



Theme	Date	Season/Festival	Lesson #	Lectionary Text	Story Title
FALL					
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
WINTER					
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	12/25/2024	Christmas	#3-C1	Luke 2:1-20	Jesus Is Born!
	12/29/2024	Christmas 1	#3-C2	Luke 2:21-38	Baby Jesus in the Temple
	1/5/2025	Christmas 2	#3-17	Luke 2:41-52	Boy 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



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SPRING					
Journey to the Cross	3/5/2025	Ash Wednesday	#3-L1	Luke 9:51-62	Walking toward Jerusalem
	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 19:29-44	Triumphal Entry
	4/17/2025	Maundy Thursday	#3-L2	Luke 22:1-27	The Lord's Supper
	4/18/2025	Good Friday	#3-L3	Luke 23:32-47	Jesus Is Crucified
Birth of the Church	4/20/2025	Easter	#3-R1	Luke 24:1-12	Jesus Has Risen!
	4/27/2025	Easter 2	#3-32	Luke 24:13-35	The Road to Emmaus
	5/4/2025	Easter 3	#3-33	Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60	Community and
	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

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.