

We Believe Workshop

Scope and Sequence: Year 3

Redemption: Word Made Flesh

Unit 1: Joseph: God's Dreamer

Scripture: Genesis 37; 39:1—45:8

Main Idea: Joseph is his father's favorite son. This makes his brothers angry, and they make plans to get rid of him. God makes it possible for Joseph to tell people what their dreams mean. Joseph does this for Pharaoh and Pharaoh gives Joseph important work. Joseph's brothers come to Egypt in search of food and find Joseph, who forgives them. Through this act of reconciliation, God provides for God's people during a time of famine.

Something to Remember: Genesis 45:4, 7–8

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. . . . God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt."

Unit 2: Moses: Baby in a Basket

Scripture: Exodus 1:15—2:10

Main Idea: God's caring hand acts through the caring hands of people in Moses' life—the midwives, Moses' mother and sister, and Pharaoh's daughter.

Something to Remember: Exodus 2:10

When the child grew up, [his mother] took him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Unit 3: Jonah

Scripture: Jonah 1—4

Main Idea: Jonah is a reluctant prophet of God's forgiving love for all.

Something to Remember: Jonah 4:2

"[Jonah] prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? This is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing."

Unit 4: Advent: Mary's Song

Scripture: Luke 1:26–56

Main Idea: Mary responds to God's gift with words of joy and praise.

Something to Remember: Luke 1:46–48a

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant."

Unit 5: Boy Jesus at the Temple

Scripture: Luke 2:41–52

Main Idea: Jesus goes to the temple to listen and learn.

Something to Remember: Luke 2:49

[Jesus said to Mary and Joseph], "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

Unit 6: Jesus Teaches Us to Pray

Scripture: Matthew 6:5–15

Main Idea: Jesus teaches his followers the words to use when they pray.

Something to Remember: Matthew 6:9

"Pray then this way:
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name."

Unit 7: The Great Dinner

Scripture: Luke 14:15–24

Main Idea: When Jesus invites us to follow him, we are to say, "Yes!"

Something to Remember: Luke 14:23

"Then the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled.' "

Unit 8: Peter: Three Times, "No!" and Three Times, "Yes!"

Scripture: Luke 22:54–62 and John 21:15–19

Main Idea: Despite Jesus' warning, Peter, when challenged, denies knowing Jesus. Later, Peter is able to affirm his love of Jesus three times.

Something to Remember:

Luke 22:61–62

The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

John 21:17

Jesus said to Peter the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he had said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”

Unit 9: Philip and the Ethiopian

Scripture: Acts 8:26–39

Main Idea: Philip proclaims the good news about Jesus to an Ethiopian who believes and asks to be baptized.

Something to Remember: Acts 8:38

[Philip] commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the [Ethiopian], went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

Unit 10: Lydia

Scripture: Acts 16:11–15, 40

Main Idea: Lydia becomes a follower of Christ through Paul’s ministry. She offers the ministry of hospitality to Paul and his companion.

Something to Remember: Acts 16:14

A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul.