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Fall 2023	
Session 1 September 4, 2022 <i>Proper 18</i> Luke 14:25–33	<p>(K)1-2: Children will wonder about Jesus’ hope that his disciples will love him with all their hearts and what that means for them.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will consider Jesus’ call to discipleship and think about making choices that help them follow him.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will count the cost of following Jesus and identify what might help them mature as disciples.</p>
Session 2 September 11, 2022 <i>Proper 19</i> Luke 15:1–10	<p>(K)1-2: Children will discover, through the stories of the lost sheep and coin, how precious each person is to God and express what this love means to them.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will explore Jesus’ stories of the lost sheep and coin and plan ways to reach out to those who are excluded.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will experience Jesus’ parables of the Lost Sheep and Coin and celebrate God’s inclusive and welcoming love.</p>
Session 3 September 18, 2022 <i>Proper 20</i> Luke 16:1–13	<p>(K)1-2: Children will listen to the parable of the wasteful manager and explore ways they can serve God in their everyday lives.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will explore the parable of the shrewd manager and grow in their understanding of stewardship.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will study Jesus’ parable of the dishonest manager and consider how to manage their material goods in faithful ways.</p>
Session 4 September 25, 2022 <i>Proper 21</i> Luke 16:19–31	<p>(K)1-2: Children will discover ways they can ask, “How can I help?” after hearing the parable of the rich man and Lazarus.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will dig into the parable of the rich man and Lazarus and consider ways to show compassion for others.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will dig into Jesus’ story about the rich man and Lazarus, and pay more attention to poverty in their midst.</p>
Session 5 October 2, 2022 <i>Proper 22</i> 2 Timothy 1:1–14	<p>(K)1-2: Children will hear the story of Timothy and his family and give thanks for people who help them grow in faith.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will hear of Timothy’s inheritance of faith and identify ways to tell others about Jesus.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will give thanks for “the good treasure” of faith and accept responsibility for “rekindling” it, as Paul encouraged Timothy to do.</p>

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Session 6 October 9, 2022 <i>Proper 23</i> 2 Timothy 2:8–15	<p>(K)1-2: Children will explore the second letter to Timothy and consider ways that Christ is their strength during hard times.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will dig into Paul’s encouraging words to Timothy and explore what it means to remember Jesus and live with him.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will hear Paul summarize the gospel for Timothy and consider what encourages their commitment to God’s “word of truth.”</p>
Session 7 October 16, 2022 <i>Proper 24</i> Luke 18:1–8	<p>(K)1-2: Children will hear the story of the persistent widow and express trust in God to hear their prayers.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will hear and respond to Jesus’ call to be persistent in praying and working for justice.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will connect with the persistent widow in Jesus’ story and discern what is worth pursuing with determination.</p>
Session 8 October 23, 2022 <i>Proper 25</i> Luke 18:9–14	<p>(K)1-2: As children engage Jesus’ story of the Pharisee and the tax collector, they will rejoice in God’s love and mercy for them.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will listen to Jesus’ story of the Pharisee and the tax collector and define God’s love and mercy for everyone, including themselves.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will contrast the attitudes of the Pharisee and the tax collector and reflect on what it means to put faith in God rather than self.</p>
Session 9 October 30, 2022 <i>Proper 26</i> Luke 19:1–10	<p>(K)1-2: As children dramatize the story of Zacchaeus, they will consider how they, too, can spread God’s love to others.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will talk about God’s extravagant welcome and consider how they, like Zacchaeus, might respond to it.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will climb into the story of Zacchaeus and identify ways to follow Jesus’ example of extravagant welcome.</p>
Session 10 November 6, 2022 <i>Proper 27</i> 2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17	<p>(K)1-2: Children will discover ways they can encourage others as they are introduced to Paul and his support of the early church.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will listen to Paul’s words of encouragement and explore ways of supporting each other as Jesus’ followers.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will study Paul’s words to the Thessalonians and consider how God may be calling them to work together to rage against evil.</p>

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<p>Session 11 November 13, 2022 <i>Proper 28</i> 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13</p>	<p>(K)1-2: The children will hear Paul’s call to work together and experience ways of serving within the church.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will hear Paul’s challenge to the Thessalonians and identify ways they might work together as the church.</p> <p>Tweens: After examining Paul’s advice to the Thessalonian church, tweens will illustrate the importance of working as a community of disciples.</p>
<p>Session 12 November 20, 2022 <i>Reign of Christ</i> Jeremiah 23:1–6</p>	<p>(K)1-2: Children will investigate Jeremiah’s message from God and reflect on what peace means to them.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will consider God’s promise of a caring shepherd king and celebrate the goodness of Jesus Christ..</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will thank God for promising a righteous shepherd, and identify traits of servant leaders.</p>
<p>Session 13 November 27, 2022 <i>Advent 1 Year A</i> Isaiah 2:1–5</p>	<p>(K)1-2: Children will hear Isaiah’s message of peace and identify ways to live in God’s peace.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will examine God’s promise of peace and enter Advent with thanks for Christ’s light and love.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will picture the peaceful future prophesied in Isaiah 2 and consider ways of working for peace in the present.</p>

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Winter 2022–2023	
Session 1 December 4, 2022 <i>Advent 2</i> Isaiah 11:1–10	<p>(K)1-2: Children will hear Isaiah’s words about a day when God’s peace will fill creation and be invited to help create that world.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will discover Isaiah’s vision of God’s kingdom and imagine what a perfect world would look like.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will identify signs of God’s peaceable kingdom around them and plan ways to live as peacemakers.</p>
Session 2 December 11, 2022 <i>Advent 3</i> Isaiah 35:1–10	<p>(K)1-2: Children will describe Isaiah’s joyful vision and express hope because of these words of promise.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will hear of God’s power to transform and save, and joyfully proclaim the good news of this loving gift.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will celebrate God’s promise to transform dried-up deserts and lives, and joyfully proclaim that hope.</p>
Session 3 December 18, 2022 <i>Advent 4</i> Matthew 1:18–35	<p>(K)1-2: Children will explore the story of the angel’s visit to Joseph and discover how Jesus is “God with us.”</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will hear how God called Joseph to raise Jesus and look forward to the surprising things God may call them to do.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will honor the faithfulness of Jesus’ adoptive father, Joseph, and listen for God’s call through unexpected changes to their plans.</p>
Session 4 December 25, 2022 <i>Christmas 1</i> Luke 2:1–14 (15–20)	<p>(K)1-2: Children will celebrate how God comes to us in the birth of Jesus.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will rejoice in God’s presence in the world through the birth of Jesus.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will ponder Luke’s Christmas story as unexpected hope for those who need it.</p>
Session 5 January 1, 2023 <i>Christmas 2</i> Matthew 2:13–23	<p>(K)1-2: Children will study the story of how Jesus’ family fled to Egypt and be assured that God is with them wherever they go.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will read about Joseph’s efforts to protect Mary and Jesus and explore ways God guides and protects them.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will learn how Joseph helped protect the infant Jesus and resolve to help protect innocents who suffer today.</p>

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Session 6 January 8, 2023 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> Matthew 3:13–17	<p>(K)1-2: Children will dig into the story of Jesus’ baptism and celebrate God’s love for Jesus and for them.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will learn how God named and claimed Jesus at his baptism and connect that naming and claiming with baptism today.</p> <p>Twens: Twens will grow in understanding how Jesus and John obeyed God at Jesus’ baptism and discern how baptism marks them for ministry.</p>
Session 7 January 15, 2023 <i>Epiphany 2</i> 1 Corinthians 1:1–9	<p>(K)1-2: As they hear Paul’s words to the Corinthians, children will give thanks for God’s love and identify gifts God gives to the church.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will hear Paul tell of God’s faithfulness and explore what it means to be called to be God’s people.</p> <p>Twens: Twens will hear Paul assure the Corinthians of God’s faithfulness and identify ways to sustain their own confidence in God.</p>
Session 8 January 22, 2023 <i>Epiphany 3</i> 1 Corinthians 1:10–18	<p>(K)1-2: As children listen to Paul’s letter to the Corinthians, they will celebrate that all Christians are one in Christ.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will examine Paul’s words about division and suggest ways of drawing together as a community.</p> <p>Twens: Twens will explore Paul’s call for “no divisions among you” and imagine what the church would be like if Christians were unified.</p>
Session 9 January 29, 2023 <i>Epiphany 4</i> Matthew 5:1–12	<p>(K)1-2: Children will hear Jesus’ words in Matthew 5 and explore ways they can live out the spirit of the Beatitudes.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will hear the blessing in the Beatitudes and imagine how Jesus’ teaching is both a vision and a promise.</p> <p>Twens: Twens will ponder Jesus’ good news of the kingdom of God by investigating the Beatitudes and their meaning for their lives.</p>
Session 10 February 5, 2023 <i>Epiphany 5</i> Matthew 5:13–20	<p>(K)1-2: Children will experience Jesus’ teaching about being light in the world and discover the importance of expressing Jesus’ love.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will search for ways they can act on Jesus’ challenge to be like salt and light in the world.</p> <p>Twens: Twens will wrestle with Jesus’ teaching about being salt and light and decide how to respond.</p>

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<p>Session 11 February 12, 2023 <i>Epiphany 6</i> Deuteronomy 30:15–20</p>	<p>(K)1–2: After listening to Moses’ words to the Israelites, children will explore a variety of choices and their consequences.</p> <p>3–4: After listening to Moses’ words about choices and consequences, third- and fourth-graders will investigate how choosing God’s ways can bring blessing to all.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will hear Moses preach about choices and consequences and begin to discern how these words may shape their lives.</p>
<p>Session 12 February 19, 2023 <i>Transfiguration</i> Matthew 17:1–9</p>	<p>(K)1–2: Children will encounter the story of the transfiguration and consider what it means to listen to Jesus’ words.</p> <p>3–4: Third- and fourth-graders will imagine the disciples’ experience at the transfiguration and be encouraged to listen to Jesus’ words.</p> <p>Tweens: As they encounter Leviticus 19, tweens will define holiness and explore what it means to live as God’s holy people.</p>
<p>Session 13 February 26, 2023 <i>First Sunday in Lent</i> Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1–7</p>	<p>(K)1–2: Children will hear the story of Adam and Eve’s big mistake and thank God for loving them even when they make mistakes.</p> <p>3–4: Third- and fourth-graders will hear the story of Adam and Eve’s temptation and confess how they sometimes fail to choose God’s way.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will study Matthew’s account of the transfiguration and identify how Jesus encourages them when they face chaotic situations.</p>

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Spring 2023	
Session 1 March 5, 2023 <i>Lent 2</i> Genesis 12:1–4a	<p>(K)1-2: Children will hear the story of the call of Abram and Sarai and affirm that God’s love surrounds them wherever they may go.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will identify Abram’s response to God’s call and consider how they can respond to God’s call.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will examine God’s covenant with Abram and explore what it means to be God’s chosen people and blessings to the world.</p>
Session 2 March 12, 2023 <i>Lent 3</i> Exodus 17:1–7	<p>(K)1-2: Children will watch as God helps Moses bring water from a rock and investigate the ways God provides for our needs.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will hear the Israelites speak up about being thirsty and discern ways God provides for them.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will learn from Moses’ leadership and discover ways that they too can point others to God’s providence.</p>
Session 3 March 19, 2023 <i>Lent 4</i> 1 Samuel 16:1–13	<p>(K)1-2: Children will retell the story of Samuel anointing David and consider how God calls people of all ages to serve.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will encounter the story of Samuel anointing David and wrestle with how God might be choosing them to lead and serve.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will hear the story of young David’s anointing and challenge assumptions about how people evaluate one another’s potential.</p>
Session 4 March 26, 2023 <i>Lent 5</i> John 11:1–45	<p>(K)1-2: Children will engage the story of Jesus raising Lazarus and search for ways to show God’s loving care to others.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will explore the story of Jesus raising Lazarus and give thanks that Jesus comforts and cares for them and for others in times of sorrow.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will consider Jesus’ friendships, and ponder ways that both his humanity and divinity are important to their faith.</p>
Session 5 April 2, 2023 <i>Palm/Passion</i> Matthew 21:1–11; 11–54	<p>(K)1-2: Children will be introduced to the stories of Holy Week as they prepare to celebrate the joy of Easter.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will remember and celebrate as they journey with Jesus through Holy Week.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will prepare for Easter by identifying those who encountered Jesus in his last week and formulating their own answer to the question, “Who is this?”</p>

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Session 6 April 9, 2023 <i>Easter</i> Matthew 28:1–10	<p>(K)1-2: As they celebrate the story of Easter, children will begin to consider what it means for them.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will join the women as they hear the angel’s message and celebrate the news that Jesus is risen.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will accompany the first witnesses of the resurrection as they move from fear and wonder to joyful worship.</p>
Session 7 April 16, 2023 <i>Easter 2</i> John 20:19–31	<p>(K)1-2: After hearing the story of the risen Jesus coming to the disciples, children will extend blessings of peace to others.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will consider what it was like for the disciples to meet the risen Christ and discern how they experience Christ in their own lives.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will discern how the risen Christ helps his disciples believe and express their own beliefs and doubts.</p>
Session 8 April 23, 2023 <i>Easter 3</i> Luke 24:13–35	<p>(K)1-2: As children act out the Emmaus road story, they will be encouraged to tell the good news of Easter.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will enjoy the Emmaus road story and join Jesus’ followers in expressing their growing understanding of the resurrection.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will enact the disciples’ walk to Emmaus and wonder how their own eyes can be opened to the presence and work of God.</p>
Session 9 April 30, 2023 <i>Easter 4</i> Psalm 23	<p>(K)1-2: Children will discover in Psalm 23 that God cares for them as a good shepherd cares for sheep and give thanks.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will follow the Shepherd into the future, remembering ways God has been with them in the past.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will imagine God as host and shepherd and give thanks for God’s guidance and nurture throughout life.</p>
Session 10 May 7, 2023 <i>Easter 5</i> John 14:1–14	<p>(K)1-2: Children will hear Jesus’ words to his disciples and discover that Jesus shows us what God is like.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will listen to Jesus explain how he reveals who God is and look for signs of God’s presence in their lives.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will be comforted by Jesus’ words and explore ways that Jesus helps them to know God’s love.</p>

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<p>Session 11 May 14, 2023 <i>Easter 6</i> Acts 17:22–31</p>	<p>(K)1-2: Children will explore Paul’s speech in Athens and join together to joyfully praise God, who made the world and everything in it.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will examine Paul’s speech in Athens and express their wonder about God.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will discover how Paul addressed the Greeks’ hunger to know God and consider ways they might address this hunger in others.</p>
<p>Session 12 May 21, 2023 <i>Easter 7</i> John 17:1–11</p>	<p>(K)1-2: Children will need</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will dig into Jesus’ prayer for his followers and compose prayers for their church.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will study Jesus’ prayer on behalf of his followers and commit to praying for one another and the church.</p>
<p>Session 13 May 28, 2023 <i>Pentecost</i> Acts 2:1–21</p>	<p>(K)1-2: Children will describe what happened to Jesus’ followers on Pentecost and celebrate that God’s Spirit is also with them.</p> <p>3-4: Third- and fourth-graders will witness the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost and explore the diversity of God’s people called to live in community.</p> <p>Tweens: Tweens will enjoy the exciting story of Pentecost and celebrate how God’s Spirit joins them together as one community in Christ.</p>