

SEPTEMBER 2022

Theme

All About Me

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. 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 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

Monthly shape, color and letters to be covered will be indicated on your teacher’s lesson plan.

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 2022

Themes

All About Me

Verse

“Let your gentleness be evident to all.” Philippians 4:5

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 gentle as we learn to put away the toys and materials we have been using in the class and on the playground or as an example of how we treat each other. This month we will have a special In-House field trip with the Scripture Lady coming to visit us. We will have the opportunity to get excited as we learn about the Fruits of the Spirit.

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 continue to hear about God’s plan for mankind and for us. We will learn about how God wants us to be gentle.

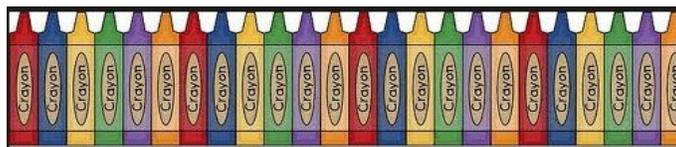
Learning Themes

Character Trait: Gentleness

Monthly shape, color and letters to be covered will be indicated on your teacher’s lesson plan.

Things You Can Do With Your Child

- 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 vegetables you and your child picked out at the market.
- Go on a family bike ride.
- Give your child opportunities to show gentleness to friends or pets.
- Read pages 26-91 in the Beginner’s Bible.



NOVEMBER 2022

Themes

Family/Traditions & Celebrations

Verse

“...You are God, and your words are true, and You have promised this goodness to your servant.” 2 Samuel 7:28

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 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 will talk about our character trait of goodness and how God is good in all things. The First Thanksgiving will come to life, as children re-enact that first Thanksgiving that happened so long ago. We will also take some time to honor our Veterans in a special ceremony.

Learning Themes

Character Trait: Goodness

Monthly shape, color and letters to be covered will be indicated on your teacher's lesson plan.

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 92-115 in the Beginner's Bible.



DECEMBER 2022

Themes

Family/Traditions & Celebrations

Verse

“Come let us sing for joy to the Lord...” Psalm 95:1

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 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. We will talk about our character trait Joy and how we can look for joy in all we do. 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!

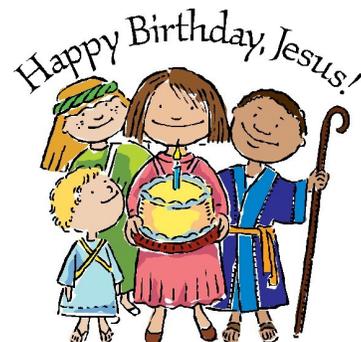
Learning Themes

Character Trait: Joy

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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 124-281 in the Beginner’s Bible.



JANUARY 2023

Themes

The World God Created

Verse

“...growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened... so that you may have great endurance and patience.” Col. 1:10-11

Curriculum

This month, we will be learning how God wants us to be patient, as we will practice using self control and waiting without complaining. We will also be talking about the season of winter. We might do some experiments with ice or make frost. We will talk about what animals do during the winter time. *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 learn about this wonderful world that God made and all of the wonderful animals he has created. 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.

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 hear the story of how God protected Daniel when he spent the night with lions. As well as learn how God used a shepherd boy to defeat a giant without using armor, as he demonstrated his faith in God to protect him. We will continue to learn of God’s amazing plan for us.

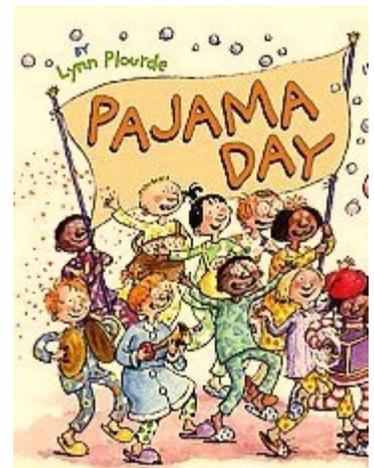
Learning Themes

Character Trait: Patience

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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 be patient as we 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 173-317 in the Beginner’s Bible.



FEBRUARY 2023

Themes

The World God Created

Verse

“Let us love one another, for love comes from God.” 1 John 4:7

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. We will also continue learning about God’s wonderful creation. To help us learn about dental health we will have a visitor from Doctor Shannon’s Dental Office, Sammy the Dental Hygienist, to talk to us about taking care of our teeth!

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 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 eyes on Jesus! We will hear the story of The Good Samaritan, and learn how God wants us to treat others, and a short man named Zacchaeus; how he really wanted to see Jesus, so he climbed up a Sycamore tree.

Learning Themes

Character Trait: Love

Monthly shape, color and letters to be covered will be indicated on your teacher’s lesson plan.

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 name on the valentine card.
- Make cards for family members and neighbors and deliver them with a special treat.
- Go to the library and check out some books.
- 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 334-384 in the Beginner’s Bible.



MARCH 2023

Themes

New Life/Forgiveness

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 month we will learn about all the different baby animals that God has given us to enjoy. We will talk about the different places they live. We will talk about the differences between their habitats, and their different names. For science we will talk about metamorphosis, and how animals change, and how God changes us and helps us to grow and mature in our faith. We will learn about butterflies, insects, and amphibians, and how they change and grow from eggs. 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. We will also host a special event to honor our Daddies and get to spend some time with him at school.

Chapel

This month in chapel, 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. 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, and celebrate the *True King* Jesus! 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. We will learn about Forgiveness and how Jesus died on the cross to forgive us of our sins and helps us to forgive others.

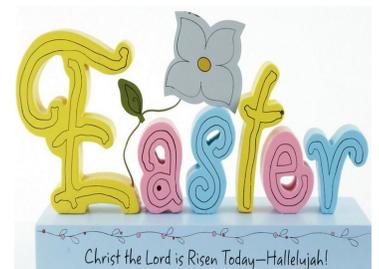
Learning Themes

Character Trait: Forgiveness

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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 385-458 in the Beginner’s Bible.



APRIL 2023

Themes

Forgiveness / New Life

Verse

“Let love and faithfulness never leave you.” Proverbs 3:3

Curriculum

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. We will get to invite our beloved Grandparents to school for a special day this month too.

Chapel

This month we will review the Easter Story and the joy of knowing that Jesus is ALIVE! 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. This month, we will learn how God is faithful to us as he 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.

Learning Themes

Character Trait: Faithfulness

Monthly shape, color and letters to be covered will be indicated on your teacher’s lesson plan.

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 459-479 in the Beginner’s Bible.



MAY/JUNE 2023

Themes

We Measure Up

Verse

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,” Colossians 3:15

“Be kind and compassionate to one another.” Ephesians 4:3

Curriculum

This month we will be learning how God will guide and direct us in the way He wants us to go. For science we will be doing all kinds of measuring and conduct some experiments. We will learn what objects sink and which ones float in water. We will question “WHY?” We will spend time reviewing all we have learned during our school year. 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 of our Character Traits, our Letters, our Colors, and 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

In chapel 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 the story of the lost sheep and how Jesus is our Shepherd and takes care of us. We will learn that Jesus will one day return and take His children home! 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: Peace & Kindness

Monthly shape, color and letters to be covered will be indicated on your teacher’s lesson plan.

Things You Can Do With Your Child

- Draw a picture of your favorite thing you did at preschool.
- Listen to some Patriotic music.
- As a family, pray for our country.
- Put flags in your yard to celebrate Memorial Day.
- Start taking swimming lessons.
- Read pages 479-508 in the Beginner’s Bible.

