals by their different characteristics—birds have feathers, reptiles have scales, fish have gills and can breathe under water. We may have caterpillars or silk worms in our classrooms so that we can see how they go through metamorphosis when they spin their cocoons or chrysalis and then come out a new creation! For science this month we will be talking about different habitats, and how animals can camouflage in their habitat to keep them safe from predators. To help with our pre-reading skills, our Nursery Rhyme this month will be “Little Bo Peep”.

## Chapel

This month we will see Jesus appear to his disciples after his resurrection. Hear the story of how Jesus went up to Heaven to make a special place for us, and how God sent His Special Helper—the Holy Spirit—to the disciples just as Jesus promised. We will hear about the special job 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 and how they shared everything they had with each other.

## Learning Themes

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

**Letters:** U, V, & W    **Science:** Habitats

## 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 wild animals and their habitats.
- Talk about the different creatures God made that go through a metamorphosis.
- Take a family nature hike near your home.
- Talk about the ways that you can help one another – as Jesus did with His disciples.
- Read pages 459-483 in the Beginner’s Bible.



# March 2021

## Themes

Easter / New Life & Spring

## 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. 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 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. We will identify animal sounds and talk about different animal houses. We may take nature walks, look for all the buds on the trees, and listen for spring sounds like the birds singing in the trees. The community helpers for the month are Pastors and church workers, and we will learn about how their job is to share the good news of Jesus forgiveness! To help us with our pre-reading skills, our Nursery rhyme this month is “Humpty Dumpty.”

## Chapel

We will hear about Zacchaeus, and how Jesus forgiveness changed his heart! We will also hear about how much Jesus loves and cares for children and always has time for them. We will hear about that first Palm Sunday, when 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. We will see Jesus love for his friends Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, and we will see Mary show her love for Jesus with a special gift. We will hear how Jesus wants us to become servants to each other as we learn how He washed His Disciples feet. We will focus on Jesus’ last day with His disciples and how they shared His last supper with them. We will learn of God’s love for us as we hear the Easter Story. 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.

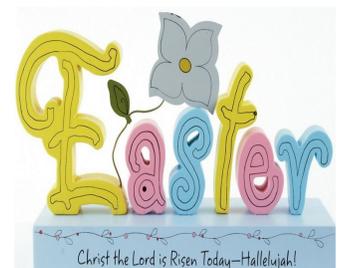
## Learning Themes

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

**Letters:** R, S, & T    **Science:** Eggs, & New Life

## 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 our bunny.
- 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 Easter chapel.
- Attend Good Friday and Easter services with your child.
- Read pages 409-458 in the Beginner’s Bible.



# MAY 2021

## Themes

Ocean / Mother's Day

## Verse

***“ ... be strong and courageous ... for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go”***

***Joshua 1:9***

## Curriculum

This month we will be learning how God can help us to be brave – he is with us wherever we go. We will also learn about the ocean and all the creatures God created to live in the ocean. We will hear stories about whales, sharks, octopi, crabs, fish and sea stars. We will learn how fish ‘breathe’ under the water, how sea stars move along the bottom of the ocean floor and how hermit crabs find another house when they get too big for the ones they are living in. We will do some experiments with water like guessing if objects will sink or float. God gave us our moms to love us and take care of us and we want to make them feel special on *Mothers Day*, so we will make special gifts and cards for them. To help with pre-reading skills, our Nursery Rhyme this month is “Hickory, Dickory, Dock.”

## Chapel

This Month 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 hear about the story that Jesus told about the good neighbor, and how he wants us to be good neighbors and help others.

## Learning Themes

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

**Letters:** X, Y, & Z    **Science:** Sink & Float

## Things You Can Do With Your Child

- Have children help plan a special Day for Mom.
- Find things around the house to make a picture with.
- Have a family outing to the beach.
- 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.
- 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.
- As a family, pray for our country.
- Put flags in your yard to celebrate Memorial Day.
- Start taking swimming lessons.
- Read pages 484-508 in the Beginner’s Bible.



# JUNE 2021

## Themes

Ocean/Father's Day / Summer

## Verse

***"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy" Matt***

## Curriculum

As we begin this month, we will learn about showing mercy—God's kindness, gentleness, and forgiveness – to others that we know: our families and friends. We will also be talking about our dads and making something special for them. We will continue to talk about the ocean and the animals that live in the Ocean. We will also talk about the Summer and some of the fun activities that we get to do in the summer, and the vacations we may be taking. To help with pre- reading skills, our nursery Rhyme this month is "Hickory, Dickory, Dock."

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:** Mercifulness    **Shape:** Review    **Colors:** Review

**Letters:** Review    **Science:** Review

## Things You Can Do With Your Child

- Attend a family tour at the Marine Institute in Dana Point.
- 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.
- Read in the Beginner's Bible:
  - Jonah and the Big Fish pgs. 257-264
  - The Lost Son pgs. 397-404

