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CYCLES A to C OVERVIEW

CYCLE A Big Idea To introduce students to God and his Word

Students will become familiar with God who made us, who loves us and saves us from the consequences of turning against him. They will learn how God is always faithful to his people and what it means for people to have faith in God.

A1 – Concentrates on OT (but includes Easter)

Term 1 – God our creator who loves us and saves us

Term 2 – Trusting God who is faithful – people who learnt to trust God

A2 – Concentrates on NT

Term 3 – Jesus teaches about having faith in God

Term 4 – Trusting and following Jesus

CYCLE B Big Idea To explore how God makes and keeps his Promises

Students will learn about people who received promises from God and will come to understand that God's promises can be trusted. They will learn how Jesus fulfils God's promises and why people continue to trust Jesus today.

B1 – Combination of OT and NT

Term 1 – Who is Jesus? (Luke's Gospel)

Term 2 – God's big Promises – Abraham to Joseph

B2 – Combination of OT and NT

Term 3 – God keeps his promises – Moses to the Promised Land

Term 4 – God's promises for the whole world – Romans

CYCLE C Big Idea God's Kingdom is eternal and because of Jesus we can be part of God's family

Students will learn about God the King and how he calls people to live under his leadership. They will understand that although people reject God's kingship and experience the consequences of their rejection, God's kingdom plan continues. Students will consider how Jesus reveals God's kingdom and how, by trusting Jesus as King, people can be part of God's kingdom forever.

C1 – Term 1 – God's great kingdom plan: Samuel to David (Part 1)

Term 2 – Remember God is King: Solomon to Nehemiah (Part 2)

C2 – Term 3 – Jesus is the King of God's Kingdom: John's Gospel

Term 4 – Living in God's kingdom: Being a King's kid

Bible Timelines are included at the beginning of each unit to encourage an understanding of where each lesson fits within the flow of the Bible story. Easter is always at end of Term 1, meaning that some themes do backtrack through the Bible. A specific Christmas lesson is also included in each Cycle.

CYCLE A1

Cycle A introduces God and the people of the Bible.

LESSON	THEME	BIBLE
TERM 1	Knowing God Our Creator	
1	Knowing God	INF – Psalm 103 LP – Psalm 119 UP – 2 Timothy 3:16–17, Psalm 25
2	God’s good creation	Genesis 1
3	God’s plan for creation	Genesis 1:26–2:25
4	Celebrating God’s good creation	INF & LP – Psalm 8 UP – Psalm 145
5	Ignoring our Creator	Genesis 3
6	Life away from the garden	Genesis 4
7	God’s promise to save (Noah)	Genesis 6–8
8	Jesus seeks the lost (Zacchaeus)	Luke 19:1–10
9	Jesus saves the lost	Luke 22–23
10	Living Proof	Luke 24
TERM 2	Trusting God who is faithful	
11	Bible Overview – Old Testament People who learnt to trust God	Various
12	Gideon	Judges 6–7
13	Naomi and Ruth	Ruth 1–2
14	Ruth and Boaz	Ruth 2–4
15	Elisha	2 Kings 2–13
16	Jonah	Jonah
17	Isaiah	Isaiah (various)
18	Josiah	2 Kings 22–23
19	Esther	Esther
20	Lesson on Contemporary Christian	Various
SPECIAL	Self Esteem	Various
ASSEMBLY	Easter – God’s rescue plan	Luke 22–24

CYCLE A2

Cycle A introduces God and the people of the Bible.

LESSON	THEME	BIBLE
TERM 3	Jesus teaches about having faith in God	
1	Bible Overview – New Testament Trusting Jesus as Lord.	Acts 7
2	Hearing God’s word (the soils)	Luke 8:4–15
3	Real treasure	Matthew 13:44–46
4	The rich fool	Luke 12:16–21
5	Loving God, loving others (The good Samaritan)	Luke 10:25–37
6	The great party	Luke 14:15–24
7	Lost and found	Luke 15:11–32
8	The rich young man	Mark 10:35–37, 40–45
9	Real greatness	Matthew 9:9–13
10	Matthew	Luke 18:18–30
TERM 4	Trusting and following Jesus	
11	Peter learns about real faith	Various Matthew 14:22–33; 16:13–17; 26 John 21, Acts 2–5
12	Philip	Acts 6:1–7; 8:26–40
13	Saul – changed by Jesus	Acts 9:1–31; 13:1–3,47
14	Paul and Barnabas – (new aspects)	Acts 4;11–14
15	Lydia	Acts 16
16	Priscilla and Aquila	Acts 18; Romans 16:3
17	Timothy (Lois & Eunice)	Acts 16; 1&2 Timothy
18	Philemon and Onesimus	Philemon
19	Shepherds hear God’s good new for all people	Luke 2
20	Lesson on Contemporary Christian	Various
SPECIAL	Dealing with grief	Various
ASSEMBLY	Christmas – Good news for everyone	Luke 2

CYCLE B1

Cycle B considers God's big promises and how God's promises can be trusted.

LESSON	THEME	BIBLE
TERM 1	Who is Jesus?	
1	Intro lesson – The Birth Foretold	Luke 1–2
2	Growing with God UP: Beginning of Jesus' Ministry	Luke 2:39–52 UP: Luke 3
3	Jesus fulfils the Scriptures	Luke 4:14–30
4	Jesus calls people to follow him (has power over people)	Luke 5:1–11
5	Jesus has power to forgive and heal	Luke 5:17–26
6	Jesus has power over nature	Luke 8:22–25
7	Jesus has power over death	Luke 8:40–56 (7:11–17)
8	Jesus has power over the future (predicts his own death)	Luke 9:18–22; 44:3b–45; 51
9	Jesus has power over life and death – Garden of Gethsemane	Luke 22:39–53
10	Jesus is more powerful than death (Resurrection and Ascension)	Luke 24 / Acts 1; 1 Corinthians 15
TERM 2	God's big promises	
11	Bible Overview (specifically context for Gen 12–50)	Genesis 1–11
12	Promises to Abraham [The promise maker]	Genesis 12:1–9
13	Birth of Isaac [The Child of the promise]	Genesis 15:1–18:15, 21:1–7
14	Abraham's faith tested [Trusting the promise maker]	Genesis 22
15	God Chooses Jacob [The promise picker]	Genesis 25:19–34; UP Gen 25:19–26
16	Jacob versus Esau [The promise stealer]	Genesis 27 UP Gen 25:27–34; 27
17	Jacob's Son (& the beginnings of Israel) [Promises kept]	Genesis 29:31–30:24; 37
18	Joseph in Egypt [Promises Lost]	Genesis 39–41
19	Joseph & his Brothers [Promise Planner]	Genesis 41–50
20	Lesson on Contemporary Christian	Various
SPECIAL	Coping with change	1 Peter 5:7
ASSEMBLY	Easter	John 19–20

CYCLE B2

Cycle B considers God's big promises and how God's promises can be trusted.

LESSON	THEME	BIBLE
TERM 3	God keeps his Promises	
1	In a foreign land [Wanted: Rescuer]	Exodus 1:1–2:10
2	God calls Moses [Saviour to the Rescue]	Exodus 3:1–4:17
3	Let my people go [Rescue Resisted]	Exodus 7:1–10:29
4	God rescues his people [Rescue Complete]	Exodus 11–14
5	God teaches his people [A Rescued People]	Exodus 19–20
6	God lives with his people [The rescuer remains]	Exodus 25–40 (25:1–9; 40:34–38)
7	God's people rebel [The rebellious rescued]	Numbers 13–14
8	Covenant Reminder [Remember the Rescue!]	Deuteronomy 4–11; 28–29; 30:11–20
9	Into the promised land	Joshua 1–6
10	Jesus: God rescues & God lives with his people [Jesus: Rescuer and Dwelling]	John 8:31–47; Mark 14:12–26 Jeremiah 31:31–34; John 2:13–22
TERM 4	God's promise for the World	
11	Revise promises to Abraham + Intro to Romans [The Gospel: then & now]	Genesis 12:1–9; Romans 1:1–17
12	God's Wrath Revealed but the righteousness from God has also been revealed [The Need for the Gospel and the GOOD NEWS!]	Romans 1:18–3:31
13	The response to the Gospel—Abraham as an example of faith for his children to follow [The Model of the Gospel]	Romans 4:1–5:21
14	Obedience to the Gospel —Abraham's children are saved to be obedient [Gospel obedience]	Romans 6–7
15	The Spirit of the Gospel —The Holy Spirit enables us to be obedient [The work of the Spirit]	Romans 8:1–17
16	The expectation of heaven! [The hope of the Gospel]	Romans 8:18–39
17	Children of the Gospel have a job to do [Telling others the Gospel]	Romans 10:1, 9–15; 12:1–8
18	The Gospel strengthens [Persevering in the Gospel]	Romans 16:25
19	Christmas : God's promise fulfilled in Jesus	Matthew 1
20	Lesson on Contemporary Christian	Various
SPECIAL	The environment	Genesis 1; 2 Peter 3:13
ASSEMBLY	Christmas – God's promise arrives	Matthew 1, Luke 1

CYCLE C1

CYCLE C traces God's Kingdom plan and shows how Jesus reveals God's Kingdom and how we can be part of God's Kingdom through Jesus

LESSON	THEME	BIBLE
TERM 1	God's kingdom plans	
1	Context: Judges [The leadership crisis]	Judges
2	Samuel [God's chosen leader]	1 Samuel 1–7
3	We want a king [God, the king, rejected]	1 Samuel 8
4	Saul [The people's king]	1 Samuel 9–15
5	David [God's chosen king]	1 Samuel 16
6	David & Goliath [God's Saviour king]	1 Samuel 17
7	The house of God & the house of David [God's eternal kingdom]	2 Samuel 7
8	David's kingship [God's king in action]	2 Samuel 8–24
9	David makes Solomon king [The Son of God is King]	1 Kings 1–2
10	Easter—Jesus is King of the Jews	Matthew 27

TERM 2	Remember God is King	
11	Solomon asks for wisdom [The wisdom of the king]	1 Kings 3, 10; Ecclesiastes; Proverbs
12	Solomon's Temple [Prophet, priest & king]	1 Kings 4–9
13	Solomon's Wives [Forgetting the true King] The Division of the kingdom—Rehoboam & Jeroboam [A Kingdom Divided]	1 Kings 11–14
14	The decline of the kingdom with focus on Judah (both good and bad kings) [The downfall of the kingdom]	1 Kings 15–2 Kings 24
15	The Prophets—The people won't listen [The Voice of the King]	Jeremiah (various)
16	Exile—away from God's land [The kingdom destroyed]	2 Kings 25; Jeremiah 52
17	Daniel—staying faithful [The faithful remnant]	Daniel 1–6
18	The prophetic hope in the face of faithless leaders [Hope for the kingdom]	Ezekiel 34
19	God brings his people home [Kingdom renewed ... or not?]	Ezra–Nehemiah
20	Contemporary Lesson	Various

CYCLE C2

Cycle C traces God's Kingdom plan and shows how Jesus reveals God's Kingdom and how we can be part of God's Kingdom through Jesus.

LESSON	THEME	BIBLE
TERM 3	The Kingdom's King	
1	Intro—God and us/God sent Jesus (Jesus is no earthly king, he is the Son of God)	John 1, 20
2	Jesus does amazing things	John 2:1–11
3	Jesus gives people new life	John 3:1–16
4	Jesus gives people life forever	John 4:3–42
5	Jesus heals the official's son	John 4:43–54
6	Jesus helps people	John 5:1–12/18
7	Jesus solves big problems	John 6
8	Jesus heals the man born blind	John 9:1–12 (13–41)
9	Jesus has power over death	John 11
10	Jesus comes back to life and lives forever	John 19–20
TERM 4	Living in God's Kingdom (Basics for Believers)	
11	What is a Christian? A King's Kid	Various
12	A King's kid reads God's word (the Bible)	2 Timothy 3:16–17; 2 Peter 1:2 Titus 1:1
13	A King's kid talks to God (prays)	Matthew 6:9–13; Luke 18:1–7 Ephesians 6:18
14	A King's kid praises God (thanks God)	Luke 17:11–19
15	A King's kid honours God	1 Timothy 1:17; Hebrews 13:21 Matthew 7:12
16	A King's kid meets with other King's kids	Hebrews 10:25; Acts 2:41–47
17	A King's kid tells others about the King	Mark 16:15 2 Timothy 2:1–2, 8–10
18	A King's kid is joyful	Philippians 1:2; 4:4–8 Acts 16:23–34
19	Christmas lesson—Jesus the King	Matthew 2:1–12; Hebrews 1:8
20	Contemporary Lesson	Various
SPECIAL	Growing as a Christian	John 15; Acts 2
ASSEMBLY	Christmas—God's great gift	Matthew 2:1–12