



| Theme | Date | Season/Festival | Lesson # | Lectionary Text | Story Title |
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| Promises Made, Promises Broken | 9/8/2024 | Pentecost 16 | #3-1 | Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8 | Creation and Fall |
| | 9/15/2024 | Pentecost 17 | #3-2 | Genesis 15:1-6 | God's Promise to Abram |
| | 9/22/2024 | Pentecost 18 | #3-3 | Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21 | Joseph and His Brothers |
| | 9/29/2024 | Pentecost 19 | #3-4 | Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8 | Promises of Passover |
| | 10/6/2024 | Pentecost 20 | #3-5 | Exodus 32:1-14 | The Golden Calf |
| | 10/13/2024 | Pentecost 21 | #3-6 | 1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10 | Hannah and Samuel |
| | 10/20/2024 | Pentecost 22 | #3-7 | 2 Samuel 7:1-17 | God's Promise to David |
| God Sightings | 10/27/2024 | Pentecost 23 | #3-8 | 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:27-30, 41-43 | Solomon's Prayer |
| | 11/3/2024 | Pentecost 24 | #3-9 | 1 Kings 17:1-16 [17-24] | Elijah and the Widow |
| | 11/10/2024 | Pentecost 25 | #3-10 | Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10 [4:1-11] | Jonah and the Big Fish |
| | 11/17/2024 | Pentecost 26 | #3-11 | Isaiah 6:1-8 | Isaiah's Vision |
| | 11/24/2024 | Christ the King | #3-12 | Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; 31:31-34 | A New Covenant |
| The Hope of the Messiah | 12/1/2024 | Advent 1 | #3-13 | Daniel 6:6-27 | Hope in the Lions' Den |
| | 12/8/2024 | Advent 2 | #3-14 | Joel 2:12-13, 28-29 | Joel's Prophecy of Hope |
| | 12/15/2024 | Advent 3 | #3-15 | Isaiah 61:1-11 | Isaiah's Prophecy of Hope |
| | 12/22/2024 | Advent 4 | #3-16 | Luke 1:26-45 [46-56] | Mary and Elizabeth's Visitors |
| Revelation of the Son of Man | 1/5/2025 | Christmas 2 | #3-17* | Luke 2:21-38, 41-52 | Jesus in the Temple |
| | 1/12/2025 | Epiphany (Baptism) | #3-18 | Luke 3:1-22 | Jesus and John the Baptist |
| | 1/19/2025 | Epiphany 2 | #3-19 | Luke 4:14-30 | Jesus Brings Good News |
| | 1/26/2025 | Epiphany 3 | #3-20 | Luke 5:1-11 | Jesus Fishes for People |
| | 2/2/2025 | Epiphany 4 | #3-21 | Luke 6:1-16 | The Lord of the Sabbath |
| Jesus Heals | 2/9/2025 | Epiphany 5 | #3-22 | Luke 7:1-17 | Healing and Raising the Dead |
| | 2/16/2025 | Epiphany 6 | #3-23 | Luke 7:18-35 | Are You the One? |
| | 2/23/2025 | Epiphany 7 | #3-24 | Luke 7:36-50 | A Woman Forgiven |
| | 3/2/2025 | Transfiguration | #3-25 | Luke 9:28-45 | The Transfiguration |
| Journey to the Cross | 3/9/2025 | Lent 1 | #3-26 | Luke 10:25-42 | A Samaritan, Martha and Mary |
| | 3/16/2025 | Lent 2 | #3-27 | Luke 13:1-9, 31-35 | Jesus Preaches Repentance |
| | 3/23/2025 | Lent 3 | #3-28 | Luke 15:1-32 | The Lost Is Found |
| | 3/30/2025 | Lent 4 | #3-29 | Luke 16:19-31 | The Rich Man and Lazarus |
| | 4/6/2025 | Lent 5 | #3-30 | Luke 18:31-19:10 | Zacchaeus |
| | 4/13/2025 | Palm (Passion) Sunday | #3-31* | Luke 19:29-40; 22:1-6, 14-23; 23:32-47 | Holy Week |
| Birth of the Church | 4/27/2025 | Easter 2 | #3-32* | Luke 24:1-12, 13-35 | Jesus, Risen and Revealed |
| | 5/4/2025 | Easter 3 | #3-33 | Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60 | Community and Condemnation |
| | 5/11/2025 | Easter 4 | #3-34 | Acts 8:26-39 | Philip Baptizes an Ethiopian |
| | 5/18/2025 | Easter 5 | #3-35 | Acts 15:1-18 | The First Church Council |
| | 5/25/2025 | Easter 6 | #3-36 | Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21 | Saved by Faith |
| | 6/1/2025 | Easter 7 (Ascension) | #3-37 | Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29 | A Church Divided |
| | 6/8/2025 | Pentecost | #3-38 | Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7 [5:16-26] | God Sends the Holy Spirit |

* Lessons #3-17, 3-31, and 3-32 are extended lessons in the following products: *Kids (PK-2nd)*, *Kids (3rd-6th)*, *Youth*, *Small Groups*, and *Cross+Gen Education*. There are not separate lessons created for the Sunday after Christmas (12/29/2024), Holy Week (4/17/2025 and 4/18/2025), or Easter Sunday (4/20/2025). These Scripture readings are included in the previous or following week's lesson, which are extended to be used over one or two weeks.



Our God, Revealed in the Story (Year 3, 2024-2025)

The story of the Bible reveals a God of promise, relationship, mercy, and new life. God is revealed in the rocky relationship with God's covenant people. The prophets look back to the history of Israel's relationship with their Creator and forward toward the coming of the Messiah. God is revealed fully in this promised Messiah—Jesus. Jesus shows us a loving God in his teachings, healings, and relationships with people pushed to the margins. Jesus' commitment to love leads him to Jerusalem and the cross. Finally, God is revealed in a church that was born in the good news first proclaimed by faithful women. We all have news to share, and the early church teaches us that we can spread the gospel in all circumstances—with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Promises Made, Promises Broken

(Pentecost: Sept. 8 to Oct. 20, 2024)

Throughout the history of God's people, God has made covenants—agreements with promises on both sides—with God's beloved people. But a tragic pattern emerged. God and the people made promises to each other, and then the people failed to live God's way. God made promises to Adam and Eve at creation, but they ate the forbidden fruit. God delivered the people of Israel from slavery and gave them the Torah, but they worshipped a golden calf. However, God always keeps God's promises, as God did with Abram, Joseph, Hannah, and David. Even when the people have broken their part of the covenant, God is faithful and renews the promise again and again.

God Sightings

(Pentecost: Oct. 27 to Nov. 24, 2024)

In the parts of the Bible known as the Histories and the Prophets, we hear stories about the leaders and prophets that reveal God to us in many ways. The powerful name of God dwelled in the temple Solomon built. The widow of Zarephath experienced God's provision through the miracle of the flour and oil lasting for as long as it was needed. Jonah ran from God, but God found him anyway. Isaiah experienced a powerful vision of God in the temple calling him to serve as a prophet. The prophet Jeremiah heard the words of God promising forgiveness for the people and a new covenant. We, too, can see glimpses of God, if we just look for them!

The Hope of the Messiah

(Advent: Dec. 1 to Dec. 22, 2024)

God sent prophets to the peoples of Israel and Judah, often bringing words of warning and condemnation for idolatry and injustice, calling the people to get back on the right path. However, in times of suffering, the prophets gave God's people words of hope—that God would rescue them from their troubles. God delivered Daniel from the lions' den. Joel spoke of a hope that comes out of repentance, and Isaiah prophesied of the hope that comes through the Messiah—the one who will deliver humanity from suffering and oppression. Finally, the Messiah's birth is foretold to his mother by an angel and confirmed by her cousin Elizabeth.

Revelation of the Son of Man

(Christmas & Epiphany: Dec. 25, 2024 to Feb. 2, 2025)

The Messiah has arrived at last. The season of Epiphany celebrates how God is revealed in Jesus. Simeon and Anna proclaim baby Jesus as the savior. Jesus returned to the temple as a boy, revealing his deep understanding of God to the teachers. Jesus was named God's beloved Son at his baptism, the one whom John the Baptist had announced. Jesus reveals his own mission in Nazareth, declaring that he is the fulfillment of prophecy. He then sets about the work of the kingdom as he calls his disciples and challenges the religious leaders.



Jesus Heals

(Epiphany: Feb. 9 to Transfiguration: Mar. 2, 2025)

After Jesus reveals that he is the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, he demonstrates that fulfillment by healing the sick, releasing those oppressed by demons, and forgiving sins. He explains his purpose to John's followers and—in the ultimate revelation—is transfigured in front of his disciples on the mountaintop. God shines through Jesus in more ways than one.

Journey to the Cross

(Lent & Holy Week: Mar. 5 to Apr. 18, 2025)

The journey of Lent begins with a clear destination. Jesus sets his face toward Jerusalem and, in doing so, sets his course toward his own suffering and death. He pauses only to remind his followers to set their faces in the right direction—to repent, serve others, and follow him, even to death. As we journey toward Holy Week, we are reminded again and again to turn around and face Jerusalem.

Birth of the Church

(Easter: Apr. 20 to Pentecost: Jun. 8, 2025)

The church was born at the empty tomb when the women quelled their terror and took the angel's words back to the waiting disciples. The women proclaimed the resurrection, and with that proclamation, those assembled started to become the church of the risen Christ. The disciples at Emmaus saw Jesus revealed in the breaking of the bread, just as Jesus is revealed when we break bread together at the altar or a table. The early church encountered differences of opinion and style but—with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit—has continued to grow and share the story of the resurrection.

