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A Guide for Leaders and Teachers in United
Methodist Congregations

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Children are born with an innate sense of wonder and faith that is genuine and real. As teachers and leaders, our role is to provide a foundation of experiences on which children build a life of learning and growth toward a mature and vital faith. With intentional learning and Christian formation, we become the people God calls us to be. As we develop our gifts we can more faithfully encourage and guide young children through their own journey of faith. Remember the words of Jesus, "Let the children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs." [Mark 10.14b] Keep this scripture before you, knowing that God is with us. You and those who work with you to care for the children in your congregation and community will form disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Grace and Peace,

Melanie

Scripture

“The Word of God for the People of God”

As teachers and leaders our role is to provide a foundation of experiences on which children build a life of learning and growth toward a mature and vital faith. The scripture selection in this resource is a guide. Children need to experience the same Bible stories and Christian concepts at several different stages of their faith journey, because their ability to understand the concepts continues to evolve as they grow. Use this resource as appropriate in your context, and as appropriate for the development of each child. In the early years, share the Bible in story form. As children grow, spend more time allowing the meanings of the stories to unfold.

Bible Passages for Children of All Ages

Old Testament

The Creation

The Ten Commandments

The Shema

Numbers 6.24-26

Ecclesiastes 3

Jonah

Micah 6.8

Psalms 8, 23, 100, 121

New Testament

The Golden Rule

The Beatitudes

The Sermon on the Mount

The Lord's Prayer

The Great Commandment

The Great Commission

The Love Chapter

The Magnificat

The Fruit of the Spirit

Bibles and Books for Children

Infants and toddlers connect with stories through their senses. Bible story books and books with biblical foundations are filled with images that little ones will enjoy. There are also translations of the Bible that children will find more meaningful since they are written on a level that young learners understand. A list of children's Bibles and books with Biblical foundations can be found at <http://ministrywithchildren.wordpress.com/childrens-books/>.

Newborn to 18 Months

Old Testament

Creation

Genesis 1

Noah's Ark

Genesis 6-9

Moses and Miriam

Exodus 2.1-10

Newborn to 18 Months

New Testament

<i>Jesus' Birth</i>	<i>Luke 2</i>
<i>Zacchaeus</i>	<i>Luke 19.1-10</i>
<i>Jesus Blesses Children</i>	<i>Mark 10.14-16</i>
<i>Jesus' Baptism</i>	<i>Matthew 3.13</i>
<i>Jesus Enters Jerusalem</i>	<i>Mark 11.1-11</i>
<i>Lord's Supper</i>	<i>Matthew 26.26-30</i>

18 Months to 3 Years

Old Testament

<i>Creation</i>	<i>Genesis 1:1-2:4</i>
<i>Adam and Eve</i>	<i>Genesis 2:4-25</i>
<i>Joseph and His Brothers</i>	<i>Genesis 37:1-28</i>
<i>Pharaoh's Dreams</i>	<i>Genesis 39:20-41:57</i>
<i>Joseph Helps His Family</i>	<i>Genesis 45:1-15; 50:15-21</i>
<i>Baby Moses</i>	<i>Exodus 2:1-10</i>
<i>God Will Bring Peace</i>	<i>Isaiah 2:1-5</i>
<i>Isaiah's Call</i>	<i>Isaiah 6:1-8</i>
<i>A Child Called Immanuel</i>	<i>Isaiah 7:10-17</i>
<i>God's Peaceful World</i>	<i>Isaiah 11:1-10</i>
<i>Daniel and the Lions</i>	<i>Daniel 6:1-28</i>
<i>Jonah and the Big Fish</i>	<i>Jonah 1-4</i>

18 Months to 3 Years

New Testament

<i>Jesus Is Born</i>	<i>Luke 2:1-20</i>
<i>Wise Men</i>	<i>Matthew 2:1-12</i>
<i>Escape to Egypt</i>	<i>Matthew 2:13-23</i>
<i>Jesus at the Temple</i>	<i>Luke 2:41-52</i>
<i>Jesus' Baptism</i>	<i>Matthew 3.13</i>
<i>Jesus Heals</i>	<i>Mark 1:29-39</i>
<i>The Disciples</i>	<i>Matthew 4:12-23; 9:9-13; 10:1-4</i>
<i>The Lord's Prayer</i>	<i>Matthew 6:5-15</i>
<i>The Greatest Commandment</i>	<i>Matthew 22:34-46</i>
<i>Jesus Blesses the Children</i>	<i>Mark 10:13-16</i>
<i>The Good Samaritan</i>	<i>Luke 10:25-37</i>
<i>Mary and Martha</i>	<i>Luke 10:38-42</i>
<i>Jesus Feeds Thousands</i>	<i>John 6:1-14</i>
<i>The Good Shepherd</i>	<i>John 10:11-18</i>
<i>Jesus Enters Jerusalem</i>	<i>Mark 11.1-11</i>
<i>The Lord's Supper</i>	<i>Matthew 26.26-30</i>
<i>Resurrection</i>	<i>Luke 23.44-24.12</i>
<i>Jesus Appears</i>	<i>John 21.1-13</i>
<i>What is Love</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 13</i>
<i>Fruit of the Spirit</i>	<i>Galatians 5:16-26</i>

3 Years to 4 Years

Old Testament

<i>Creation</i>	<i>Genesis 1:1-2:4</i>
<i>Adam and Eve</i>	<i>Genesis 2:4-25</i>
<i>The First Sin</i>	<i>Genesis 3:1-24</i>
<i>Noah's Ark</i>	<i>Genesis 6-9</i>
<i>Abram's Call</i>	<i>Genesis 12:1-9</i>
<i>God's Promises to Abram</i>	<i>Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18</i>
<i>Isaac's Blessing</i>	<i>Genesis 25:19-34; 27:1-40</i>
<i>Jacob Wrestles</i>	<i>Genesis 32:22-31</i>
<i>Joseph and His Brothers</i>	<i>Genesis 37:1-28</i>
<i>Pharaoh's Dreams</i>	<i>Genesis 39:20-41:57</i>
<i>Joseph Helps His Family</i>	<i>Genesis 45:1-15; 50:15-21</i>
<i>Praise God</i>	<i>Psalms 8</i>
<i>The Lord Is My Shepherd</i>	<i>Psalms 23</i>
<i>God Will Bring Peace</i>	<i>Isaiah 2:1-5</i>
<i>Isaiah's Call</i>	<i>Isaiah 6:1-8</i>
<i>A Child Called Immanuel</i>	<i>Isaiah 7:10-17</i>
<i>God's Peaceful World</i>	<i>Isaiah 11:1-10</i>
<i>Jeremiah</i>	<i>Jeremiah 1:4-10</i>
<i>Daniel and the Lions</i>	<i>Daniel 6:1-28</i>
<i>Jonah and the Big Fish</i>	<i>Jonah 1-4</i>

3 Years to 4 Years

New Testament

<i>Angels Visit</i>	<i>Luke 1:26-38</i>	<i>Who Is the Greatest?</i>	<i>Mark 9:30-37</i>
<i>Mary Visits Elizabeth</i>	<i>Luke 1:39-58</i>	<i>Share God's Love</i>	<i>Mark 9:38-50</i>
<i>Zechariah</i>	<i>Luke 1:68-79</i>	<i>Jesus Blesses the Children</i>	<i>Mark 10:13-16</i>
<i>Jesus Is Born</i>	<i>Luke 2:1-20</i>	<i>Zacchaeus</i>	<i>Luke 19:1-10</i>
<i>Wise Men</i>	<i>Matthew 2:1-12</i>	<i>Jesus Feeds Thousands</i>	<i>John 6:1-14</i>
<i>Escape to Egypt</i>	<i>Matthew 2:13-23</i>	<i>The Good Shepherd</i>	<i>John 10:11-18</i>
<i>Simeon and Anna</i>	<i>Luke 2:22-40</i>	<i>Jesus Enters Jerusalem</i>	<i>Mark 11.1-11</i>
<i>The Boy at the Temple</i>	<i>Luke 2:41-52</i>	<i>Lord's Supper</i>	<i>Matthew 26.26-30</i>
<i>John the Baptist</i>	<i>Matthew 11:2-11</i>	<i>Resurrection</i>	<i>Luke 23.44-24.12</i>
<i>Jesus' Baptism</i>	<i>Luke 3:15-17; 21-22</i>	<i>Jesus Appears</i>	<i>John 21.1-13</i>
<i>The Lamb of God</i>	<i>John 1:29-42</i>	<i>God's Love</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 13</i>
<i>Temptation</i>	<i>Luke 4:1-13</i>	<i>Fruit of the Spirit</i>	<i>Galatians 5:16-26</i>
<i>Jesus Goes to Nazareth</i>	<i>Luke 4:14-30</i>		
<i>Teaching and Healing</i>	<i>Mark 1:21-28</i>		
<i>Jesus Heals</i>	<i>Mark 1:29-39</i>		
<i>The Disciples</i>	<i>Matthew 4:12-23; 9:9-13; 10:1-4</i>		
<i>The Lord's Prayer</i>	<i>Matthew 6:5-15</i>		
<i>The Beatitudes</i>	<i>Matthew 5:1-12</i>		
<i>Walking on Water</i>	<i>Matthew 14:22-33</i>		
<i>Jesus Heals Two Blind Men</i>	<i>Matthew 20:29-34</i>		

4 Years to 5 Years

Old Testament

<i>Creation</i>	<i>Genesis 1:1-2:4</i>	<i>Queen Esther</i>	<i>Esther 2:5-18; 3:1-6; 8:1-17</i>
<i>Adam and Eve</i>	<i>Genesis 2:4-25</i>	<i>Isaiah's Call</i>	<i>Isaiah 6:1-8</i>
<i>The First Sin</i>	<i>Genesis 3:1-24</i>	<i>A Child Called Immanuel</i>	<i>Isaiah 7:10-17</i>
<i>The Burning Bush</i>	<i>Exodus 3:1-15</i>	<i>God's Peaceful World</i>	<i>Isaiah 11:1-10</i>
<i>Free from Slavery</i>	<i>Exodus 5:1-6:13</i>	<i>Jeremiah</i>	<i>Jeremiah 1:4-10</i>
<i>The Red Sea</i>	<i>Exodus 14:1-30</i>	<i>A Good Ruler</i>	<i>Jeremiah 33:14-17</i>
<i>Manna, Quail, and Water</i>	<i>Exodus 16:1-18; 17:1-7</i>	<i>Daniel and the Lions</i>	<i>Daniel 6:1-28</i>
<i>The Ten Commandments</i>	<i>Exodus 20:1-17</i>	<i>Jonah and the Big Fish</i>	<i>Jonah 1-4</i>
<i>A Message from God</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 6:1-9</i>	<i>A Ruler from Bethlehem</i>	<i>Micah 5:2-5</i>
<i>The Battle of Jericho</i>	<i>Joshua 6:1-20</i>		
<i>Deborah</i>	<i>Judges 4:1-5:31</i>		
<i>Naomi and Ruth</i>	<i>Ruth 1:1-22</i>		
<i>Ruth and Boaz</i>	<i>Ruth 2:1-17</i>		
<i>Hannah Prays for a Child</i>	<i>1 Samuel 1:9-27</i>		
<i>God Calls Samuel</i>	<i>1 Samuel 3:1-20</i>		
<i>David Is Chosen</i>	<i>1 Samuel 16:1-13</i>		
<i>David and Goliath</i>	<i>1 Samuel 17:4-11; 32-50</i>		
<i>Solomon Builds the Temple</i>	<i>1 Kings 6</i>		
<i>Elijah and the Widow</i>	<i>1 Kings 17:8-16</i>		
<i>Elisha Feeds 100</i>	<i>2 Kings 4:42-44</i>		
<i>Naaman Is Healed</i>	<i>2 Kings 5:1-19</i>		

4 Years to 5 Years

New Testament

<i>Angels Visit</i>	<i>Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 1:26-38</i>	<i>The Good Samaritan</i>	<i>Luke 10:25-37</i>
<i>Mary Visits Elizabeth</i>	<i>Luke 1:39-58</i>	<i>Mary and Martha</i>	<i>Luke 10:38-42</i>
<i>Zechariah</i>	<i>Luke 1:68-79</i>	<i>The Prodigal Son</i>	<i>Luke 15:1-3; 11-32</i>
<i>Jesus Is Born</i>	<i>Luke 2:1-20</i>	<i>Zacchaeus</i>	<i>Luke 19:1-10</i>
<i>Wise Men</i>	<i>Matthew 2:1-12</i>	<i>Jesus Feeds Thousands</i>	<i>John 6:1-14</i>
<i>Escape to Egypt</i>	<i>Matthew 2:13-23</i>	<i>The Good Shepherd</i>	<i>John 10:11-18</i>
<i>Simeon and Anna</i>	<i>Luke 2:22-40</i>	<i>Lazarus</i>	<i>John 11:1-45</i>
<i>Jesus at the Temple</i>	<i>Luke 2:41-52</i>	<i>Mary Anoints Jesus</i>	<i>John 12:1-8</i>
<i>Jesus' Baptism</i>	<i>Matthew 3:13-17</i>	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	<i>Luke 19:28-40</i>
<i>Jesus Goes to Nazareth</i>	<i>Luke 4:14-30</i>	<i>The Last Supper</i>	<i>Luke 22:14-28</i>
<i>Jesus, Fisher of People</i>	<i>Matthew 4:12-23; 9:9-13; 10:1-4</i>	<i>The Day Jesus Died</i>	<i>Luke 23:26-56</i>
<i>The Beatitudes</i>	<i>Matthew 5:1-12</i>	<i>The Empty Tomb</i>	<i>Luke 24:1-12</i>
<i>Jesus Teaches about Anger</i>	<i>Matthew 5:21-37</i>	<i>The Road to Emmaus</i>	<i>Luke 24:13-35</i>
<i>Love Your Enemies</i>	<i>Matthew 5:38-48</i>	<i>Doubting Thomas</i>	<i>John 20:19-31</i>
<i>The Lord's Prayer</i>	<i>Matthew 6:5-15</i>	<i>The Great Commission</i>	<i>Matthew 28:16-20</i>
<i>A Storm</i>	<i>Matthew 8:23-27</i>		
<i>The Greatest Commandment</i>	<i>Matthew 22:34-46</i>		
<i>Be Humble</i>	<i>Matthew 23:1-12</i>		
<i>Jesus Blesses the Children</i>	<i>Mark 10:13-16</i>		
<i>James and John</i>	<i>Mark 10:35-45</i>		

5 Years to 6 Years

Old Testament

<i>Creation</i>	<i>Genesis 1:1-2:4</i>	<i>David and Goliath</i>	<i>1 Samuel 16 and 17</i>
<i>Adam and Eve</i>	<i>Genesis 2:4-25</i>	<i>Daniel and the Lion's Den</i>	<i>Daniel 6</i>
<i>The First Sin</i>	<i>Genesis 3:1-24</i>	<i>Jonah and the Big Fish</i>	<i>Jonah 1-4</i>
<i>Noah</i>	<i>Genesis 6.9-8.22</i>		
<i>Abram's Call</i>	<i>Genesis 12:1-9</i>		
<i>God's Promises to Abram</i>	<i>Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18</i>		
<i>Abraham and Sarah's Visitors</i>	<i>Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; 18:1-15; 21:1-7</i>		
<i>Rebekah and Isaac</i>	<i>Genesis 24; 25:19-28</i>		
<i>Isaac's Blessing</i>	<i>Genesis 25:19-34; 27:1-40</i>		
<i>Jacob Wrestles</i>	<i>Genesis 32:22-31</i>		
<i>Moses and the Burning Bush</i>	<i>Exodus 3.1-12</i>		
<i>The Ten Commandments</i>	<i>Exodus 19.16-20.21</i>		
<i>The Wall of Jericho</i>	<i>Joshua 6.1-21</i>		
<i>Birth of Samson</i>	<i>Judges 13.1-7, 24-25</i>		
<i>Deborah</i>	<i>Judges 4:1-5:31</i>		
<i>Naomi and Ruth</i>	<i>Ruth 1:1-22</i>		
<i>Ruth and Boaz</i>	<i>Ruth 2:1-17</i>		
<i>Hannah Prays for a Child</i>	<i>1 Samuel 1:9-27</i>		
<i>God Calls Samuel</i>	<i>1 Samuel 3:1-20</i>		
<i>David Is Chosen</i>	<i>1 Samuel 16:1-13</i>		

5 Years to 6 Years

New Testament

<i>Annunciation</i>	<i>Luke 1.26-38</i>	<i>Lydia</i>	<i>Acts 16:9-15</i>
<i>Jesus Presented at the Temple</i>	<i>Luke 2.22-39</i>	<i>Paul and Silas</i>	<i>Acts 16:16-40</i>
<i>Jesus Teaches in the Temple</i>	<i>Luke 2.41-52</i>	<i>Paul's Letters</i>	<i>Romans 1:1-17</i>
<i>John the Baptist</i>	<i>Luke 3:1-18</i>	<i>Many Members, One Body</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 12:12-31</i>
<i>Baptism of Jesus</i>	<i>Matthew 3.13-17</i>	<i>Paul and the Philippians</i>	<i>Philippians 1:1-14</i>
<i>Fisher of People</i>	<i>Matthew 4.18-22</i>		
<i>The Beatitudes</i>	<i>Matthew 5:1-12</i>		
<i>The Centurion's Servant</i>	<i>Matthew 8:5-13</i>		
<i>The Sower</i>	<i>Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23</i>		
<i>Walking on Water</i>	<i>Matthew 14:22-33</i>		
<i>The Vineyard Workers</i>	<i>Matthew 20:1-16</i>		
<i>Jesus Calms the Storm</i>	<i>Mark 4.35-41</i>		
<i>The Lost Sheep</i>	<i>Luke 15.3-7</i>		
<i>Loaves and Fishes</i>	<i>John 6.1-14</i>		
<i>Jesus Heals Jarius' Daughter</i>	<i>Luke 8.40-42, 49-56</i>		
<i>Lord's Supper</i>	<i>Luke 22.14-20</i>		
<i>Resurrection</i>	<i>Luke 23.44-24.12</i>		
<i>Jesus Appears</i>	<i>John 21.1-13</i>		
<i>Philip and the Ethiopian</i>	<i>Acts 8:26-40</i>		
<i>Saul to Paul</i>	<i>Acts 9:1-20</i>		
<i>Peter and Tabitha</i>	<i>Acts 9:36-43</i>		

6 Years to 7 Years

Old Testament

<i>Creation</i>	<i>Genesis 1–2.3</i>	<i>Hannah Prays for a Child</i>	<i>1 Samuel 1:9-27</i>
<i>God Creates Adam and Eve</i>	<i>Genesis 1.26–2.25</i>	<i>God Calls Samuel</i>	<i>1 Samuel 3:1-20</i>
<i>Sin Enters the World</i>	<i>Genesis 3</i>	<i>David Is Chosen</i>	<i>1 Samuel 16:1-13</i>
<i>Cain and Abel</i>	<i>Genesis 4.1–16</i>	<i>David and Goliath</i>	<i>1 Samuel 16 and 17</i>
<i>Noah and the Flood</i>	<i>Genesis 6–9.17</i>	<i>Daniel and the Lion's Den</i>	<i>Daniel 6</i>
<i>God Calls Abram</i>	<i>Genesis 12.1–9</i>	<i>Jonah and the Big Fish</i>	<i>Jonah 1-4</i>
<i>Abram Rescues Lot</i>	<i>Genesis 14</i>		
<i>God's Covenant with Abram</i>	<i>Genesis 15.1–6; 17.15–27</i>		
<i>Abraham's Visitors</i>	<i>Genesis 18.1–15</i>		
<i>Abraham and Isaac</i>	<i>Genesis 21.1–7; 22.1–19</i>		
<i>Isaac and Rebekah</i>	<i>Genesis 24</i>		
<i>Jacob and Esau</i>	<i>Genesis 25.19–34; 27.1–40</i>		
<i>Jacob's Dream</i>	<i>Genesis 27.41–28.22</i>		
<i>Moses and the Burning Bush</i>	<i>Exodus 3.1-12</i>		
<i>Moses and the Ten Commandments</i>	<i>Exodus 19.16-20.21</i>		
<i>Joshua and the Wall of Jericho</i>	<i>Joshua 6.1-21</i>		
<i>Birth of Samson</i>	<i>Judges 13.1-7, 24-25</i>		
<i>Deborah</i>	<i>Judges 4:1-5:31</i>		
<i>Naomi and Ruth</i>	<i>Ruth 1:1-22</i>		
<i>Ruth and Boaz</i>	<i>Ruth 2:1-17</i>		

6 Years to 7 Years

New Testament

<i>Birth of John Foretold</i>	<i>Luke 1.5–25</i>	<i>Jesus Sends the Seventy-Two</i>	<i>Luke 10.1–24</i>
<i>Birth of Jesus Foretold</i>	<i>Luke 1.25–38</i>	<i>Jesus Teaches Us to Pray</i>	<i>Luke 1.11–13; John 16.23–33</i>
<i>Birth of John</i>	<i>Luke 1.57–80</i>	<i>Jesus Feeds Thousands</i>	<i>John 6.1–14; Luke 12.22–34; 15.29–38</i>
<i>Birth of Jesus</i>	<i>Luke 2.1–20</i>	<i>Jesus Seeks the Lost</i>	<i>Luke 15</i>
<i>Jesus in the Temple</i>	<i>Luke 2.41–52</i>	<i>Jesus Our Shepherd</i>	<i>John 10.22–30; Psalm 23</i>
<i>Baptism of Jesus</i>	<i>Luke 3.15–22</i>	<i>Jesus Heals Ten Men with Leprosy</i>	<i>Luke 17.11–19</i>
<i>The Temptation of Jesus</i>	<i>Luke 4.1–13</i>	<i>The Lord’s Supper</i>	<i>Luke 22.1–23</i>
<i>Jesus Rejected at Nazareth</i>	<i>Luke 4.16–30</i>	<i>Jesus’ Death and Resurrection</i>	<i>Luke 23.26–24.12</i>
<i>Jesus Heals Many</i>	<i>Luke 4.31–44</i>	<i>Jesus Appears to Thomas</i>	<i>John 20.19–31</i>
<i>Jesus Changes Water into Wine</i>	<i>John 2.1–11</i>	<i>Jesus Appears to the Disciples</i>	<i>John 21.1–14</i>
<i>Jesus Calls the First Disciples</i>	<i>Luke 5.1–11</i>	<i>Jesus Ascends into Heaven</i>	<i>Acts 1.1–11; Luke 24.44–53</i>
<i>The Beatitudes</i>	<i>Matthew 5.1–12</i>	<i>God Sends the Holy Spirit</i>	<i>Acts 2.1–21</i>
<i>The Greatest Commandment</i>	<i>Matthew 22:34-46</i>	<i>Philip and the Ethiopian</i>	<i>Acts 8:26-40</i>
<i>Be Humble</i>	<i>Matthew 23:1-12</i>	<i>Saul to Paul</i>	<i>Acts 9:1-20</i>
<i>Jesus Blesses the Children</i>	<i>Mark 10:13-16</i>	<i>Peter and Tabitha</i>	<i>Acts 9:36-43</i>
<i>James and John</i>	<i>Mark 10:35-45</i>	<i>Lydia</i>	<i>Acts 16:9-15</i>
<i>The Good Samaritan</i>	<i>Luke 10:25-37</i>	<i>Paul and Silas</i>	<i>Acts 16:16-40</i>
<i>Mary and Martha</i>	<i>Luke 10:38-42</i>	<i>Paul’s Letters</i>	<i>Romans 1:1-17</i>
<i>The Prodigal Son</i>	<i>Luke 15:1-3; 11-32</i>	<i>Many Members, One Body</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 12:12-31</i>
<i>Jesus is Anointed</i>	<i>Luke 7.36–50</i>	<i>Paul and the Philippians</i>	<i>Philippians 1:1-14</i>
<i>The Transfiguration</i>	<i>Luke 9.28–36</i>		

7 Years to 8 Years

Old Testament

<i>Creation</i>	<i>Genesis 1–2.4</i>
<i>God Creates Adam and Eve</i>	<i>Genesis 1.26–2.25</i>
<i>Sin Enters the World</i>	<i>Genesis 3</i>
<i>Cain and Abel</i>	<i>Genesis 4.1–16</i>
<i>Noah and the Flood</i>	<i>Genesis 6–9.17</i>
<i>God Calls Abram</i>	<i>Genesis 12.1–9</i>
<i>Abram Rescues Lot</i>	<i>Genesis 14</i>
<i>God's Covenant with Abram</i>	<i>Genesis 15.1–6; 17.15–27</i>
<i>Abraham's Visitors</i>	<i>Genesis 18.1–15</i>
<i>Abraham and Isaac</i>	<i>Genesis 21.1–7; 22.1–19</i>
<i>Isaac and Rebekah</i>	<i>Genesis 24</i>
<i>Jacob and Esau</i>	<i>Genesis 25.19–34; 27.1–40</i>
<i>Jacob's Dream</i>	<i>Genesis 27.41–28.22</i>

7 Years to 8 Years

New Testament

<i>Birth of John Foretold</i>	<i>Luke 1.5–25</i>	<i>The Lord's Supper</i>	<i>Luke 22.1–23</i>
<i>Birth of Jesus Foretold</i>	<i>Luke 1.25–38</i>	<i>Jesus' Death and Resurrection</i>	<i>Luke 23.26–24.12</i>
<i>Birth of John</i>	<i>Luke 1.57–80</i>	<i>Jesus Appears to Thomas</i>	<i>John 20.19–31</i>
<i>Birth of Jesus</i>	<i>Luke 2.1–20</i>	<i>Jesus Appears to the Disciples</i>	<i>John 21.1–14</i>
<i>Jesus in the Temple</i>	<i>Luke 2.41–52</i>	<i>Jesus Ascends into Heaven</i>	<i>Acts 1.1–11; Luke 24.44–53</i>
<i>Baptism of Jesus</i>	<i>Luke 3.15–22</i>	<i>God Sends the Holy Spirit</i>	<i>Acts 2.1–21</i>
<i>The Temptation of Jesus</i>	<i>Luke 4.1–13</i>	<i>Philip and the Ethiopian</i>	<i>Acts 8:26-40</i>
<i>Jesus Rejected at Nazareth</i>	<i>Luke 4.16–30</i>	<i>Saul to Paul</i>	<i>Acts 9:1-20</i>
<i>Jesus Heals Many</i>	<i>Luke 4.31–44</i>	<i>Peter and Tabitha</i>	<i>Acts 9:36-43</i>
<i>Jesus Calls the First Disciples</i>	<i>Luke 5.1–11</i>	<i>Lydia</i>	<i>Acts 16:9-15</i>
<i>Jesus Changes Water into Wine</i>	<i>John 2.1–11</i>	<i>Paul and Silas</i>	<i>Acts 16:16-40</i>
<i>The Beatitudes</i>	<i>Matthew 5.1–12</i>	<i>Paul's Letters</i>	<i>Romans 1:1-17</i>
<i>Jesus is Anointed</i>	<i>Luke 7.36–50</i>	<i>Many Members, One Body</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 12:12-31</i>
<i>The Transfiguration</i>	<i>Luke 9.28–36</i>	<i>Paul and the Philippians</i>	<i>Philippians 1:1-14</i>
<i>Jesus Sends the Seventy-Two</i>	<i>Luke 10.1–24</i>		
<i>Jesus Teaches Us to Pray</i>	<i>Luke 11.1–13; John 16.23–33</i>		
<i>Jesus Feeds Thousands</i>	<i>John 6.1–14; Luke 12.22–34; 15.29–38</i>		
<i>Jesus Seeks the Lost</i>	<i>Luke 15</i>		
<i>Jesus Our Shepherd</i>	<i>John 10.22–30; Psalm 23</i>		
<i>Heals Ten Men with Leprosy</i>	<i>Luke 17.11–19</i>		

8 Years to 9 Years

Old Testament

<i>Jacob's Family</i>	<i>Genesis 29.1–30.24</i>
<i>Esau Forgives Jacob</i>	<i>Genesis 31.3; 32.1–33.20</i>
<i>Joseph and His Brothers</i>	<i>Genesis 37</i>
<i>Joseph's Troubles</i>	<i>Genesis 39</i>
<i>Joseph Saves Egypt</i>	<i>Genesis 40–41</i>
<i>Joseph Forgives</i>	<i>Genesis 42–45</i>
<i>Birth of Moses</i>	<i>Exodus 1.1–2.10</i>
<i>Moses and the Burning Bush</i>	<i>Exodus 2.11–4.31</i>
<i>Moses and the Plagues</i>	<i>Exodus 5–10</i>
<i>Passover</i>	<i>Exodus 11–12</i>
<i>Crossing the Red Sea</i>	<i>Exodus 13.17–15.21</i>
<i>God Provides</i>	<i>Exodus 16–17</i>
<i>Ten Commandments</i>	<i>Exodus 19–20</i>

8 Years to 9 Years

New Testament

<i>Birth of John Foretold</i>	<i>Luke 1.5–25</i>	<i>Peter and John Heal the Lame Man</i>	<i>Acts 3</i>
<i>Mary Visits Elizabeth</i>	<i>Luke 1.26–56</i>	<i>God's Servant Stephen</i>	<i>Acts 6–7</i>
<i>Birth of John</i>	<i>Luke 1.57–80</i>	<i>Phillip and the Ethiopian</i>	<i>Acts 8.26–40</i>
<i>Birth of Jesus</i>	<i>Luke 2.1–20</i>	<i>The Conversion of Paul</i>	<i>Acts 9.1–31</i>
<i>Presentation of Jesus at the Temple</i>	<i>Luke 2.22–40</i>	<i>Peter and Cornelius</i>	<i>Acts 10</i>
<i>The Wise Men</i>	<i>Matthew 2</i>	<i>Peter's Escape from Prison</i>	<i>Acts 12</i>
<i>John Prepares the Way</i>	<i>Matthew 3.1–12</i>		
<i>Baptism of Jesus</i>	<i>Matthew 3.13–17</i>		
<i>Jesus Calls the First Disciples</i>	<i>Matthew 4.12–25</i>		
<i>The Transfiguration</i>	<i>Matthew 17.1–9</i>		
<i>Temptation of Jesus</i>	<i>Matthew 4.1–11</i>		
<i>Jesus Teaches Nicodemus</i>	<i>John 3.1–21</i>		
<i>Jesus and the Samaritan Woman</i>	<i>John 4.1–42</i>		
<i>Jesus Heals a Blind Man</i>	<i>John 9</i>		
<i>Good Shepherd</i>	<i>John 10.1–10</i>		
<i>Jesus Raises Lazarus</i>	<i>John 11.1–45</i>		
<i>Trial, Crucifixion, and Death</i>	<i>Matthew 27.11–66</i>		
<i>Resurrection of Jesus</i>	<i>Matthew 28.1–10</i>		
<i>An Empty Tomb</i>	<i>John 20.1–18</i>		
<i>Emmaus Road</i>	<i>Luke 24.13–35</i>		

9 Years to 10 Years

Old Testament

<i>Worship in the Tabernacle</i>	<i>Exodus 25–30 and 35–40</i>
<i>Joshua and the Twelve Spies</i>	<i>Numbers 13–14</i>
<i>The Bronze Serpent</i>	<i>Numbers 21.4–9</i>
<i>Entering the Promised Land</i>	<i>Joshua 3–4; Deuteronomy 34.1–12</i>
<i>Rahab</i>	<i>Joshua 2.6–7</i>
<i>Deborah</i>	<i>Judges 4–5</i>
<i>Gideon</i>	<i>Judges 6–8</i>
<i>Samson</i>	<i>Judges 13–16</i>
<i>Ruth</i>	<i>The Book of Ruth</i>
<i>God Calls Samuel</i>	<i>1 Samuel 1–3</i>
<i>Saul Becomes King</i>	<i>1 Samuel 8–11</i>
<i>David and Goliath</i>	<i>1 Samuel 17.1–42</i>
<i>David and Jonathan</i>	<i>1 Samuel 20</i>

9 Years to 10 Years

New Testament

<i>An Angel Visits Mary</i>	<i>Matthew 1.18–25</i>	<i>Jesus Reinstates Peter</i>	<i>John 21.15–23</i>
<i>An Angel Visits Joseph</i>	<i>Luke 1.26–38</i>	<i>Paul's First Missionary Journey</i>	<i>Acts 13–14</i>
<i>Birth of Jesus</i>	<i>Luke 2</i>	<i>Paul and Timothy</i>	<i>Acts 15–16.5</i>
<i>Presentation of Jesus at the Temple</i>	<i>Luke 2.21–40</i>	<i>Lydia</i>	<i>Acts 16.11–15</i>
<i>Jesus in the Temple as a Boy</i>	<i>Luke 2.42–52</i>	<i>Paul and Silas in Prison</i>	<i>Acts 16.16–40</i>
<i>Baptism of Jesus</i>	<i>Mark 1.1–11</i>	<i>Paul Sails for Rome</i>	<i>Acts 27</i>
<i>Temptation of Jesus</i>	<i>Mark 1.12–13</i>		
<i>Jesus Calls Matthew</i>	<i>Mark 14.1–20</i>		
<i>Jesus and the Little Children</i>	<i>Mark 10</i>		
<i>Jesus Heals a Paralytic</i>	<i>Mark 2.1–12</i>		
<i>Jairus' Daughter</i>	<i>Mark 5.21</i>		
<i>The Transfiguration</i>	<i>Mark 9.2–10</i>		
<i>Jesus Calms the Storm</i>	<i>Mark 4.35–41; James 1.12–18</i>		
<i>Peter's Confession</i>	<i>Matthew 14.22–33; Mark 8.27–38</i>		
<i>Jesus Clears the Temple</i>	<i>John 2.13–22</i>		
<i>The Widow's Mite</i>	<i>Mark 12.44; John 3.13–22</i>		
<i>Zacchaeus</i>	<i>Luke 19.1–9</i>		
<i>The Passion of Christ</i>	<i>Mark 14.1–15.47</i>		
<i>The Resurrection of Jesus</i>	<i>Mark 16.1–8</i>		

Old Testament

10 Years to 11 Years

<i>David Becomes King</i>	<i>1 Samuel 16.1–13; 2 Samuel 5–7</i>
<i>Nathan Rebukes David</i>	<i>2 Samuel 12.1–23</i>
<i>Solomon's Wisdom</i>	<i>1 Kings 3</i>
<i>Solomon's Temple</i>	<i>1 Kings 5–6</i>
<i>Elijah and the Widow of Zarephath</i>	<i>1 Kings 16–17</i>
<i>Elijah and the Prophets of Baal</i>	<i>1 Kings 18</i>
<i>Elijah Taken to Heaven</i>	<i>2 Kings 2.1–18</i>
<i>Naaman and Elijah</i>	<i>2 Kings 5</i>
<i>Jonah</i>	<i>2 Kings 14.25</i>
<i>Hezekiah Prays</i>	<i>2 Kings 18–19</i>
<i>Three Men in the Fiery Furnace</i>	<i>Daniel 3</i>
<i>Daniel in the Lions' Den</i>	<i>Daniel 6</i>
<i>Esther</i>	<i>Esther</i>

New Testament

10 Years to 11 Years

<i>Birth of John Foretold</i>	<i>Luke 1.5–25</i>	<i>The Lord's Supper</i>	<i>Luke 22.1–23</i>
<i>Birth of Jesus Foretold</i>	<i>Luke 1.25–38</i>	<i>Jesus' Death and Resurrection</i>	<i>Luke 23.26–24.12</i>
<i>Birth of John</i>	<i>Luke 1.57–80</i>	<i>Jesus Appears to Thomas</i>	<i>John 20.19–31</i>
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<i>Jesus Seeks the Lost</i>	<i>Luke 15</i>		
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<i>Heals Ten Men with Leprosy</i>	<i>Luke 17.11–19</i>		

Forming

Disciples of Jesus Christ

Children develop in similar ways, although, their development may vary according to their individual stages of cognitive, social-emotional, physical and spiritual development, learning styles, and ability levels. Remain aware that children possess different abilities at different ages and that some children may live with a disability or delay in some developmental areas. This chart is a guide. Because children come to us with varying abilities and experiences, it is important to see this chart as flowing rather than absolute. Children need to experience the same Bible stories and Christian concepts at several different stages of their faith journey, because their ability to comprehend our story and holy living continue to evolve as they grow.

Birth to 1 Year	God	Worship	The Bible	Home and Family	Relating Faith to Daily Life	Community and the World	Significant Terms and Images	Wesleyan Heritage	What Teachers and Parents Provide
	<p>God made me and loves me</p> <p>My caregivers represent God on earth</p>	<p>I sense the love of those in Christian community</p> <p>Music helps me connect with the congregation</p> <p>Church is a safe and loving place</p> <p>Pray simple prayers for me and with me</p>	<p>Read me stories about God, Jesus, and people of the Bible through board books and Bible storybooks</p>	<p>I am loved by my family</p> <p>I feel safe in my home</p> <p>I am part of my parents and they are part of me</p>	<p>God loves me just as God created me</p> <p>Talk to me about God</p>	<p>The people caring for me love me</p>	<p>Love</p> <p>Joy</p> <p>Gift</p> <p>Pray</p> <p>Bible</p> <p>Cross</p> <p>God</p> <p>Jesus</p> <p>Manger</p> <p>Wise Men</p>	<p>Love</p> <p>Grace</p> <p>Assurance</p>	<p>Show children that they are loved</p> <p>Provide a safe and trusting environment</p> <p>Read stories, sing songs, and say prayers of God</p>

1-2 Years	God	Worship	The Bible	Home and Family	Relating Faith to Daily Life	Community and the World	Significant Terms and Images	Wesleyan Heritage	What Teachers and Parents Provide
	I am a child of God, who loves me	<p>I can learn simple prayers</p> <p>The Bible is a special book</p> <p>Symbols of my faith are important to me</p> <p>Worshipping with the congregation is important to me</p>	<p>The Bible is a special book</p> <p>Read me stories about God, Jesus, and people of the Bible through board books and Bible storybooks</p>	<p>My family celebrates me just the way I am</p> <p>My family reads stories of the Bible to me</p> <p>My family demonstrates God's love through their actions</p>	I use my senses to explore God's creation	<p>God cares for all creation</p> <p>God wants me to care for God's creation</p>	<p>Love</p> <p>Joy</p> <p>Bible</p> <p>Cross</p> <p>Christ Candle</p> <p>Communion</p> <p>Creation</p> <p>Baptism</p> <p>Prayer</p> <p>Joy</p> <p>Offering Plate</p> <p>Manger</p> <p>Wise Men</p> <p>Shepherds</p>	<p>Love</p> <p>Grace</p> <p>Assurance</p>	<p>Be an adult who is caring and responsive to children's needs</p> <p>Help children experience trust</p>

	God	Worship	The Bible	Home and Family	Relating Faith to Daily Life	Community and the World	Significant Terms and Images	Wesleyan Heritage	What Teachers and Parents Provide
2-3 Years	I can experience God's love through my family and friends	The Bible contains important stories I can sing, pray, and recognize the symbols of the church	The Bible contains stories that are important	My family celebrates me just the way I am My family reads stories of the Bible to me My family demonstrates God's love through their actions	Guide me in play that helps me learn about others	I have a sense of wonder about the world	Love Joy Blessing Hymn Hymnal Community Church Christian Manger Wise Men Lamb Shepherds Cup and Loaf Palm Leaves	Love Grace Assurance Sacraments	Make sure care in the nursery and in weekday ministries emphasize love Talk about God, community, and love

3-4 Years	God	Worship	The Bible	Home and Family	Relating Faith to Daily Life	Community and the World	Significant Terms and Images	Wesleyan Heritage	What Teachers and Parents Provide
	God loves me Jesus is the Son of God	I need a sense of belonging in the life of the congregation I can actively participate in worship I can learn the Christian calendar	The Bible helps me know how much God loves me	My family practices prayer and reads the Bible My family demonstrates love of God and neighbor	Guide me in play that helps me learn the fruit of the Spirit	I like doing good for others	Love Joy Creation Love of God and Neighbor Forgiveness Peace Altar Sanctuary Cross and Flame	Love Grace Assurance Sacraments John Wesley Charles Wesley Circuit Riders	Support the development of children's abilities and understanding of their own identity as a unique child of God

4-5 Years	God	Worship	The Bible	Home and Family	Relating Faith to Daily Life	Community and the World	Significant Terms and Images	Wesleyan Heritage	What Teachers and Parents Provide
	God loves everyone	I can learn, recite, and understand Bible passages I can handle the Bible and hymnal appropriately	The Bible tells stories about how God wanted the people to live	My family and I do good for others My family helps me understand why we do good for others My family talks to be about lessons in the Bible	Guide me in ways that help me live the Golden Rule	I participate in activities that show care and appreciation for others and creation	Love Joy Stewardship Golden Rule Disciple Grace Forgiveness Peace Dove Lily Butterfly	Love Grace Assurance Sacraments John Wesley Charles Wesley Circuit Riders	Show children that God is important in the daily life of caring adults

	God	Worship	The Bible	Home and Family	Relating Faith to Daily Life	Community and the World	Significant Terms and Images	Wesleyan Heritage	What Teachers and Parents Provide
5-6 Years	<p>God is everywhere and cares for all people</p> <p>God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit</p>	<p>I can participate in corporate worship through attendance, singing, giving, serving, and sharing my gifts</p> <p>I can offer prayers for others</p> <p>I begin to understand the significance of the sacraments</p>	<p>The Bible helps me to know how God wants me to live</p> <p>I can tell stories of people in the Bible</p> <p>My family connects church and family</p>	<p>My family serves those in need, and enables me to serve in appropriate ways</p> <p>My family reads stories of faith and prays together</p>	<p>Guide me in ways that help me see the needs of others, and address them in ways that are faithful to followers of Christ</p>	<p>I participate in servant ministry</p>	<p>Love</p> <p>Joy</p> <p>Faithfulness</p> <p>Holy Spirit</p> <p>Sabbath</p> <p>Covenant</p> <p>Forgiveness</p> <p>Peace</p> <p>Tithe</p> <p>Disciple</p> <p>Hospitality</p>	<p>Love</p> <p>Grace</p> <p>Assurance</p> <p>Sacraments</p> <p>General Rules</p> <p>Holy Living</p> <p>Sanctification</p>	<p>Show children what it means to be a disciple of Christ in the world, while being mindful of the need for safe boundaries</p>

6-7 Years	God	Worship	The Bible	Home and Family	Relating Faith to Daily Life	Community and the World	Significant Terms and Images	Wesleyan Heritage	What Teachers and Parents Provide
	<p>God wants people to love God</p>	<p>I can participate in corporate worship through attendance, singing, giving, serving, and sharing my gifts</p> <p>I can offer prayers for others</p> <p>I begin to understand the significance of the sacraments</p>	<p>The Bible helps me to know how God wants me to live</p> <p>I can tell stories of people in the Bible</p> <p>My family connects church and family</p>	<p>My family serves those in need, and enables me to serve in appropriate ways</p> <p>My family reads stories of faith and prays together</p>	<p>Guide me in ways that will help me address situations in a Christian way</p>	<p>I participate in servant ministry in the community, and begin to understand how my actions impact those around me</p>	<p>Love</p> <p>Joy</p> <p>Holy Spirit</p> <p>Faithfulness</p> <p>Sabbath</p> <p>Covenant</p> <p>Forgiveness</p> <p>Peace</p> <p>Tithe</p> <p>Disciple/ Discipleship</p> <p>Miracle</p>	<p>Love</p> <p>Grace</p> <p>Assurance</p> <p>Sacraments</p> <p>General Rules</p> <p>Means of Grace</p> <p>Holy Living</p> <p>Sanctification</p>	<p>Be a living role-model for children, and talk about how God works in our lives</p>

7-8 Years	God	Worship	The Bible	Home and Family	Relating Faith to Daily Life	Community and the World	Significant Terms and Images	Wesleyan Heritage	What Teachers and Parents Provide
	God loves us, even when we are disobedient	I can understand and participate in the order of worship, and can learn the prayers, creeds, and litanies of the church	I can discuss the meaning of stories in the Bible with others	My family talks about how stories of faith have a direct impact on how we live as a family	Guide me in ways that allow me to use my gifts to help others, and to please God	I participate in servant ministry in the community, and begin to understand how my actions impact those around me	Love Joy Evangelism Conversion Forgiveness Repentance Reconciliation Justice Missionary Servanthood	Love Grace Assurance Sacraments General Rules Means of Grace Holy Living Sanctification	Help children to understand that God gave them unique gifts, and provide opportunities for them to develop those gifts

8-9 Years	God	Worship	The Bible	Home and Family	Relating Faith to Daily Life	Community and the World	Significant Terms and Images	Wesleyan Heritage	What Teachers and Parents Provide
	<p>God wants us to worship God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength</p>	<p>I can understand and participate in the order of worship, and can learn the prayers, creeds, and litanies of the church</p>	<p>I understand that the Bible is God’s inspired Word, and I learn how the Bible came to be</p>	<p>My family helps me to consider and recognize the rights of others, and understand what that means in the way that we live as a family</p>	<p>Guide me in ways that deepen my belief that I am a child of God and part of God’s beloved community</p>	<p>I begin to identify and express attitudes, ideas, and feelings about social injustice</p>	<p>Love Joy Kingdom of God Forgiveness Intercession Thanksgiving Servanthood Salvation Heaven Hell Witness Stewardship</p>	<p>Love Grace Assurance Sacraments General Rules Means of Grace Holy Living Sanctification</p>	<p>Be open to discussions about God, and intentionally guide children in faith development</p>

9-10 Years	God	Worship	The Bible	Home and Family	Relating Faith to Daily Life	Community and the World	Significant Terms and Images	Wesleyan Heritage	What Teachers and Parents Provide
	God's care and concern for us exists regardless of our circumstances	I can understand that being a part of a faith community expands beyond the physical walls of the church I attend	I understand that the Bible is for people of all languages, ethnicities, and cultures	I begin to take responsibility for acting on Christian beliefs and values as I interact with my family	Guide me in ways that will help me to take responsibility for acting on Christian beliefs	I continue to identify and express attitudes, ideas, and feelings about social injustice	Love Joy Commitment Hope Trust Truth Sacrifice Body of Christ Eternal Life Prophecy Stewardship	Love Grace Assurance Sacraments General Rules Means of Grace Holy Living Sanctification Confirmation	Be open to the ways that children experience God in ways they are not sure how to articulate

10-11 Years	God	Worship	The Bible	Home and Family	Relating Faith to Daily Life	Community and the World	Significant Terms and Images	Wesleyan Heritage	What Teachers and Parents Provide
	<p>God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit</p> <p>God is a Trinitarian God</p>	<p>I can understand that being a part of a faith community expands beyond the physical walls of the church I attend</p>	<p>I understand that the Bible tells me how people's lives were affected by their response to God</p>	<p>I begin to take responsibility for acting on Christian beliefs and values as I interact with my family</p>	<p>Guide me in ways that further develop my ability to sense right and wrong in light of Christian faith</p>	<p>I initiate ways to serve others in the community and in the world</p>	<p>Love</p> <p>Joy</p> <p>Lord</p> <p>Messiah</p> <p>Christ</p> <p>Emmanuel</p> <p>Savior</p> <p>Shepherd</p> <p>Son of God</p> <p>Incarnation</p> <p>Resurrection</p>	<p>Love</p> <p>Grace</p> <p>Assurance</p> <p>Sacraments</p> <p>General Rules</p> <p>Means of Grace</p> <p>Holy Living</p> <p>Holy Conferencing</p> <p>Sanctification</p> <p>Christian Perfection</p> <p>Confirmation</p>	<p>Be an accepting adult who is willing to hear the many questions about God</p>

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The first section of this resource contains a comprehensive guide to scripture significant for children as they develop cognitively and theologically.

The second section contains comprehensive charts that address the needs of children and the concepts they can understand at different stages of development:

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