

Grade 1 **Enjoying God's Gifts**

Lesson	Sessions	Content Objectives	Learning Objectives	Optional Components
1 God Creates Light	A Who Is God?	God is our powerful, loving Creator.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List and explain several words that describe God Recall what God made on the first day of Creation Discuss benefits of daily routines and rest Give examples of things that we could consider gifts from God 	Scripture Memory Genesis 1:1 Character Trait Gratitude Hymn All Things Bright and Beautiful
	B The First Day	On the first day of Creation, God made light.		
	C God's Many Gifts	Every good gift comes from God.		
2 God Creates the World	A The Second and Third Days	On the second and third days of Creation, God made the sky, the seas, and land.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List what God created on the second, third, and fourth days of Creation Describe several gifts included in the first four days of Creation Explain how nature can reveal God's greatness Discuss the blessing of nature's order and predictability 	Scripture Memory Psalm 19:1 Character Trait Discipline / Orderliness Hymn All Things Bright and Beautiful
	B The Fourth Day	On the fourth day of Creation, God made the sun, moon, and stars.		
	C The Order in Nature	Because of the order God built into His creation, we can study and understand the world around us.		
3 God Creates Animals	A The Fifth Day	On the fifth day of Creation, God made fish in the sea and birds in the air.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List what God made on the fifth and sixth days of Creation Explain God's command for animals to multiply and fill the world Discuss different talents and their use for praise or service 	Scripture Memory Psalm 148:5 Character Trait Creativity Hymn All Things Bright and Beautiful
	B The Sixth Day	On the sixth day of Creation, God made animals on the land, and then He made humans.		
	C All Kinds of Life	All life glorifies God, and we can use our talents to praise Him.		
4 God Creates People	A The First Man	God created the first man, Adam, from the dust of the ground.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize and order each phase or day of Creation Recall how God created Adam and Eve Describe ways in which humans are different from animals Discuss forms of love and support within the home 	Scripture Memory Genesis 1:31a Character Trait Love Hymn All Things Bright and Beautiful
	B The First Woman	God created the first woman, Eve, from Adam's rib.		
	C Loving Our Family	God created families as a way for people to love and support each other.		

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5 God Offers Work and Rest	A The Garden of Eden	Adam and Eve worked in God’s perfect garden.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize both work and rest as positive opportunities to serve and grow Recall one or two ways that God provided for Adam and Eve in the garden Explain why God rested on the seventh day List one or two ways to rest Discuss helpful and unhelpful ways to serve others 	Scripture Memory Genesis 2:15 Character Trait Kindness Hymn Oh Say, But I’m Glad!
	B A Day of Rest	On the seventh day of Creation, God rested as an example for us.		
	C Serving Others	We serve people by putting their needs above our own.		
6 God Gives Rules	A The Two Trees	God warned Adam and Eve against eating fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall God’s one rule in the garden of Eden Define <i>sin</i> generally as the choice to break God’s law Explain the general consequences for Adam and Eve’s sin Give examples of simple rules and discuss their general purpose 	Scripture Memory Genesis 3:4 Character Trait Obedience Hymn Oh Say, But I’m Glad!
	B The First Sin	Adam and Eve broke God’s rule and had to leave the garden of Eden.		
	C Commands for Us	God gives us rules for our own good.		
7 God Rescues Noah	A Noah’s Ark	God told Noah to build an ark, and Noah obeyed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall key events in the story of Noah and the flood Define <i>ark</i> as a large boat or ship Recall one or two examples of promises in Scripture Recognize the difference between a broken and a kept promise Discuss the relationship between trust and promises 	Scripture Memory Proverbs 3:5 Character Trait Faith / Trust Hymn Oh Say, But I’m Glad!
	B The Flood	God kept Noah safe from the flood.		
	C God’s Promises	God makes promises and always keeps them.		
8 God Calls Abraham	A The Promised Nation	God promised to make a great nation out of Abraham and Sarah’s descendants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall at least one promise that God made to Abraham and Sarah Explain why Lot’s choice was selfish, or at least foolish Define <i>wisdom</i> as the desire to learn or to use knowledge well Define <i>foolishness</i> as a refusal to learn Recognize simple examples of wisdom and foolishness 	Scripture Memory Genesis 12:2a Character Trait Wisdom Hymn Jesus Loves Me
	B Lot’s Choice	Lot suffered after trying to fit into a sinful culture.		
	C Wisdom and Foolishness	Wise people listen and grow, but foolish people refuse to learn.		

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9 God Cares for Jacob	A Jacob's Trick	Jacob tricked Isaac into giving him a blessing meant for Esau.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe how Jacob and Rebekah tricked Isaac Recall what God promised Jacob on the journey to Haran Affirm God's care despite difficult circumstances Recognize behaviors that reflect greed or contentment 	Scripture Memory Genesis 28:15a Character Trait Contentment Hymn Jesus Loves Me
	B Jacob's Dream	God promised to work through Jacob to fulfill His promises to Abraham.		
	C Greedy or Content	Contentment, the opposite of greed, grows when we take time to appreciate God's blessings.		
10 God Stays with Joseph	A Joseph's Troubles	God helped Joseph endure many troubles, including slavery and imprisonment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall key events from the life of Joseph Define <i>mercy</i> as kindness to someone who may not deserve it Recognize and practice simple examples of apologies and forgiveness 	Scripture Memory Ephesians 4:32b Character Trait Forgiveness Hymn Jesus Loves Me
	B Joseph's Mercy	Despite his troubles, Joseph forgave and helped his family.		
	C Forgiveness	To follow God, we must forgive others like He forgives us.		
11 God Gives Children to Hannah	A Praying for a Son	Hannah begged God for a son, and He granted her request.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall key events surrounding the birth of Samuel Explain in general terms how Hannah praised God in her song (1 Sam. 2) Affirm that children represent unique blessings from God 	Scripture Memory 1 John 5:14b Character Trait Confidence Hymn Jesus Loves Me
	B Giving Up a Son	Hannah praised God and gave Samuel back to Him.		
	C The Gift of Children	All children are gifts from God.		
12 God Speaks to Samuel	A Samuel's Childhood	Samuel grew up serving with priests in the Tabernacle.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe, in general terms, the function of priests in ancient Israel Recognize a <i>prophet</i> as someone who shares truth from God Recall the circumstances surrounding God's first message to Samuel List one or two ways to listen better 	Scripture Memory James 1:19b Character Trait Attentiveness Hymn This Little Light of Mine
	B The Voice of God	God spoke directly to Samuel, who grew up to be a prophet.		
	C Listening Well	Listening is an active skill we can improve over time.		

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13 God Chooses David	A Samuel Anoints David	Samuel anointed a shepherd boy named David to be king of Israel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall key events surrounding the anointing of David List at least one job held by David before becoming king Recognize simple examples of responsible and irresponsible behavior List at least one way to show responsibility at home 	Scripture Memory Luke 16:10a Character Trait Responsibility Hymn This Little Light of Mine
	B David Serves Others	David served his family and country in a variety of roles.		
	C Responsibility	We can show responsibility with small jobs before we tackle larger ones.		
14 God Gives Victory to David	A The Philistine	The Philistine Goliath challenged the armies of Israel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall key events leading up to Goliath's defeat Describe, in general terms, the battle between David and Goliath Recognize <i>courage</i> as the decision to do right despite fear 	Scripture Memory 1 Samuel 17:47b Character Trait Courage Hymn This Little Light of Mine
	B The Stone and Sling	David defeated Goliath with a sling.		
	C Fear and Courage	Courage comes from trusting God.		
15 God Gives a Friend to David	A The Friendly Prince	David and Jonathan became close friends who supported and protected each other.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe generally how King Saul reacted to David's fame List at least one way Jonathan and David expressed friendship Recall key events surrounding David's time as a fugitive Discuss several characteristics of good and bad friends 	Scripture Memory Proverbs 17:17 Character Trait Friendship Hymn This Little Light of Mine
	B The Jealous King	King Saul drove David into hiding, but David refused to retaliate.		
	C The Best Friends	Good friends will encourage and challenge us.		
16 Review	Review Activities	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify key biblical figures from this study so far Recall key vocabulary discussed so far Recall key events discussed so far 	Scripture Memory Review Verses Character Trait N/A Hymn I Love to Tell the Story

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17 God Cares for Elijah	A The Widow	In Zarephath, God worked through Elijah to multiply flour and oil indefinitely for a widow and her son.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall the miracles shown by Elijah to the widow at Zarephath Recognize compassion as kindness and care shown to people in need 	Scripture Memory Proverbs 19:17a Character Trait Compassion Hymn I Love to Tell the Story
	B The Widow's Son	After Elijah prayed, God raised the widow's son back to life.		
	C Compassion	Our compassion should reach out to anyone in need.		
18 God Listens to Elijah	A Mount Carmel	God sent fire to burn up Elijah's sacrifice on Mount Carmel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall key events surrounding Elijah's sacrifice on Mount Carmel Explain how God encouraged Elijah in the wilderness of Beersheba Discuss several reasons for prayer 	Scripture Memory Philippians 4:13 Character Trait Dependence Hymn I Love to Tell the Story
	B The Quiet Voice	God encouraged Elijah with a quiet voice.		
	C Praying to God	Prayer is an expression of dependence on God.		
19 God Brings Elijah to Heaven	A Calling Elisha	Elisha left his home to follow and help Elijah.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall the circumstances surrounding Elisha's call to ministry Explain how God brought Elijah up to heaven Recognize <i>loyalty</i> as enduring love and faithfulness Discuss ways to show loyalty within the context of friendship 	Scripture Memory Psalm 18:2a Character Trait Loyalty / Faithfulness Hymn I Love to Tell the Story
	B The Fiery Chariot	God brought Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind.		
	C Loyalty	Loyalty is a mark of enduring love.		
20 God Judges King Joash	A Jehosheba's Bravery	After being rescued and raised by Jehosheba, Joash became king at the age of seven.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall key events leading to Joash's reign as king Explain in general terms how Joash turned from God Discuss forms of worship 	Scripture Memory Exodus 20:3 Character Trait Worship Hymn Amazing Grace
	B Joash's Rise and Fall	After the death of his advisor Jehoiada, Joash turned from God and worshiped false gods.		
	C Worshiping God	We have many ways to worship God.		

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21 God Blesses King Josiah	A Another Young King	Josiah became king at a young age, then learned to follow God.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall some of the reforms during Josiah's reign as king Recall key events surrounding Josiah's discovery of God's Law Explain in general terms the imagery in Psalm 119:11 	Scripture Memory James 4:10 Character Trait Humility Hymn Amazing Grace
	B Finding the Law	After finding the Law of God, Josiah tried his best to obey.		
	C Following God's Word	When we read God's Word with humility, we will obey God.		
22 God Promises a Savior	A Gabriel Visits Mary	The angel Gabriel told Mary that she would have a son, Jesus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall how Mary heard about the coming birth of Jesus Explain how Elizabeth encouraged Mary List one or two things Mary sang about God 	Scripture Memory 1 Thessalonians 5:11a Character Trait Encouragement Hymn Amazing Grace
	B Mary Praises God	Mary was encouraged after visiting her relative, Elizabeth.		
	C Celebrating God	When we remember God's love and greatness, we will celebrate Him.		
23 Jesus Is Born	A The First Christmas	Jesus was born to Mary in a stable in Bethlehem.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall key events surrounding the birth of Jesus Explain in general terms the message shared by the shepherds of Bethlehem 	Scripture Memory Luke 2:7a Character Trait Joy Hymn Amazing Grace
	B Angels and Shepherds	Angels told shepherds about the birth of Jesus.		
	C Sharing the News	We can multiply joy by sharing it with others.		
24 Jesus Is Worshipped	A Simeon and Anna	At the Temple, Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus as God's promised Savior.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain how Anna and Simeon responded to seeing baby Jesus Recall key events on the magi's journey to see Jesus Discuss ways people show patience or impatience 	Scripture Memory Matthew 2:11a Character Trait Patience Hymn Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
	B The Magi	The magi followed a star to Bethlehem, where they worshiped Jesus and gave Him gifts.		
	C Patience and Reward	God sometimes requires our patience, but He always keeps His promises.		

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25 Jesus Grows Up	A Escape to Egypt	Joseph, Mary, and Jesus fled to Egypt to escape Herod.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall the circumstances around the flight of Jesus' family to Egypt Explain why people were amazed at the young Jesus in the Temple Discuss ways to show growth and maturity 	Scripture Memory Luke 2:52 Character Trait Growth / Learning Hymn Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
	B Visit to the Temple	With His questions, the young Jesus surprised people at the Temple.		
	C Growing Up Well	We can grow up well by helping our family and learning as much as we can.		
26 Jesus Is Tempted	A John Baptizes Jesus	After Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, God the Father signaled His approval.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List one or two distinctive elements of John's ministry at the Jordan Explain in general terms why Jesus chose to be baptized Recall one or two ways that Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness Discuss ways to resist the desire to sin 	Scripture Memory Matthew 3:17 Character Trait Self-Control Hymn Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
	B Satan Tempts Jesus	Jesus resisted Satan's temptation in the wilderness.		
	C Saying No to Sin	With God's help, we can always say "no" to sin.		
27 Jesus Calls Disciples	A The Call	Jesus called many to be His disciples, including two fishermen, Simon and Andrew.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define <i>disciple</i> as a student-follower of Jesus Recall how Jesus called Simon and Andrew to follow Him List two or three of Jesus' closest disciples List one or two ways we can act as disciples of Jesus 	Scripture Memory Matthew 4:19 Character Trait Devotion Hymn Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
	B The Disciples	Jesus' twelve closest disciples were a varied group of Jewish men.		
	C Learning About Jesus	We can be disciples of Christ if we study and follow Him.		
28 Jesus Feeds Many People	A The Meal for Thousands	With just a few fish and pieces of bread, Jesus fed thousands of people at once.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe in general terms how Jesus once fed over 5,000 people Recognize one or two key ideas from the Sermon on the Mount Distinguish between examples of selfishness and selfless love 	Scripture Memory Matthew 7:12a Character Trait Generosity Hymn Bringing in the Sheaves
	B The Teachings of Jesus	Jesus taught His followers to show exceptionally selfless love.		
	C Sharing with Others	God gives us many gifts, tangible and intangible, and we should share them with others.		

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29 Jesus Controls the Sea	A Calming the Storm	Jesus calmed a storm with only His words.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall the events that led to Jesus calming a storm on the Sea of Galilee Recall the events that led to Jesus and Peter walking on water Explain in general terms how Jesus' miracles demonstrated divine power Discuss ways that obedience may require faith and trust 	Scripture Memory Matthew 8:27 Character Trait Trust / Faith Hymn Bringing in the Sheaves
	B Walking on Water	Jesus walked on water to His disciples.		
	C Steps of Faith	Jesus expects us to follow Him in faith.		
30 Jesus Cares for Children	A Welcoming Children	Jesus blessed and welcomed children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain how Jesus responded to children during His earthly ministry Recall key events surrounding Jesus' healing of Jairus' daughter Discuss ways to welcome those who want to learn about Jesus 	Scripture Memory Romans 15:7 Character Trait Welcoming Hymn Bringing in the Sheaves
	B Raising Jairus' Daughter	Jesus healed the daughter of a religious leader named Jairus.		
	C Welcoming Everyone	To truly reflect God's love, we must offer it to everyone.		
31 Jesus Heals People	A The Ten Men	Jesus healed ten men of leprosy, but only one returned to show thanks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain how ten men with leprosy responded to being healed by Jesus Explain how Bartimaeus expressed faith and gratitude to Jesus Discuss ways to show thanks to God and others 	Scripture Memory 1 Thessalonians 5:18 Character Trait Gratitude Hymn Bringing in the Sheaves
	B Bartimaeus	After Bartimaeus called out, Jesus healed his blindness.		
	C Giving Thanks	We have many ways to give thanks to God.		
32 Jesus Teaches with Stories	A The Lost Sheep	To illustrate God's happiness over repentance, Jesus told parables about a lost sheep and a lost coin.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall key events from the parables in Luke 15 Explain in general terms the message behind the parables in Luke 15 Recognize simple examples of repentance Describe in general terms how God responds to our repentance 	Scripture Memory John 10:11 Character Trait Repentance Hymn When We All Get to Heaven
	B The Lost Son	Jesus told a parable about a lost son to contrast different responses toward repentance.		
	C Jesus Our Shepherd	As our Good Shepherd, Jesus would do anything to protect us.		

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33 Jesus Is Crucified	A Riding into Jerusalem	Jesus rode into Jerusalem and cleansed the Temple, showing everyone that He was the Messiah.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall key events surrounding Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem Explain in general terms how Jesus died Discuss ways Jesus exemplified sacrificial love 	Scripture Memory John 3:16 Character Trait Love Hymn When We All Get to Heaven
	B Dying on the Cross	Jesus' enemies had Him arrested and then crucified.		
	C Love and Sacrifice	Godly love often requires sacrifice.		
34 Jesus Rises from the Dead	A The Empty Tomb	On the third day after His death, Jesus rose again.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall key events from the morning of Christ's resurrection List one or two ways Jesus showed that He had really risen Recognize critical themes from the Gospel of Christ 	Scripture Memory 1 Corinthians 6:14 Character Trait N/A Hymn When We All Get to Heaven
	B He Lives!	Jesus encouraged and challenged His disciples before returning to heaven.		
	C Hope in Jesus	Jesus' death and resurrection give us hope for the future.		
35 Review	Review Activities	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall significant people and ideas from this study Order significant events from narratives in this study 	Scripture Memory Review Verses Character Trait N/A Hymn When We All Get to Heaven