

# ONE PRIORITY

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## THREE RELATIONAL MOTIVES

Move kids to **LOVE GOD** by inciting

Move kids to LOVE LIFE by provoking

Move kids to LOVE OTHERS by fueling

WONDER

# DISCOVERY

PASSION

# NINE CORE INSIGHTS

**DESIGN:** What I see around me reveals a Creator I cannot see.

**IMAGE:** I am created in the image of my perfect, heavenly Father who has an unending love for me.

**CONNECTION:** I live in pursuit of an infinite God who desires an eternal relationship with me.

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**TRANSFORMATION:** God's Spirit is transforming my unique and imperfect life into the character of Jesus.

**TRUTH:** My response to God's Word shapes how I see God's story of redemption at work in me and around me.

**RESTORATION:** God designed me to participate with Him in restoring a broken world.

**COMPASSION:** My faith in Christ is revealed by my compassion and care for others.

**COMMUNITY:** I choose to live in the complexities of family and community because God values them.



#### 2020/2021 SERIES OVERVIEW





#### AUGUST

# INDESCRIBABLE ®

#### YOUR CREATOR HAS NO LIMITS

EVERYONE'S INVITED

**DROP THE ACT** 

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#### **CORE INSIGHTS:** DESIGN • IDENTITY

WEEK ONE: Creation — Genesis 1-2:3 BOTTOM LINE: There's no limit to God's creativity.

**WEEK TWO:** We Are God's Creation — Ephesians 2:10 **BOTTOM LINE:** God created you, so you can be creative.

WEEK THREE: Esther — Esther BOTTOM LINE: God created you for a purpose. **WEEK FOUR: Four Friends Who Helped** — Mark 2:1-12 **BOTTOM LINE:** God created you to work with others.

WEEK FIVE: Salt and Light — Matthew 5:13-16 BOTTOM LINE: God created you to share His story.

"Lord, you are great. You are really worthy of praise. No one can completely understand how great you are." Psalm 145:3, NIrV



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CORE INSIGHTS: COMMUNITY • COMPASSION

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can live life with integrity. Who we are in private should match who we are in

public. When we trust in God, we can be truthful in whatever we say and do.

**TRANSFORMATION • COMMUNITY** 

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WEEK ONE: Two people are better than one — Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 BOTTOM LINE: Choose your friends carefully.

**WEEK TWO: David and Jonathan** — 1 Samuel 20 **BOTTOM LINE:** Friends love one another.

**WEEK THREE: Elijah and Elisha** — 1 Kings 19:14-21; 2 Kings 2:1-15 **BOTTOM LINE:** Friends encourage one another.

**WEEK FOUR:** Jesus Forgives Peter — John 21:1-19 **BOTTOM LINE:** Friends forgive one another.

"A friend loves at all times. They are there to help when trouble comes." Proverbs 17:17, NIrV

#### **OCTOBER**

**CORE INSIGHTS:** 

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WEEK ONE: Daniel's Integrity — Daniel 1 BOTTOM LINE: Be truthful with your whole life.

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**WEEK FOUR: Think on These Things** — Philippians 4:8 **BOTTOM LINE:** Focus on what's true.

"Anyone who lives without blame walks safely. But anyone who takes a crooked path will get caught." Proverbs 10:9, NIrV



### NOVEMBER

# SHOUT OUT ®

#### LET 'EM KNOW YOU'RE THANKFUL

#### **SERIES DESCRIPTION:**

Have you ever thought about everything God has done for you? He made a way to rescue you through Jesus' death and resurrection. When you remember that, you can be thankful—always.

#### CORE INSIGHTS: CONNECTION • TRUTH

#### WEEK ONE: Give thanks no matter what happens — 1 Thessalonians 5:18 BOTTOM LINE: You always have something to be grateful for.

WEEK TWO: David Dances — 2 Samuel 6:12b-22a BOTTOM LINE: Celebrate what God has done

WEEK THREE: Jesus Heals 10 Men — Luke 17:11-19 BOTTOM LINE: Say thank you.

WEEK FOUR: The Story of the Workers in the Vineyard — Matthew 20:1-15 BOTTOM LINE: Adjust your attitude.

WEEK FIVE: Lord's Supper / Last Supper — 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Exodus 12 BOTTOM LINE: Get in the habit of being grateful.

## "Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever." Psalm 136:1, NIrV



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The best gift God ever gave was Jesus. Because of Jesus, it's possible for us to have a relationship with God that will last forever. As we remember the Christmas story, we take time to celebrate the greatest gift the world has ever known.

#### CORE INSIGHTS: RESTORATION • CONNECTION

**WEEK ONE:** Jesus Is Promised — Isaiah 9:6 **BOTTOM LINE:** We can have hope because God keeps His promises.

**WEEK TWO:** Gabriel Appears to Mary — Luke 1:26-56 **BOTTOM LINE:** You can have joy because God has a plan for you. **WEEK THREE:** Jesus Is Born — Luke 2:1-7 **BOTTOM LINE:** God loved us so much that He gave us a Savior.

**WEEK FOUR: Shepherds Visit** — Luke 2:8-20 **BOTTOM LINE:** God's peace is for everyone.

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord." Luke 2:11, NIrV



## SERIES DESCRIPTION:

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. That's why we should show responsibility: using our stuff the way God wants or following through with what we need to do. Show others that we can be trusted with anything.

#### CORE INSIGHTS: TRANSFORMATION • TRUTH



WEEK ONE: Greatest Commandment — Matthew 22:36-47 BOTTOM LINE: Love God. Love others.

WEEK TWO: Bigger Barns — Luke 12:16-21 BOTTOM LINE: Share what you have.

WEEK THREE: Ant and Sluggard — Proverbs 6:6-8 BOTTOM LINE: Work hard. **WEEK FOUR:** Parable of the Talents — Matthew 25:14-30 **BOTTOM LINE:** Make the most of what you've been given.

**WEEK FIVE: Use Words Wisely** — Ephesians 4:29 **BOTTOM LINE:** Use your words wisely.

"Suppose you can be trusted with something very little. Then you can also be trusted with something very large." Luke 16:10a, NIrV



CHEER EACH OTHER ON

#### FEBRUARY

# SUPER FAN

#### **SERIES DESCRIPTION:**

God was kind to us even when we didn't deserve it. Because of His love for us, we can be kind to everyone. Jesus modeled kindness, but He also commanded it. He taught us to treat others the way we want to be treated.

### CORE INSIGHTS:

MARCH

**COMPASSION • COMMUNITY** 

WEEK ONE: God Was Kind to Us — Ephesians 4:32 BOTTOM LINE: Be kind to others because God is kind to you.

**WEEK TWO: Ruth and Boaz** — Ruth **BOTTOM LINE:** Be kind to your family and friends.

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#### CORE INSIGHTS: FAITH • TRANSFORMATION

**WEEK ONE:** Simeon Waits for the Messiah — Luke 2:25-35 **BOTTOM LINE:** When you have to wait, remember God is with you.

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**WEEK FOUR:** Palm Sunday — Matthew 21:1-11 **BOTTOM LINE:** You can celebrate even when you're waiting.

"Wait for the Lord. Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the Lord." Psalm 27:14, NIrV

APRIL

# RECONNECT ® EASTER JAM

BUILD THE BRIDGE

#### **SERIES DESCRIPTION:**

When Jesus died on the cross, He made peace between God and us. We can have peace—and we can share His peace with others. We can reflect the character of Christ by caring enough to make peace.

#### CORE INSIGHTS: TRANSFORMATION • COMMUNITY

WEEK ONE: Easter — God's Big Story (Supporting: Colossians 1:20) BOTTOM LINE: God made peace with us.

WEEK TWO: Live in Peace with Others — Colossians 3:15 BOTTOM LINE: We can make peace with others. **WEEK THREE:** Isaac's Wells — Genesis 26:16-22; 26-31 **BOTTOM LINE:** Prove you care more about others by walking away from a fight.

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"So let us do all we can to live in peace. And let us work hard to build up one another." Romans 14:19, NIrV



#### MAY

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God makes plans and follows through with them, including the plan to send Jesus to rescue us! We can show commitment too. The best way? Work on growing our relationship with Jesus with faith practices.

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Making a plan and

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JULY

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# **252 PRETEEN**

2020/2021 SCOPE AND CYCLE







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1 Thessalonians 5:18

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LET 'EM KNOW YOU'RE THANKFUL

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JANUARY

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**CORE INSIGHTS:** 

# RULES FOR LIFE ®

#### WEEK ONE: Greatest Commandment — Matthew 22:36-47 KEY QUESTION: What are things you're expected to do?

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#### PLAY WELL. FINISH STRONG.

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IT'S WORTH THE WAIT

BUILD THE BRIDGE

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