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LESSON PLAN 2025-2026
Journey through the Bible.





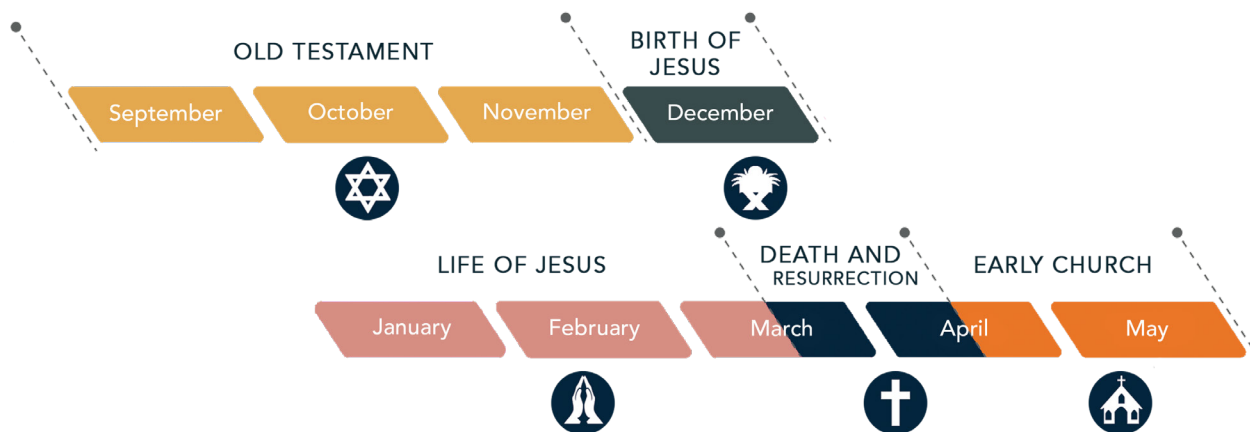
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About the GO! Academy Lesson Plan:

Each year, the GO! Academy takes kids on a chronological journey through the entire Bible. During this academic year, kids will see and experience both God's power and promises through the Big Bible Story, but there will be a special emphasis on God's people. Students will discover that God has invited them to be

His people and to share His story with the world. There will be glimpses of God's salvation plan throughout the year, but there will be one time each semester where that plan is communicated clearly and kids will have an opportunity to respond. Those weeks are denoted with *** next to the title.





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The Year at a Glance

Q1



UNIT 1

Sept 1 - 29

Old Testament



UNIT 2

Oct 6 - 27

Old Testament

Q2



UNIT 3

Nov 3 - 24

Old Testament



UNIT 4

Dec 1 - Jan 12

Birth of Jesus

Q3



UNIT 5

Jan 19 - Feb 16

Life of Jesus



UNIT 6

Feb 23 - Mar 23

Life of Jesus

Q4



UNIT 7

Mar 30 - Apr 20

Death and Resurrection



UNIT 8

Apr 27 - May 18

Early Church



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Unit 1

Move 'n Groove

QUARTER 1



It's time to get our bodies into the storytelling action! During this storytelling method, kids will make up hand motions or dance moves that go along with each part of the Bible story. When the story's finished, they'll put them all together as they move and groove through the early chapters of Genesis. At the same time, they'll discover the effect sin has had on God's perfect creation.

Week 1	In the Beginning	Key Verse: Psalm 139:14
Sep 1-5	Big Idea: God created us in a special way and wants us to have a special relationship with Him.	Bible Basis: Genesis 1-2
Week 2	The Fall: Adam and Eve	Key Verse: Psalm 107:1
Sep 8-12	Big Idea: Although our relationship with God was broken, He still loves us.	Bible Basis: Genesis 3-4
Week 3	Noah and the Big, Big Flood	Key Verse: John 14:15
Sep 15-19	Big Idea: God is good, so I can obey Him even when it's hard.	Bible Basis: Genesis 6:5-9:17
Week 4	God's Promise to Abraham	Key Verse: Psalm 145:13
Sep 22-26	Big Idea: God keeps His promises, so I can wait patiently for Him.	Bible Basis: Genesis 15-21

Unit 2

Four Corners

QUARTER 1



Your kids will finally be happy to hear you say "Go stand in the corner!" During this storytelling method, you'll pause throughout the Bible story to ask students what they think is going to happen next. After deciding, they'll move to a corner or area of the room to indicate what their answer is. Throughout the fun and games, kids will learn about the character and nature of God through stories of the patriarchs of the Bible.

Week 5	Abraham and Isaac	Key Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6
Sep 29-Oct 3	Big Idea: God is trustworthy, so I can follow Him anywhere.	Bible Basis: Genesis 22
Week 6	Joseph and His Brothers	Key Verse: Ephesians 4:32
Oct 6-10	Big Idea: God is forgiving, so we can forgive others.	Bible Basis: Genesis 37-47
Week 7	Moses and the Burning Bush	Key Verse: Joshua 1:9
Oct 13-17	Big Idea: God is always with me, so I can have the courage to do what He asks.	Bible Basis: Exodus 3:1-7:13
Week 8	Moses and the Plagues	Key Verse: Jeremiah 32:17
Oct 20-24	Big Idea: God is all-powerful, so I can go to Him for help.	Bible Basis: Exodus 7:14-10:20
Week 9	Moses and the Passover***	Key Verse: Romans 6:23
Oct 27-31	Big Idea: God is our rescuer, so I can choose to follow Him.	Bible Basis: Exodus 11-13



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Unit 3

Say What?

QUARTER 2



On this exciting journey through the story of the Israelites' exodus from Egypt, students explore moments when God gave His people instructions so surprising they might have exclaimed, "Say what?!?" Adding to the fun, kids will participate in a hilarious activity where someone says key phrases from the story while holding their tongue, making it a challenge for others to understand. With its mix of faith-building lessons and silly fun, "Say What?" helps kids see how God's seemingly impossible plans are always perfect!

Week 10	Crossing the Red Sea	Key Verse: Philippians 2:14
Nov 3-7	Big Idea: God is giving, so we can be thankful without complaining.	Bible Basis: Exodus 13:17-17:7
Week 11	The Tabernacle	Key Verse: 1 Cor. 3:16
Nov 10-14	Big Idea: God lives within us, so we can talk to Him anytime we want.	Bible Basis: Exodus 25-31, 35-40
Week 12	Joshua and the Walls of Jericho	Key Verse: Joshua 1:7
Nov 17-21	Big Idea: God's instructions for us are good, so I can follow them right away.	Bible Basis: Joshua 1, 6
Week 13	Israel Demands a King	Key Verse: James 1:5
Nov 24-28	Big Idea: God is all-knowing, so I can go to Him for wisdom.	Bible Basis: 1 Samuel 8-10

Unit 4

Shake it Up

QUARTER 2



At some point, most kids have done it—secretly shaking a present to figure out what's inside. But during "Shake it Up," they get to do it without hiding. Students will shake boxes, then guess what's inside. When revealed, the contents will help tell the stories of Jesus' miraculous birth and early years of life.

Week 14	The Prophets Foretell of the Coming King	Key Verse: Psalm 39:7
Dec 1-5	Big Idea: God gives us hope through the promise of Jesus.	Bible Basis: 1 Kings 12:1-24; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; 53
Week 15	An Angel Visits Mary and Joseph	Key Verse: Luke 1:37
Dec 8-12	Big Idea: Nothing is impossible with God, so I can believe whatever He tells me.	Bible Basis: Luke 1:26-56; Matthew 1:18-25
Week 16	The Light of the World: Jesus is Born	Key Verse: John 12:46
Dec 15-19	Big Idea: Jesus is the Light of the World and I can share the light with others like the shepherds did.	Bible Basis: Luke 2:1-20
Week 17	Jesus in the Temple	Key Verse: Luke 2:52
Jan 5-9	Big Idea: Jesus grew in wisdom and favor by spending time in His Father's House.	Bible Basis: Luke 2:41-52
Week 18	Jesus is Baptized	Key Verse: Romans 6:4
Jan 12-16	Big Idea: Baptism gives us a picture of Jesus' amazing sacrifice.	Bible Basis: Luke 3; Matthew 3; Mark 1:29-34



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Unit 5

Let's Focus

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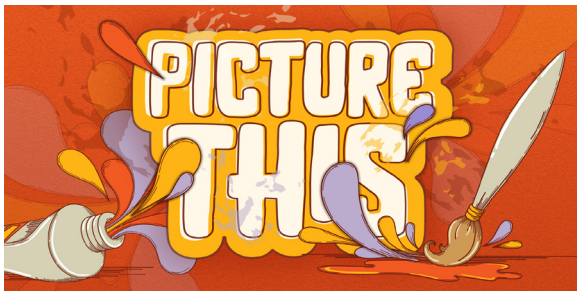
Don't worry — it's not time for a new pair of glasses just yet! We made these pictures fuzzy for a reason! During "Let's Focus," students will see a series of blurry pictures. As the pictures gradually become clear, they'll race to say what it is. Each picture helps make the truth of God's Word easy to see and brings into focus the forever love of Jesus.

Week 19	Jesus is Tempted in the Desert	Key Verse: 1 Cor. 10:13
Jan 19-23	Big Idea: Jesus said "no" to sin, and so can we.	Bible Basis: Luke 4:1-13;
Week 20	Jesus is Rejected in Nazareth	Key Verse: Galatians 1:10
Jan 26-30	Big Idea: Jesus was rejected for saying unpopular things.	Bible Basis: Luke 4:16-30
Week 21	Jesus Calls His Disciples	Key Verse: Mark 1:17
Feb 2-6	Big Idea: Jesus calls ordinary people like us to follow Him.	Bible Basis: Luke 5:1-11, 27-31, 6:12-16; Matt 4:18-22
Week 22	The Woman at the Well	Key Verse: Romans 5:8
Feb 9-13	Big Idea: God's love is greater than our sin, so we can go to Him for forgiveness.	Bible Basis: John 4:1-26
Week 23	Jesus and the Pharisees	Key Verse: Psalm 51:10
Feb 16-20	Big Idea: Jesus wants us to be pure in heart, not just pretenders.	Bible Basis: Matthew 23

Unit 6

Picture This

QUARTER 3



"Picture this!" That was one of Jesus' favorite expressions. Well...sort of! Jesus often told parables to create a clear and memorable picture of what it looks like to follow God. It's as if Jesus were saying, "Picture this—a man had two sons..." During "Picture This," students will interact with Jesus' parables by creating a series of fast-paced pictures! Best of all, they'll also learn and experience what it means to follow our ever-living, ever-loving God.

Week 24	Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders	Key Verse: Matthew 7:24
Feb 23-27	Big Idea: God's Word provides a solid foundation for us to build our lives on.	Bible Basis: Matthew 7:24-29
Week 25	Parable of the Good Samaritan	Key Verse: Luke 10:27
Mar 2-6	Big Idea: God is compassionate and wants us to show compassion to others even if they're different from us.	Bible Basis: Luke 10:25-37
Week 26	Parable of the Rich Fool	Key Verse: Matthew 6:21
Mar 9-13	Big Idea: God wants us to treasure our relationship with Him more than any of our possessions.	Bible Basis: Luke 12:13-21
Week 27	Parable of the Lost Sheep and Coin	Key Verse: Luke 15:10
Mar 16-20	Big Idea: Jesus pursues the lost and rejoices when they turn to Him.	Bible Basis: Luke 15:3-10



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Unit 7

Mime Time

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It's time for a game of charades! During "Mime Time," the storyteller will silently act out some simple scenes from the Bible, then the students will guess what's happening. As the guessing goes on, the greatest story ever told will unfold — the story of a Love that's more powerful than death.

Week 28	Parable of the Prodigal Son	Key Verse: 1 John 1:9
Mar 23-27	Big Idea: God's love is never ending and He celebrates when we go to Him for forgiveness.	Bible Basis: Luke 15:11-32
Week 29	Jesus' Triumphal Entry	Key Verse: Luke 19:38
Mar 30-Apr 3	Big Idea: Jesus is our King and deserves our praise.	Bible Basis: Matthew 21:1-11; Luke 19:28-46
Week 30	Jesus' Arrest, Trial, and Crucifixion	Key Verse: 1 Peter 2:21
Apr 6-10	Big Idea: Jesus suffered for us and we too may have to suffer in order to follow Jesus.	Bible Basis: Matthew 26:47-27:66; 1 Peter 2:21-25
Week 31	Jesus' Resurrection (EASTER)	Key Verse: John 11:25
Apr 13-17	Big Idea: Jesus defeated death and He gives those who follow Him victory over death too.	Bible Basis: Matthew 27:57-28:10
Week 32	God Invites Us to be His People***	Key Verse: Acts 4:12
Apr 20-24	Big Idea: Eternal life is found in Jesus alone.	Bible Basis: John 3:16-21

Unit 8

The Big Build

QUARTER 4



Think about some of the most popular toys ever — Legos®, Lincoln Logs®, Building Blocks. These are classic and timeless toys! Why? Because people have always enjoyed building things. During "The Big Build," students will have a chance to put their building skills to use while hearing stories of how God used ordinary people to build the early Church.

Week 33	The Great Commission	Key Verse: Matthew 28:19
Apr 27-May 1	Big Idea: God wants everyone to know the good news of Jesus, so I can share my faith with others.	Bible Basis: Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:1-11
Week 34	The Believers Form a Community	Key Verse: Acts 2:44
May 4-8	Big Idea: God wants us to share our life with other believers.	Bible Basis: Acts 2:42-47
Week 35	Peter and John Before the Sanhedrin	Key Verse: Acts 1:8a, c
May 11-15	Big Idea: The Holy Spirit gives us the courage to boldly tell others about Jesus.	Bible Basis: Acts 3:1-4:22
Week 36	A New Heaven and Earth	Key Verse: John 14:3
May 18-22	Big Idea: Jesus will return to make all things new	Bible Basis: Revelation 19-22