

Fall 2023

<p>Session 1 September 3, 2023 <i>Proper 17</i> Exodus 3:1–15</p>	<p>After hearing the story of Moses and the burning bush, children will imagine what God might be calling them to do.</p>
<p>Session 2 September 10, 2023 <i>Proper 18</i> Matthew 18:15–20</p>	<p>Children will consider Jesus’ teachings about getting along with others.</p>
<p>Session 3 September 17, 2023 <i>Proper 19</i> Matthew 18:21–35</p>	<p>Children will recognize the value that Jesus places on forgiveness.</p>
<p>Session 4 September 24, 2023 <i>Proper 20</i> Matthew 20:1–16</p>	<p>Children will rejoice in God’s generous love.</p>
<p>Session 5 October 1, 2023 <i>Proper 21</i> Matthew 21:23–32</p>	<p>Children will look for God’s ways in the parable of the two sons.</p>
<p>Session 6 October 8, 2023 <i>Proper 22</i> Matthew 21:33–46</p>	<p>Children will explore ways to serve God after engaging the parable of the Wicked Tenants.</p>
<p>Session 7 October 15, 2023 <i>Proper 23</i> Matthew 22:1–14</p>	<p>Children will be invited to God’s party and respond with joy.</p>
<p>Session 8 October 22, 2023 <i>Proper 24</i> 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10</p>	<p>Children, following Paul’s example, will thank God for their congregation.</p>

<p>Session 9 October 29, 2023 <i>Proper 25</i> Matthew 22:34–46</p>	<p>Children will explore the greatest commandment and its roots in the Hebrew Scriptures.</p>
<p>Session 10 November 5, 2023 <i>Proper 26</i> Matthew 23:1–12</p>	<p>Children will hear Jesus’ words to the religious leaders and interpret from them how to serve God.</p>
<p>Session 11 November 12, 2023 <i>Proper 27</i> Matthew 25:1–13</p>	<p>Children will ponder how to prepare faithfully for Christ as did the wise bridesmaids for the groom.</p>
<p>Session 12 November 19, 2023 <i>Proper 28</i> Matthew 25:14–30</p>	<p>Children will discover in the parable of the Talents that they are to act boldly as God’s children.</p>
<p>Session 13 November 26, 2023 <i>Reign of Christ</i> Matthew 25:31–46</p>	<p>Children, in hearing the parable of the Sheep and the Goats, will choose ways to love God through serving others.</p>

Winter 2023–2024

Date	Session Goal
Session 1 December 3, 2023 <i>Advent 1 Year B</i> 1 Corinthians 1:3–9	Children will rejoice in Paul’s word to the Corinthians as they prepare to welcome Christ.
Session 2 December 10, 2023 <i>Advent 2</i> Mark 1:1–8	Children will meet John the baptizer and identify his role in Christ’s coming.
Session 3 December 17, 2023 <i>Advent 3</i> Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11	Children will connect with Isaiah’s words of hope and how to prepare for the Christ child.
Session 4 December 24, 2023 <i>Advent 4</i> Luke 1:26–38	Children will delight in Mary’s faithfulness as they wait with her for this special child.
Session 5 December 31, 2023 <i>Christmas 1</i> Luke 2:22–40	Children will listen to the witness of Anna and Simeon as they wonder about their own witness to the baby Jesus.
Session 6 January 7, 2024 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> Genesis 1:1–5	Children will celebrate that God is creator of this awesome universe.
Session 7 January 14, 2024 <i>Epiphany 2</i> 1 Samuel 3:1–10 (11–20)	Children will meet Samuel, a role model for listening for God’s call.
Session 8 January 21, 2024 <i>Epiphany 3</i> Mark 1:14–20	Children will observe how the first disciples came to follow Jesus and discover what following Jesus means for them.

<p>Session 9 January 28, 2024 <i>Epiphany 4</i> Psalm 111</p>	<p>Children will join the psalmist in praising God.</p>
<p>Session 10 February 4, 2024 <i>Epiphany 5</i> Mark 1:29–39</p>	<p>Children will identify with Jesus’ loving acts as they recall their own experiences of caring acts.</p>
<p>Session 11 February 11, 2024 <i>Transfiguration</i> Mark 9:2–9</p>	<p>Children will extract a special message about Jesus from the story of the transfiguration.</p>
<p>Session 12 February 18, 2024 <i>Lent 1</i> Genesis 9:8–17</p>	<p>Children will find hope in God’s promise to Noah.</p>
<p>Session 13 February 25, 2024 <i>Lent 2</i> Mark 8:31–38</p>	<p>Children will examine what Jesus means by denying themselves and following him.</p>

Spring 2024

Date	Session Goal
Session 1 March 3, 2024 <i>Lent 3</i> Exodus 20:1–17	Children will discover God’s loving ways through the Ten Commandments.
Session 2 March 10, 2024 <i>Lent 4</i> Ephesians 2:1–10	Children will interpret what it means to be created in Christ to do good works.
Session 3 March 17, 2024 <i>Lent 5</i> Jeremiah 31:31–34	Children will be assured that, according to Jeremiah, they are included in the covenant.
Session 4 March 24, 2024 <i>Palm/Passion</i> Mark 11:1–11; 15:1–39	Children will review the stories of Holy Week, from Palm Sunday to the death of Jesus.
Session 5 March 31, 2024 Easter Mark 16:1–8	Children will go with the women to find the empty tomb and celebrate the resurrection with Christians today.
Session 6 April 7, 2024 <i>Easter 2</i> Acts 4:32–35	Children will examine life in the early church and in their congregation.
Session 7 April 14, 2024 <i>Easter 3</i> Luke 24:36b–48	Children will note the various reactions of the disciples to Jesus’ appearance on Easter Day, and wonder about their own reactions.
Session 8 April 21, 2024 <i>Easter 4</i> John 10:11–18	Children will compare the work of shepherds with how Jesus cares for them.

<p>Session 9 April 28, 2024 <i>Easter 5</i> Acts 8:26–40</p>	<p>Children will discover, through the story of Philip and the Ethiopian official, that everyone is included in God’s plan.</p>
<p>Session 10 May 5, 2024 <i>Easter 6</i> Acts 10:44–48</p>	<p>Children will follow the amazing work of the Holy Spirit in the story of Peter and Cornelius.</p>
<p>Session 11 May 12, 2024 <i>Easter 7</i> Acts 1:15–17, 21–26</p>	<p>Children will focus on the place of prayer in decision making, as in the selection of Matthias.</p>
<p>Session 12 May 19, 2024 <i>Pentecost</i> Acts 2:1–21</p>	<p>Children will celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.</p>
<p>Session 13 May 26, 2024 <i>Trinity</i> Isaiah 6:1–8</p>	<p>Children will join Isaiah in the temple and find their own way of responding to the awesome presence of God.</p>

Summer 2024

Date	Session Goal
Session 1 June 2, 2024 <i>Proper 4</i> Mark 2:23—3:6	Children will learn from Jesus about observing the Sabbath in their lives.
Session 2 June 9, 2024 <i>Proper 5</i> Mark 3:20–35	Children will listen with the large crowd as Jesus affirms their place in God’s family.
Session 3 June 16, 2024 <i>Proper 6</i> Mark 4:26–34	Children will delve into the parable of the Mustard Seed and explore the potential of God’s way of love.
Session 4 June 23, 2024 <i>Proper 7</i> Mark 4:35–41	Children will join Jesus in the boat and discover that God’s presence can help them weather the storms of life.
Session 5 June 30, 2024 <i>Proper 8</i> Mark 5:21–43	Children will learn how Jesus responded to people’s need for care and consider ways they can reach out with God’s healing love.
Session 6 July 7, 2024 <i>Proper 9</i> Mark 6:1–13	Children will learn from Jesus about observing the Sabbath in their lives.
Session 7 July 14, 2024 <i>Proper 10</i> Mark 6:14–29	Children will listen with the large crowd as Jesus affirms their place in God’s family.
Session 8 July 21, 2024 <i>Proper 11</i> Mark 6:30–24, 53–56	Children will delve into the parable of the Mustard Seed and explore the potential of God’s way of love.

<p>Session 9 July 28, 2024 <i>Proper 12</i> John 6:1–21</p>	<p>Children will join Jesus in the boat and discover that God’s presence can help them weather the storms of life.</p>
<p>Session 10 August 4, 2024 <i>Proper 13</i> Ephesians 4:1–16</p>	<p>Children will learn how Jesus responded to people’s need for care and consider ways they can reach out with God’s healing love.</p>
<p>Session 11 August 11, 2024 <i>Proper 14</i> Ephesians 4:25–5:2</p>	<p>Children will learn from Jesus about observing the Sabbath in their lives.</p>
<p>Session 12 August 18, 2024 <i>Proper 15</i> Ephesians 5:15–20</p>	<p>Children will listen with the large crowd as Jesus affirms their place in God’s family.</p>
<p>Session 13 August 25, 2024 <i>Proper 16</i> Ephesians 6:10–20</p>	<p>Children will delve into the parable of the Mustard Seed and explore the potential of God’s way of love.</p>