**Happy New Year Sunday School Teachers!** We’re kicking off a new Curriculum Series for 2025 in both the Toddlers & Pre-K as well as the K – 5th graders. I wanted to touch base with you to show you an overview of what we’ll be teaching in 2025. Some of you have asked what we’ll be teaching, so I hope you’ll enjoy this review.

**Toddlers & Pre-K:** We are beginning a new 52-week study on different people in the Bible as well as different Biblical lessons. Here’s the Scope we’ll be following:

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**K-5th:** We’re beginning THE LIFE OF JESUS. This is a 52-week curriculum where children will get an in-depth look at the life and ministry of Jesus.  Here’s what we’ll cover in each Unit:

**UNIT 1: Before Jesus** It has been said that in every story in the Old Testament, Jesus is either patterned, promised, or present. In this series, we will study some of the stories from the Old Testament that point toward Jesus the most.

**UNIT 2: Young Jesus** Sometimes it can feel like the Bible is just for grown-ups. In this series, we will explore some stories of Jesus’ early life to see what examples he set for us.

**UNIT 3: Lent** The time leading up to Jesus’ arrest and death was really tense, but we don’t have to worry because we know how it ends! Knowing how the story ends can help us focus on what was important to Jesus during his last days on earth.

**UNIT 4: Parables Of The Kingdom** So many of the parables of Jesus, specifically the ones about what the Kingdom of God is like, have to do with planting and growing. In this series, we will discover what some dirt can teach us about His Kingdom.

**UNIT 5 - WOMEN AND JESUS** Jesus spent his life and ministry showing the world what God’s love looks like.  He spent his ministry loving and caring for those who were hurting, mistreated and ignored by society and this often included women who would normally have been ignored by the religious leaders.

**UNIT 6 - MORE PARABLES OF JESUS** Jesus is perhaps the greatest storyteller of all time. Most often he used a special kind of story called a parable. In this series, we will take a look at some of Jesus’ greatest hits to discover how great stories can change lives and teach deep truths.

**UNIT 7 - THINGS JESUS SAID** Each week will focus on one big question about Jesus and how we can read our Bibles to find a conclusion.

**UNIT 8 - JESUS AND THE PHARISEES** Religious leaders were supposed to be some of the smartest, most godly people of their day, but they still had a lot to learn from Jesus. In this series, we will ask, “Are you smarter than a Pharisee?”

**UNIT 9 - JESUS’ DISCIPLES** Everybody needs a tribe to do life with, even Jesus. In this series, we will explore exactly who Jesus’ team was, how he brought them together, and what they learned to become great leaders.

**UNIT 10 - MIRACLES OF JESUS** Knowing about Jesus’ supernatural miracles can help us learn more about his character.

**UNIT 11 - JESUS WELCOMED OUTSIDERS** Jesus was known for always including those who were unexpected. How can we welcome and include unexpected people in our lives?

**UNIT 12 - THE BIRTH OF JESUS** Angels played a huge part in the story of the birth of Jesus. In this series, we will investigate what each of their appearances can tell us about what’s important to God.

I am super excited to begin this study with the children and hope you’ll dive in to share these truths with the children. If you have any questions let me know.

Thank you for all you’ve done in 2024. For always being flexible to cover other classes when Teachers are out and for always wanting to share Jesus with our children. We’re blessed to have so many wonderful teachers! I appreciate each and every one of you.

Happy New Year!

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