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## CYCLES A to C OVERVIEW

### **CYCLE A Big Idea** To introduce students to God and his word

Students will become familiar with God who made us, who loves us and saves us from the consequences of turning against him. They will learn how God is always faithful to his people, and what it means for people to have faith in God.

#### **A1 – Concentrates on Old Testament (but includes Easter)**

Term 1 – God our creator who loves us and saves us

Term 2 – Trusting God who is faithful—people who learned to trust God

#### **A2 – Concentrates on New Testament**

Term 3 – Jesus teaches about having faith in God

Term 4 – Trusting and following Jesus

### **CYCLE B Big Idea** To explore how God makes and keeps his promises

Students will learn about people who received promises from God, and will come to understand that God's promises can be trusted. They will learn how Jesus fulfils God's promises and why people continue to trust Jesus today.

#### **B1 – Combination of Old Testament and New Testament**

Term 1 – Who is Jesus? (Luke's Gospel)

Term 2 – God's big promises—Abraham to Joseph

#### **B2 – Combination of Old Testament and New Testament**

Term 3 – God keeps his promises—Moses to the Promised Land

Term 4 – God's promises for the whole world—Romans

### **CYCLE C Big Idea** God's kingdom is eternal and because of Jesus we can be part of God's family

Students will learn about God the King and how he calls people to live under his leadership. They will understand that although people reject God's kingship and experience the consequences of their rejection, God's kingdom plan continues. Students will consider how Jesus reveals God's kingdom and how, by trusting Jesus as King, people can be part of God's kingdom forever.

#### **C1 – Term 1 – God's great kingdom plan: Samuel to David**

Term 2 – Remember God is King: Solomon to Nehemiah

#### **C2 – Term 3 – Jesus is the King of God's kingdom: John's Gospel**

Term 4 – Living in God's kingdom

**Bible Timelines** are included at the beginning of each unit to encourage an understanding of where each lesson fits within the flow of the Bible story. Easter is always at end of Term 1, meaning that some themes do backtrack through the Bible. A specific Christmas lesson is also included in each Cycle.

# CYCLE A1 / Infants

Cycle A introduces God and the people of the Bible.

LESSON	THEME AND LESSON AIM	BIBLE
<b>TERM 1</b>	<b>Knowing God Our Creator</b>	
1	To help students to understand that God has given us his word so we can get to know him.	Psalms 103
2	To help students to understand that God, the Creator of the world, loves us.	Genesis 1:1–19
3	To help students to understand that God created people to live as his friends in this wonderful world.	Genesis 1:20—2:4a
4	To bring students to an appreciation and response of thanks to God for his love and for all that he provides for us in creation.	Psalms 8
5	To help students to see that people decided to live their own way and spoiled their friendship with God.	Genesis 3
6	To help students to learn that, although God's people choose to live their own way, he never stops loving them.	Genesis 4
7	To help students to understand that God loves his people and always planned to save them.	Genesis 6–8
8	To help students to understand that Jesus wants us to welcome, trust and follow him as Zacchaeus did.	Luke 19:1–10
9	To help students to understand that Jesus freely gave his life so people could live as God's friends.	Luke 22–23
10	To help students to understand that God raised his Son, Jesus, from the dead.	Luke 24:13–53

LESSON	THEME AND LESSON AIM	BIBLE
<b>TERM 2</b>	<b>Trusting God</b>	
11	To help students to understand that God has a plan for his world and his people.	Genesis 12:3b
12	To help students to understand that God helps his people to do what he asks.	Judges 6–7
13	To help students to understand that God protects and cares for his people.	Ruth 1–2
14	To help students to understand that God always loves and cares for his people.	Ruth 3–4
15	To help students to understand that God can be trusted to care for his people in all situations.	2 Kings 4:1–7
16	To help students to understand that the Bible teaches that God loves people and invites them to turn to him.	Jonah 1–4
17	To help students to understand that God invites people to turn back to him and live his way.	Isaiah 55
18	To help students to understand that God uses all kinds of people to fulfil his plan.	2 Kings 22—23:30
19	To help students to understand that God had a special purpose for making Esther queen.	Esther
20	To help students to understand that God gives gifts and talents to people to use to serve God and others.	1 Corinthians 12:7, 11
Easter Assembly	To help students to understand that the Bible teaches that God wants all people to hear the good news and to put their trust in Jesus.	Luke 23–24
Special Lesson: Self-esteem	To help students to understand that they are loved by God.	Luke 18:15–17

# CYCLE A1 / Lower Primary

Cycle A introduces God and the people of the Bible.

LESSON	THEME AND LESSON AIM	BIBLE
<b>TERM 1</b>	<b>Knowing God Our Creator</b>	
1	To help students to appreciate the value of reading the Bible and praying.	Psalms 119:89–90, 93, 169–170
2	To help students to understand that God was pleased with the amazing world he created.	Genesis 1:1–31
3	To help students to understand that God made all people to be like him.	Genesis 1:26—2:25
4	To help students to appreciate the value of praising and thanking God for all he has done.	Psalms 8
5	To help students to understand that the Bible teaches us that God will help us to live his way.	Genesis 3
6	To help students to understand that Christians believe that God knows our hearts and wants us to love and trust him completely.	Genesis 4:1–9
7	To help students to understand that God always cares for people who put their trust in him.	Genesis 6–9
8	To help students to understand that God sent Jesus to help people to turn back to God and live as his friends.	Luke 19:1–10
9	To help students to understand that Jesus willingly gave his life to make it possible for all people to be friends with God forever.	Luke 22–23
10	To help students to understand that Jesus is alive today and continues to make people friends with God.	Luke 24

<b>LESSON</b>	<b>THEME AND LESSON AIM</b>	<b>BIBLE</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Trusting God</b>	
11	To help students to understand God's plan of salvation for his people.	Hebrews 11
12	To help students to understand that God wants his people to trust and obey him.	Judges 6–7
13	To help students to understand that God is always with people who love and trust him.	Ruth 1–2
14	To help students to understand God's compassion for people in need.	Ruth 3–4
15	To help students to understand that when God's people obey him, they show faith in him.	2 Kings 5
16	To help students to understand that God uses ordinary people who trust and obey him.	Jonah
17	To help students to understand that God expects his people to trust his word.	Isaiah 30, 53
18	To help students to understand that God is pleased when people trust and obey his word.	2 Kings 22–23
19	To help students to understand that God cares for his people in every circumstance.	Esther
20	To help students to appreciate that God gives them skills and talents and that they can use these to serve God.	Proverbs 3:5–6
Easter Assembly	To help students to understand that the Bible teaches that God wants all people to hear the good news and to put their trust in Jesus.	Luke 23–24
Special Lesson: Self-esteem	To help students to understand that God created them, and he values and loves them.	Psalms 139; 1 John 4; 1 Corinthians 13

# CYCLE A1 / Upper Primary

Cycle A introduces God and the people of the Bible.

LESSON	THEME AND LESSON AIM	BIBLE
<b>TERM 1</b>	<b>Knowing God Our Creator</b>	
1	To help students to understand that God wants us to know him.	2 Timothy 3:16–17; Psalm 25:4–9
2	To help students to understand that God created the heavens and the earth with order and purpose.	Genesis 1:1–25
3	To help students to comprehend what it means for them to be made 'like God'.	Genesis 1:26—2:4
4	To help students to see that our God is a great God and worthy of our praise.	Psalm 145
5	To help students to understand that the world is not as God intended because people have not loved and trusted him.	Genesis 3
6	To help students to appreciate that our relationships are not as God intended when he first created human beings.	Genesis 4
7	To help students to appreciate that God can be trusted as both judge and rescuer of his people.	Genesis 6–9
8	To help students to understand how Jesus accepts and changes anyone who trusts in him.	Luke 19:1–10
9	To help students to comprehend the significance of the death and resurrection of Jesus.	Luke 22–23
10	To help students to understand that Jesus is alive and that they can trust God's plan.	Luke 24:13–49

LESSON	THEME AND LESSON AIM	BIBLE
<b>TERM 2</b>	<b>Trusting God</b>	
11	To help students to understand God's plan, revealed in the Old Testament.	Genesis 12; Exodus 19; 1 Chronicles 17; Jeremiah 29; Ezra 1–2; Hebrews 11
12	To help students to appreciate God's patience and mercy.	Judges 6–7
13	To help students to appreciate that God wants us to trust him, even during difficult times.	Ruth 1–2
14	To help students to understand that true faith leads to action.	Ruth 3–4
15	To help students to appreciate that God is powerful and saves his people.	2 Kings 6
16	To help students to appreciate that God is merciful to all people and wants his people to be merciful too.	Jonah
17	To help students to appreciate that God is an all-powerful judge and Saviour.	Isaiah 1, 6, 39, 55, 61
18	To help students to understand that God is pleased when we trust and obey him.	2 Kings 22–23
19	To help students to appreciate that it can take courage to trust God in difficult times.	Esther
20	To help students to appreciate that God gives them skills and talents that they can use to serve him.	1 Corinthians 10:31
Easter Assembly	To help students to understand that God wants all people to hear the good news and to put their trust in Jesus.	Luke 23–24
Special Lesson: Self-esteem	To help students to understand that God created them, and he values and loves them.	Psalms 139; 1 John 4; 1 Corinthians 13

## CYCLE A2 / Infants

Cycle A introduces God and the people of the Bible.

LESSON	THEME AND LESSON AIM	BIBLE
<b>TERM 3</b>	<b>Having faith in God</b>	
1	To help students to understand how Jesus fits into God's plan to save his people.	Acts 7
2	To help students to understand that God wants people to listen carefully to his word, trust Jesus, and follow his teaching.	Luke 8:4–15
3	To help students to understand that Christians believe that loving and trusting Jesus is more important than anything else.	Matthew 13:45–46
4	To help students to understand that acknowledging God as provider is how we respond to the privilege of living in God's family.	Luke 12:16–20
5	To help students to understand that all who trust Jesus are to show God's love to others.	Luke 10:25–37
6	To help students to understand that God invites all people to love and trust Jesus and to live as a part of his family forever.	Luke 14:15–24
7	To help students to understand that God welcomes those who turn to him through Jesus.	Luke 15:11–32
8	To help students to understand that God has made it possible for people to live with him forever.	Luke 18:18–30
9	To help students to understand that to be great, you have to be a servant of others.	Mark 10:35–37, 40–45
10	To help students to understand that Jesus wants people to follow him today.	Matthew 9:9–13



LESSON	THEME AND LESSON AIM	BIBLE
<b>TERM 4</b>	<b>Trusting and following Jesus</b>	
11	To help students to understand what it means to trust and follow Jesus.	Matthew 14:22–33; 16:13–17, 26; John 21; Acts 2–5
12	To help students to understand that God helps his people to tell others the good news about Jesus.	Acts 6:1–7; 8:26–40
13	To help students to understand that people can change as a result of knowing and trusting Jesus.	Acts 9:1–31; 13:1–3, 46–47
14	To help students to understand that God uses people to encourage others to have faith in Jesus.	Acts 14:8–20
15	To help students to understand that God’s plan is for the good news of Jesus to be heard by all people.	Acts 16:11–15
16	To help students to understand that God has promised to be with us.	Acts 18; Romans 16:3–4
17	To help students to understand that God gives his Holy Spirit to those who trust and follow Jesus.	Acts 16; 1 & 2 Timothy; Philippians 2:19–24
18	To help students to understand that God wants us to forgive others as he forgave us.	Philemon
19	To help students to see how the birth of Jesus was good news for God’s creation.	Luke 2
20	For students to realise that when Jesus’ followers tell others about him, many more people become his children.	Various
Christmas Assembly	To help students to understand that Jesus came to make it possible for people to live in God’s family.	Matthew 1:18–20; Luke 1:26–33; 2:8–16
Special Lesson: Dealing with grief	To provide a Christian framework for students who are dealing with grief.	Various

# CYCLE A2 / Lower Primary

Cycle A introduces God and the people of the Bible.

LESSON	THEME AND LESSON AIM	BIBLE
<b>TERM 3</b>	<b>Having faith in God</b>	
1	To help students to understand that Jesus is the centre of God's plan of salvation for everyone.	Acts 7
2	To help students to understand that Jesus wants us to hear his word and respond by trusting and following him.	Luke 8:4–15
3	To help students to understand the importance of the kingdom of heaven.	Matthew 13:44–46
4	To help students to understand that being part of God's family is more valuable than any material possession.	Luke 12:16–21
5	To help students to recognise that being in God's family and trusting Jesus as Lord and Saviour leads people to positive actions.	Luke 10:25–37
6	To help students to understand the Bible says that God invites everyone to have faith in Jesus and become part of his family.	Luke 14:15–24
7	To help students to understand what the Bible says about the depth of God's love and forgiveness.	Luke 15:11–32
8	To help students understand why the Bible says that God does the impossible when he forgives sins and brings people into his family to live with him forever.	Luke 18:18–30
9	To show students that being great is not about ordering people around, but about serving others.	Mark 10:35–37, 40–45
10	To help students to understand that Jesus invites sinners to follow him by trusting him and becoming part of God's family.	Matthew 9:9–13

LESSON	THEME AND LESSON AIM	BIBLE
<b>TERM 4</b>	<b>Trusting and following Jesus</b>	
11	To give students some glimpses into the life of Peter as he came to love and trust Jesus.	Matthew 14:22–34; Acts 2–5
12	To help students to understand that when Christians tell others about Jesus, they sometimes want to respond in faith and become part of God’s family too.	Acts 6:1–7; 8:26–40
13	To show students Saul’s transformation to Paul and encourage students to be transformed by God also.	Acts 9:1–31; 13:1–3, 47
14	To describe to students a specific example of encouragement in Barnabas from the Bible.	Acts 9:26–27; 11:24–26
15	To help students to understand that God works in people’s lives so that they are able to accept his offer of forgiveness when they hear the good news about Jesus.	Acts 16
16	To help students to understand that it is God’s plan that followers of Jesus work together to do God’s work.	Acts 18; Romans 16:3, 5
17	To help students to understand that God’s Spirit gives us strength to serve Jesus and to serve others.	Acts 16; 1 & 2 Timothy
18	To help students to understand that followers of Jesus forgive others, just as God has forgiven us in Jesus.	Philemon
19	To help students to understand why the birth of Jesus brings great joy.	Luke 2
20	To show students one example of a follower of Jesus who is passionate about telling children the good news about Jesus.	Acts 16:30–31
Christmas Assembly	To help students to understand that we celebrate the birth of Jesus because he is the Son of God, and the world’s Saviour	Luke 1 & 2
Special Lesson: Dealing with grief	To provide a Christian framework for students who are dealing with grief, loss and death.	Various

# CYCLE A2 / Upper Primary

Cycle A introduces God and the people of the Bible.

LESSON	THEME AND LESSON AIM	BIBLE
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Having faith in God</b>	
1	To help students to understand how the Bible fits together and to help them to see that the whole Bible is about Jesus, the king of God's kingdom.	Various
2	To help students to understand that many people will hear the truth about the kingdom of heaven but not everyone will follow Jesus. This is the reason why Jesus shares mystery-revealing stories (parables).	Matthew 13:1–23
3	To help the students to understand that following Jesus is worth more than everything we own!	Matthew 13:44–46
4	To help students to understand that everything we have comes from God and we can trust him to give us everything we need. When we trust God then we can be generous to others!	Luke 12:16–31
5	To help students to understand that those who are part of God's kingdom love everyone, even those who are different to them, because God has loved them first! This is how you can recognise those who follow Jesus.	Luke 10:25–37; Romans 5:8
6	To help the students to understand that no-one can ever be good enough to get into the kingdom of heaven. Instead, all we need to do is accept God's invitation to follow Jesus!	Luke 14:15–24; Romans 3:23
7	To help students to understand that Jesus came to forgive sinners and call them to repent. Christians believe that everyone needs to repent, accept God's forgiveness and become his child.	Luke 15:11–32
8	To help students to understand that the Bible explains that no-one is good enough to get into heaven on their own. Everyone is sinful and all people need to follow Jesus!	Various
9	To help the students to understand that greatness in God's kingdom comes from serving others, not from having other people serve us. We are to be like Jesus, who served us to the point of giving up his life for us!	Mark 10:35–37, 41–45
10	To help students to understand that the Bible says that all people sin and need to be forgiven by God through Jesus.	Matthew 9:9–13

LESSON	THEME AND LESSON AIM	BIBLE
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Trusting and following Jesus</b>	
11	To help students to understand that Jesus is the only way to be saved and that God used ordinary people to spread the gospel starting in Jerusalem.	Acts 4
12	To help students to understand that God used persecution of the church to spread the gospel.	Acts 8:26–40
13	To help students to understand that God forgives everyone who repents through Jesus.	Acts 9
14	To help students to understand that God used Paul and Barnabas to tell people the gospel throughout Galatia.	Acts 9–15
15	To help students to understand that Lydia became a Christian as a result of hearing Paul’s message about Jesus, and is a great example of Christian generosity.	Acts 16:6–15; Philippians 4:14–19
16	To help students to understand that God used Priscilla and Aquila to equip and train Apollos for his ministry.	Acts 18
17	To help students to understand that Paul continued to tell others about Jesus, even while he was in prison, and that God used Paul to help reconcile Philemon and Onesimus.	Philemon
18	To help students to understand that Timothy continued Paul’s ministry to the Gentiles and that Christians today have a role in continuing to tell others the good news about Jesus.	Various
19	To help students to understand that we can’t please a perfectly holy God by trying to be good. Instead we trust Jesus, our Saviour, for forgiveness of our sins.	Various
20	To help students to understand how the Year 13 Gap Year program trains followers of Jesus in godliness.	Various
Christmas Assembly	To help students to understand that the birth of Jesus is good news for everyone! He was born to save us from our sin!	Luke 2
Special Lesson: Dealing with grief	To provide a Christian framework for students who are dealing with grief.	Various

# CYCLE B1 / Infants

Cycle B explores how the Bible shows that God makes and keeps his promises.

LESSON	THEME AND LESSON AIM	BIBLE
<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Who is Jesus?</b>	
1	To help students to understand that the Bible teaches that Jesus is the promised Saviour King, the Messiah.	Luke 1–2:38
2	To help students to understand that the Bible teaches that Jesus was both human and God’s powerful Son.	Luke 2:39–52
3	To help students understand that the Bible teaches that Jesus was God’s chosen King who came to save his people.	Luke 4:14–30
4	To help students to understand that Jesus’ demonstration of God’s power resulted in some people following him.	Luke 5:1–11
5	To help students to understand that Jesus demonstrated that he is God’s Son through his power to forgive and heal.	Luke 5:17–26
6	To help students recognise that the Bible shows that Jesus, God’s Son, demonstrated his power over nature.	Luke 8:22–25
7	To help students to understand that the Bible shows that Jesus has God’s power and authority.	Luke 7:11–17; 8:40–56
8	To help students to understand that Jesus knew that he had to go through some difficult experiences so that people could be friends with God.	Luke 9:18–22, 44b–45, 51
9	To help students to understand that Jesus chose to be obedient to God’s plan for him.	Luke 22:39–53
10	To help students understand what the Bible says about how Jesus was able to overcome death because he is God’s powerful Son.	Luke 24; 1 Corinthians 15

LESSON	THEME AND LESSON AIM	BIBLE
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>God's big promises</b>	
11	To help students to understand the context of God's big promises to Abraham.	Genesis 1–11
12	To introduce students to the idea that God keeps his promises.	Genesis 12:1–9
13	To help students to understand that the Bible shows that God keeps his promises.	Genesis 15:1—18:15; 21:1–7
14	To help students understand that the Bible shows that God can always be trusted, and that he chooses people to play a special part in his plan.	Genesis 24
15	To help students to understand that God's promises to Abraham were fulfilled over time.	Genesis 25:19–34
16	To help students to understand that people cannot get in the way of God's promises.	Genesis 27:1–40
17	To help students to understand from the Bible that even when things go wrong, God keeps his promises.	Genesis 29:31—30:24; 37
18	To help students to understand how God was continuing to work out his plan for the family of Abraham.	Genesis 39–41
19	To help students to understand how the Bible shows that God is faithful to his people and always keeps his promises.	Genesis 41–50
20	For students to learn that Jesus' followers serve him even when it is not easy.	Matthew 6:25–34
Easter Assembly	To help students understand that the Bible shows that Jesus was able to overcome death because he is God's powerful Son.	John 19–20
Special Lesson: Coping with change	To help students to understand that it is possible for anyone to put their trust in God.	1 Peter 5:7

# CYCLE B1 / LOWER PRIMARY

Cycle B explores how the Bible shows that God makes and keeps his promises.

LESSON	THEME AND LESSON AIM	BIBLE
<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Who is Jesus?</b>	
1	To introduce the teacher to the class, as well as introduce students to Jesus, the baby who grew up to be a man who died on the cross for people's sins.	Luke 1—2:38
2	To show students that Jesus recognised that he was God's Son, even as a child.	Luke 2:39–52
3	To help students to understand that Jesus fulfils promises from the Old Testament. He came to rescue people from their sins.	Luke 4:14–30
4	To help students understand that the Bible explains that when people encounter Jesus, they are made aware of their sinfulness and this enables them to repent and come into a relationship with God.	Luke 5:1–11
5	To show students that the Bible teaches that Jesus has God's power to heal and forgive sinful people.	Luke 5:17–26
6	To show students the Bible's account of how God gave Jesus power so that he could control the weather.	Luke 8:22–25
7	To help students see how the Bible shows that Jesus has power over death and disease.	Luke 8:40–56
8	To show students how the Bible tells that Jesus has God's power to know the future.	Luke 9:18–22, 44b–45, 51
9	To help students to understand the Bible shows us that Jesus chose to go to the cross for sinful people and that this shows that he has power over life and death.	Luke 22:39–53
10	To help students to understand that the Bible says that Jesus chose to go to the cross for sinful people and that he rose from the dead.	Luke 24; 1 Corinthians 15



LESSON	THEME AND LESSON AIM	BIBLE
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>God's big promises</b>	
11	To show students how the Bible explains that God is gracious and kind, even though people always want to live their way.	Genesis 1–11
12	For students to know God's big promises to Abraham and to understand that Abraham trusted God's promises, and that people today can too.	Genesis 12:1–9
13	To help students see how the Bible shows that God's character is trustworthy and good.	Genesis 15:1—18:15; 21:1–7
14	To help students understand that the Bible shows that God can always be trusted, and that he chooses people to play a special part in his plan.	Genesis 24
15	To help students to understand that the Bible shows that God uses a range of people to fulfil his promises, even those who are not perfect.	Genesis 25:19–34
16	To show students how the Bible explains that God is trustworthy and in control.	Genesis 27:1–40
17	To help students to understand that God can be trusted, even in life's difficult circumstances, for he loved the world so much that he sent Jesus to die for people's sin.	Genesis 29:31—30:24; 37
18	To show students what form blessing can take: that just as the world came to Joseph and was saved from the famine, the Bible says that we can come to Jesus and be saved from our sins.	Genesis 39–41
19	To help students to understand from the Bible that God keeps his promises and this was most clearly seen when he sent Jesus to die on the cross to pay for people's sin and bring eternal life to those who trust and follow him.	Genesis 41–50
20	To help students to understand that anyone can talk to God in prayer, just as members of Mothers' Union (MU) continually do.	Philippians 4:6–7
Easter Assembly	To help students understand why 'Good Friday' is good.	Luke 23–24
Special Lesson: Coping with change	To help students to understand that they can put their trust in God as they face physical, emotional and social changes.	Various

# CYCLE B1 / UPPER PRIMARY

Cycle B explores how the Bible shows that God makes and keeps his promises.

LESSON	THEME AND LESSON AIM	BIBLE
<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Who is Jesus?</b>	
1	To help students to understand the unique circumstances surrounding the births of John and Jesus, and distinguish their different and important roles in God's plan.	Luke 1—2:38
2	To help students to understand from the Bible that John prepared the way for Jesus' arrival by preaching repentance for the forgiveness of sins.	Luke 3:1—4:13
3	To help students to understand how the Bible shows that Jesus is the one God promised to send to his people and that while some accept him, others reject him.	Luke 4:14–30
4	To help students to understand what the Bible says about humanity's sinfulness and the perfection of Jesus.	Luke 5:1–11
5	To help students to understand that the Bible explains how Jesus has the authority to forgive sins.	Luke 5:17–26
6	To help students to understand from the Bible how powerful Jesus is—that he can calm the wildest storms.	Luke 8:22–25
7	To help students to develop their understanding of what faith in Jesus looks like.	Luke 8:40–56
8	To help students to understand that the Bible says that Jesus' miracles point to who he is and what he came to do—die and rise again to save people from their sin!	Luke 9:18–22, 44b–45, 51
9	To help students to understand the Bible explains that Jesus chose to die on the cross and rise again because he loves us.	Luke 22:39–53
10	To help students to understand from the Bible that death could not hold Jesus down; Jesus is more powerful than death. He is the <i>Super Saviour!</i>	Luke 24; 1 Corinthians 15

LESSON	THEME AND LESSON AIM	BIBLE
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>God's big promises</b>	
11	To help the students to understand the context for God's promises to Abraham.	Genesis 1–11
12	To help the students to understand from the Bible that God's promises to Abraham are his gracious provision for the world in dealing with sin and death.	Genesis 12:1–9
13	To help the students to understand from the Bible that God kept his promise to Abraham and Sarah, even though it took a really long time.	Genesis 15:1—18:15; 21:1–7
14	To help students understand that the Bible shows that God can always be trusted, and that he chooses people to play a special part in his plan.	Genesis 24
15	To help students to understand that the Bible shows that God will keep his promises, but not always in the way we expect him to.	Genesis 25:19–34
16	To help the students to understand how the Bible shows that God is powerful in keeping his promises. Nothing can stop God from keeping his promises, not even human sinfulness.	Genesis 27:1–40
17	To help students to understand from the Bible that God was keeping his promise to Abraham of making his family a great nation.	Genesis 29:31—30:24; 37
18	To help the students to understand that God loved Joseph and was working out everything for the good of all his people.	Genesis 39–41
19	To help students to understand the Bible's account of how God used Joseph to save his people and to turn them into a great nation.	Genesis 41–50
20	To introduce the students to Holly and the work of Compassion Australia.	Various
Easter Assembly	To help students to understand that Jesus is the powerful Super Saviour! He even conquered death and rose again!	John 19–20
Special Lesson: Coping with change	To help students to understand that anyone can put their trust in God as they face physical, emotional and social changes.	Various

# Beginning with God

Beginning with God introduces students to God, and his purposes for people and the world as revealed in the Bible.

LESSON	THEME AND LESSON AIM	BIBLE
1	<b>Theme:</b> God, you and me <b>Lesson aim:</b> To introduce the students to the teacher, the Bible and God.	Psalms 57:8–10a
2.	<b>Theme:</b> God made the world <b>Lesson aim:</b> To explore what the Bible says about how God made the world and God's description of his world as good.	Genesis 1:1–25
3	<b>Theme:</b> God made people <b>Lesson aim:</b> To help students to understand from the Bible that God made people to be his friends.	Genesis 1:26—2:25
4	<b>Theme:</b> God loves and cares for everything <b>Lesson aim:</b> To help students appreciate from the Bible that God loves and cares for everything he has made.	Psalms 145:3, 8b–9
5	<b>Theme:</b> God's perfect world was spoiled <b>Lesson aim:</b> To help students understand from the Bible how friendship with God is spoiled by wrong choices and how God responds by making peace with people.	Genesis 3
6	<b>Theme:</b> God sent his Son at the right time <b>Lesson aim:</b> To help students to appreciate God's reason for sending his Son, Jesus: to make peace between himself and people.	Luke 1:26–33; 2:1–20, 40, 52
7	<b>Theme:</b> Jesus teaches people about God <b>Lesson aim:</b> To help students understand from the Bible that Jesus told people about God.	Matthew 9:35–38; Mark 1:14–20; 4:1–2
8	<b>Theme:</b> A sad day with a surprising ending <b>Lesson aim:</b> To show students from the Bible that Jesus' death and resurrection was the central part of God's plan to make peace with people.	Luke 23; John 12:12–19; 18
9	<b>Theme:</b> A wonderful day for God's people <b>Lesson aim:</b> To help students understand from the Bible that God made Jesus alive again.	Luke 24:1–12
10	<b>Theme:</b> The road to Emmaus <b>Lesson aim:</b> To develop students' understanding from the Bible of Jesus' resurrection as real and physical.	Luke 24:13–35
11	<b>Theme:</b> The Holy Spirit <b>Lesson aim:</b> To help students to understand from the Bible that Jesus' friends are never alone because God, the Holy Spirit, is with them.	Acts 1:7–11; 2:1–13
12	<b>Theme:</b> Together forever <b>Lesson aim:</b> To help students appreciate that the Bible teaches that Jesus' friends will live with him forever.	Revelation 21:1–7, 23–27

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13	<b>Theme:</b> Fish, fish and more fish <b>Lesson aim:</b> To help students develop an understanding from the Bible that Jesus is God's Son and has God's power.	Luke 5:1–11
14	<b>Theme:</b> Jesus cares <b>Lesson aim:</b> To help students appreciate from the Bible that Jesus' love for people shows us God's love.	Mark 1:21–22, 29–31
15	<b>Theme:</b> Loaves and fish for 5000, please! <b>Lesson aim:</b> To help students appreciate from the Bible that Jesus was able to help people because he is the powerful Son of God and has God's power.	John 6:1–14
16	<b>Theme:</b> Jesus and his friend Lazarus <b>Lesson aim:</b> To help students understand that Jesus, God's Son, has the power to give life.	John 11:1–44
17	<b>Theme:</b> Jesus and the children <b>Lesson aim:</b> To help students understand how the Bible shows that Jesus cares for and values children.	Mark 10:13–16
18	<b>Theme:</b> Jesus heals Bartimaeus <b>Lesson aim:</b> To explore further how the Bible shows that Jesus cares for people, even those who others see as 'outcasts'.	Mark 10:46–52
19	<b>Theme:</b> Getting to know Jesus <b>Lesson aim:</b> To help students appreciate how the Bible shows that Jesus wants people to get to know him.	Luke 10:38–42
20	<b>Theme:</b> Jesus and Zacchaeus <b>Lesson aim:</b> To show students from the Bible how Jesus helps people to change when they know him.	Luke 19:1–10
21	<b>Theme:</b> The loving father <b>Lesson aim:</b> To encourage students to think more about God's love and how people can respond to it.	Luke 15:11–24
22	<b>Theme:</b> I will pray to you <b>Lesson aim:</b> To explore why people pray to God	Luke 11:1–13
23	<b>Theme:</b> The good Samaritan <b>Lesson aim:</b> To help students understand from the Bible that loving God means we must love others even when it is hard to do so.	Luke 10:25–37
24	<b>Theme:</b> God makes promises to Abraham <b>Lesson aim:</b> To foster an understanding from the Bible that God promised to help his people.	Genesis 12–15
25	<b>Theme:</b> A son for Abraham and Sarah <b>Lesson aim:</b> To encourage students to appreciate how the Bible shows that God keeps every promise he makes.	Genesis 17:17–22; 18; 21:1–7
26	<b>Theme:</b> Joseph <b>Lesson aim:</b> To explore Joseph's role in God's unchanging plan.	Genesis 37; 45

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27	<b>Theme:</b> Baby Moses <b>Lesson aim:</b> To help students to appreciate from the Bible that God saved baby Moses for a great purpose.	Exodus 2:1–10
28	<b>Theme:</b> Exodus from Egypt <b>Lesson aim:</b> To introduce students to the concept that God is good, all-powerful and in charge of the world.	Exodus 2:23; 6:6–8; 7–12
29	<b>Theme:</b> The Promised Land <b>Lesson aim:</b> To help students appreciate how the Bible shows that God always keeps his promise to be with those who trust him.	Joshua 3
30	<b>Theme:</b> The birth of Samuel <b>Lesson aim:</b> To learn about Hannah’s great faith and God’s even greater faithfulness.	1 Samuel 1
31	<b>Theme:</b> Chosen to be king <b>Lesson aim:</b> To help students grasp that God chose David as his people’s king because David loved and trusted him.	1 Samuel 16:1–13
32	<b>Theme:</b> The shepherd boy <b>Lesson aim:</b> To appreciate how God prepared David to be a warrior and a king.	1 Samuel 17:34–38
33	<b>Theme:</b> God’s promise to David <b>Lesson aim:</b> To discover God’s great promise that someone from David’s family would always be king.	2 Samuel 7
34	<b>Theme:</b> Daniel in exile <b>Lesson aim:</b> To help the students to understand that Daniel knew that God was the greatest king of all.	2 Chronicles 36:11–23; Daniel 1–2; 6
35	<b>Theme:</b> Nehemiah the builder <b>Lesson aim:</b> To help students to recognise from the Bible that God wants people to remember him.	Nehemiah 1–2; 8–9
36	<b>Theme:</b> God promises to send his Son <b>Lesson aim:</b> To help students to understand from the Bible that God promised to send his Son long before Jesus was born.	Isaiah 9:6, 7
37	<b>Theme:</b> Mary’s song of praise <b>Lesson aim:</b> To help students to reflect on Mary’s joy regarding the fulfilment of God’s promise.	Luke 1:29–33, 46–55
38	<b>Theme:</b> Jesus is born <b>Lesson aim:</b> To help the students to understand that Christians celebrate Jesus’ birth at Christmas because he is the child God promised who would make peace between God and people.	Luke 2:1–20
39	<b>Theme:</b> He’s the one! <b>Lesson aim:</b> To help students understand how the Bible shows that baby Jesus was the one God’s people had been waiting for.	Luke 2:21–35
40	<b>Theme:</b> Gifts for the King <b>Lesson aim:</b> To help students to recognise from the Bible that God invites all people to make Jesus their King and to trust him.	Matthew 2:1–12

# Big Questions / Semester 1

Big Questions Semester 1 expands on students' Bible knowledge and aims to explore contemporary issues from a biblical perspective.

LESSON	THEME AND LESSON AIM	BIBLE
1	<p><b>Theme:</b> Who am I?</p> <p><b>Lesson aim:</b> For students to understand that the Bible teaches that God is generous and he promises that those who search for him will find him.</p> <p>To introduce students to their teacher and to the Big Questions curriculum.</p>	Matthew 7:7–12
2	<p><b>Theme:</b> Who really knows me?</p> <p><b>Lesson aim:</b> To help each student appreciate what the Bible says about how intimately God knows every person and that he is ultimately in charge.</p>	Psalms 39:1–16; 23–24
3	<p><b>Theme:</b> Where does our world come from?</p> <p><b>Lesson aim:</b> To show that the Bible teaches that the world was created by God and is maintained by him.</p>	Genesis 1:1—2:4; Hebrews 1:3
4	<p><b>Theme:</b> Why are we here?</p> <p><b>Lesson aim:</b> To help the students to understand that the Bible teaches that God made people in his image, he loves us and wants us to live his way.</p>	Genesis 1–2
5	<p><b>Theme:</b> What's wrong with the world?</p> <p><b>Lesson aim:</b> To help the students understand that because of an initial lack of faith and disobedience, the world has become a difficult place in which to live.</p>	Genesis 3
6	<p><b>Theme:</b> What's gone wrong with people?</p> <p><b>Lesson aim:</b> To show the students that beginning with the disobedience of Adam and Eve, people continue to disobey God and feel the effects of sin.</p>	Genesis 37
7	<p><b>Theme:</b> What is God really like?</p> <p><b>Lesson aim:</b> To encourage the students to develop a clearer understanding of who the Bible says God is and how people can draw near to him.</p>	Psalms 47
8	<p><b>Theme:</b> Does God really care?</p> <p><b>Lesson aim:</b> To help students to appreciate from the Bible that God cares about the suffering of his people and promises to care for them like a shepherd.</p>	Psalms 23
9	<p><b>Theme:</b> Does God speak to me?</p> <p><b>Lesson aim:</b> To help students understand that the Bible is historically reliable and relevant to people today, and why Christians believe that the Bible is God's word.</p>	2 Timothy 3:16; 1 John 1:1–2; Luke 1:1–4
10	<p><b>Theme:</b> How do I read the Bible?</p> <p><b>Lesson aim:</b> To encourage the students to read the Bible for themselves.</p>	2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 4:12; Psalm 119:105, 110–111

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11	<b>Theme:</b> How does God forgive us? <b>Lesson aim:</b> To help students to understand that God offers forgiveness to those who put their faith in Jesus.	Matthew 18:21–35; Colossians 3:13
12	<b>Theme:</b> Who is Jesus? <b>Lesson aim:</b> To encourage the students to understand that the unique circumstances of Jesus’ birth described in the Bible show that he is God’s Son.	Luke 1–3; Matthew 1–2
13	<b>Theme:</b> Is Jesus so special? <b>Lesson aim:</b> To encourage students to understand from the Bible that Jesus demonstrated by his actions and attitudes his uniqueness as God’s Son.	Luke, various passages
14	<b>Theme:</b> What can he do? <b>Lesson aim:</b> To encourage the students to consider different responses to Jesus, God’s Son.	Luke, various passages
15	<b>Theme:</b> Why did Jesus die? <b>Lesson aim:</b> To help students gain an understanding of why Jesus died on the cross and how this made the way open for people to become friends with God.	Luke 22–23; Romans 5:10
16	<b>Theme:</b> Did Jesus really rise from the dead? <b>Lesson aim:</b> To encourage the students to consider the evidence for, and the significance of, Jesus’ resurrection.	Luke 24
17	<b>Theme:</b> What difference does Jesus make? <b>Lesson aim:</b> To encourage students to begin to understand how following Jesus changes someone’s life.	Luke’s Gospel
18	<b>Theme:</b> Responses to Jesus <b>Lesson aim:</b> To encourage students to reflect on what different responses to Jesus and the invitation to live as God’s friends look like.	Luke 8:4–15
19	<b>Theme:</b> Will Jesus return? <b>Lesson aim:</b> To help the students understand that the Bible tells us that Jesus will return and what it will be like.	John 14:1–4