

Beginning with God

Beginning with God introduces students to God, and his purposes for people and the world as revealed in the Bible.

LESSON	THEME AND LESSON AIM	BIBLE
1	Theme: God, you and me Lesson aim: To introduce the students to the teacher, the Bible and God.	Psalms 57:8–10a
2.	Theme: God made the world Lesson aim: To explore what the Bible says about how God made the world and God's description of his world as good.	Genesis 1:1–25
3	Theme: God made people Lesson aim: To help students to understand from the Bible that God made people to be his friends.	Genesis 1:26—2:25
4	Theme: God loves and cares for everything Lesson aim: To help students appreciate from the Bible that God loves and cares for everything he has made.	Psalms 145:3, 8b–9
5	Theme: God's perfect world was spoiled Lesson aim: To help students understand from the Bible how friendship with God is spoiled by wrong choices and how God responds by making peace with people.	Genesis 3
6	Theme: God sent his Son at the right time Lesson aim: To help students to appreciate God's reason for sending his Son, Jesus: to make peace between himself and people.	Luke 1:26–33; 2:1–20, 40, 52
7	Theme: Jesus teaches people about God Lesson aim: To help students understand from the Bible that Jesus told people about God.	Matthew 9:35–38; Mark 1:14–20; 4:1–2
8	Theme: A sad day with a surprising ending Lesson aim: To show students from the Bible that Jesus' death and resurrection was the central part of God's plan to make peace with people.	Luke 23; John 12:12–19; 18
9	Theme: A wonderful day for God's people Lesson aim: To help students understand from the Bible that God made Jesus alive again.	Luke 24:1–12
10	Theme: The road to Emmaus Lesson aim: To develop students' understanding from the Bible of Jesus' resurrection as real and physical.	Luke 24:13–35
11	Theme: The Holy Spirit Lesson aim: To help students to understand from the Bible that Jesus' friends are never alone because God, the Holy Spirit, is with them.	Acts 1:7–11; 2:1–13
12	Theme: Together forever Lesson aim: To help students appreciate that the Bible teaches that Jesus' friends will live with him forever.	Revelation 21:1–7, 23–27

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13	Theme: Fish, fish and more fish Lesson aim: To help students develop an understanding from the Bible that Jesus is God's Son and has God's power.	Luke 5:1–11
14	Theme: Jesus cares Lesson aim: To help students appreciate from the Bible that Jesus' love for people shows us God's love.	Mark 1:21–22, 29–31
15	Theme: Loaves and fish for 5000, please! Lesson aim: To help students appreciate from the Bible that Jesus was able to help people because he is the powerful Son of God and has God's power.	John 6:1–14
16	Theme: Jesus and his friend Lazarus Lesson aim: To help students understand that Jesus, God's Son, has the power to give life.	John 11:1–44
17	Theme: Jesus and the children Lesson aim: To help students understand how the Bible shows that Jesus cares for and values children.	Mark 10:13–16
18	Theme: Jesus heals Bartimaeus Lesson aim: To explore further how the Bible shows that Jesus cares for people, even those who others see as 'outcasts'.	Mark 10:46–52
19	Theme: Getting to know Jesus Lesson aim: To help students appreciate how the Bible shows that Jesus wants people to get to know him.	Luke 10:38–42
20	Theme: Jesus and Zacchaeus Lesson aim: To show students from the Bible how Jesus helps people to change when they know him.	Luke 19:1–10
21	Theme: The loving father Lesson aim: To encourage students to think more about God's love and how people can respond to it.	Luke 15:11–24
22	Theme: I will pray to you Lesson aim: To explore why people pray to God	Luke 11:1–13
23	Theme: The good Samaritan Lesson aim: To help students understand from the Bible that loving God means we must love others even when it is hard to do so.	Luke 10:25–37
24	Theme: God makes promises to Abraham Lesson aim: To foster an understanding from the Bible that God promised to help his people.	Genesis 12–15
25	Theme: A son for Abraham and Sarah Lesson aim: To encourage students to appreciate how the Bible shows that God keeps every promise he makes.	Genesis 17:17–22; 18; 21:1–7
26	Theme: Joseph Lesson aim: To explore Joseph's role in God's unchanging plan.	Genesis 37; 45

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27	Theme: Baby Moses Lesson aim: To help students to appreciate from the Bible that God saved baby Moses for a great purpose.	Exodus 2:1–10
28	Theme: Exodus from Egypt Lesson aim: To introduce students to the concept that God is good, all-powerful and in charge of the world.	Exodus 2:23; 6:6–8; 7–12
29	Theme: The Promised Land Lesson aim: To help students appreciate how the Bible shows that God always keeps his promise to be with those who trust him.	Joshua 3
30	Theme: The birth of Samuel Lesson aim: To learn about Hannah’s great faith and God’s even greater faithfulness.	1 Samuel 1
31	Theme: Chosen to be king Lesson aim: To help students grasp that God chose David as his people’s king because David loved and trusted him.	1 Samuel 16:1–13
32	Theme: The shepherd boy Lesson aim: To appreciate how God prepared David to be a warrior and a king.	1 Samuel 17:34–38
33	Theme: God’s promise to David Lesson aim: To discover God’s great promise that someone from David’s family would always be king.	2 Samuel 7
34	Theme: Daniel in exile Lesson aim: To help the students to understand that Daniel knew that God was the greatest king of all.	2 Chronicles 36:11–23; Daniel 1–2; 6
35	Theme: Nehemiah the builder Lesson aim: To help students to recognise from the Bible that God wants people to remember him.	Nehemiah 1–2; 8–9
36	Theme: God promises to send his Son Lesson aim: To help students to understand from the Bible that God promised to send his Son long before Jesus was born.	Isaiah 9:6, 7
37	Theme: Mary’s song of praise Lesson aim: To help students to reflect on Mary’s joy regarding the fulfilment of God’s promise.	Luke 1:29–33, 46–55
38	Theme: Jesus is born Lesson aim: To help the students to understand that Christians celebrate Jesus’ birth at Christmas because he is the child God promised who would make peace between God and people.	Luke 2:1–20
39	Theme: He’s the one! Lesson aim: To help students understand how the Bible shows that baby Jesus was the one God’s people had been waiting for.	Luke 2:21–35
40	Theme: Gifts for the King Lesson aim: To help students to recognise from the Bible that God invites all people to make Jesus their King and to trust him.	Matthew 2:1–12