

Younger Elementary/Older Elementary Scope & Sequence 2009–2010

Fall 2009

Worship Begins

From the time of Moses to the time of Solomon (about 400 years), the people of Israel evolve from wandering tribes into a landed nation-state. During this time, they also develop their relationship with God, especially their understanding of God's nature and presence. As the Israelites encounter God in creation, the law, and covenant relationship, their forms of worship grow more corporate and sophisticated, culminating in the building of Solomon's temple. The psalms emerge in this period as the first formalized hymns and prayers. As the children explore the beginnings of worship with the people of Israel, they will gain an awareness of worship in our own time.

Session 1: God Meets Us in Creation: Song of Praise

Scripture: Psalm 148

Main Idea: We join with all creation in joyful praise of God! We find God in creation, and express the ideas of this psalm in our experience.

Something to Remember: Psalm 148:5

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

Something to Remember: *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

Question 46: Why do we pray to God?

Because we were created to live with God, who desires the prayers of our hearts. Our hearts long for God, for we need God's help and guidance every day.

Session 2: God Meets Us in the Law: The Ark of the Covenant

Scripture: Exodus 25:10–22

Main Idea: The Ark is built to hold the tablets of the Law and to symbolize the presence of God with Israel. What does God have to do with our ideas of rules and laws today?

Something to Remember: Exodus 25:10a and 16

They shall make an ark of acacia wood. You shall put into the ark the covenant that I shall give you.

Something to Remember: *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

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Session 3: God Meets Us in the Law: The Ark Is Captured!

Scripture: 1 Samuel 4—6

Main Idea: The Israelites are defeated by the Philistines and the Ark of the Covenant is captured. Sadly, Israel believes that as God resides with the Ark, then God has departed from them as well.

Something to Remember: 1 Samuel 4:22

The glory has departed from Israel, for the Ark of God has been captured.

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Session 4: God Meets Us in the Law: David and the Ark

Scripture: 2 Samuel 6:1–19

Main Idea: King David brings the Ark to Jerusalem. David shows us how to celebrate God's presence with joy!

Something to Remember: 2 Samuel 6:14a

David danced before the LORD with all his might.

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Session 5: God's People Pray: Praise for the Law

Scripture: Psalm 19

Main Idea: We praise God for giving us the Law! Psalms are songs or poems that express our feelings to God.

Something to Remember: Psalm 19:7

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.

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Session 6: God is Present with People: King David

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:1–17

Main Idea: God covenants with the house of David. God's love is with us forever. The covenant is still important for us today.

Something to Remember: 2 Samuel 7:16

Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

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Session 7: God is Present with People: David Prays

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:18–29

Main Idea: David models for us a heartfelt prayer of praise, thanksgiving and petition. How do we pray?

Something to Remember: 2 Samuel 7:28

And now, O LORD God, you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant.

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Session 8: God's People Pray: Praise for God's Loving Care

Scripture: Psalm 23

Main Idea: God's love and care are always with us like a shepherd who loves and cares for a flock.

Something to Remember: Psalm 23:1

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

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Session 9: God's People Worship: Building the Temple

Scripture: 1 Kings 5–6

Main Idea:

David's son, Solomon, becomes king of Israel and builds a temple for God in Jerusalem.

Something to Remember: 1 Kings 5:7b

Blessed be the LORD today, who has given to David a wise son to be over this great people.

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Session 10: God's People Worship: Finishing the Temple

Scripture: 1 Kings 7:13–51

Main Idea: Solomon's Temple is furnished for worship with great artistry.

Something to Remember: 1 Kings 7:51

So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

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Session 11: God’s People Worship: The Temple is Ready!

Scripture: 1 Kings 8

Main Idea: King Solomon assembles the people of Israel at the new temple for a great festival of praise.

Something to Remember: 1 Kings 8:13

I have built for you an exalted house, a place for you to dwell in forever.

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Session 12: God’s People Pray: Praise God Always

Scripture: Psalm 150

Main Idea: The people praise God with exuberance and music!

Something to Remember: Psalm 150:6

Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

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Session 13: Jesus, Son of David

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1–12

Main Idea: The prophet Isaiah promises that a new king will restore and fulfill God’s covenant with the house of David.

Something to Remember: Isaiah 11:1

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

Something to Remember: *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

Question 14. What did God do to help us?

God chose the people of Israel to make a new beginning. They received God’s covenant, and prepared the way for Jesus to come as our Savior.

Winter 2009–2010

The Winter Quarter traces the birth narrative of Jesus followed by his dedication in the Temple and the worship of the magi. A unit on baptism, both Jesus' and our sacrament today is studied, followed by a unit on the Lord's Prayer. The quarter concludes with the first two weeks of Lent and a unit on the elements of worship.

Session 1: Jesus: Son of Joseph

Scripture: (OE) Matthew 1:1–25/ (YE) Matthew 1:17–25

Main Idea: Joseph is a descendant of David and a kind man who becomes Jesus' earthly father.

Something to Remember: Matthew 1:20b

[An angel said,] "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife."

Catechism Question: *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

Question 22: Who was sent to be the Messiah?

God sent Jesus to be the Messiah. Messiah means "anointed one." The New Testament word for Messiah is Christ. Jesus is called the Christ, because God anointed him to be the Savior who would rescue us from sin and death.

Session 2: Jesus: Son of Mary

Scripture: Luke 1:26–38

Main Idea: An angel visits Mary and tells her she will be Jesus' mother.

Something to Remember: (OE) Luke 1:30–31

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus."

(YE) Luke 1:30

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Session 3: Jesus: Son of God

Scripture: Luke 2:1–20

Main Idea: Jesus is born and the angels announce the birth of the Messiah.

Something to Remember: (OE) Luke 2:10–11

But the angel said to [the shepherds], "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

(YE) Luke 2:10

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Session 4: Dedication of Jesus

Scripture: Luke 2:21–24

Main Idea: Joseph and Mary bring Jesus to the temple to dedicate him to God, according to their custom.

Something to Remember: Luke 2:22b

[Joseph and Mary] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

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Session 5: We Have Come to Worship Him

Scripture: Matthew 2:1–12

Main Idea: Wise men seek Jesus to honor and worship him at his birth.

Something to Remember: Matthew 2:11a

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. (*TWIV*)

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Session 6: John Baptizing

Scripture: Mark 1:1–8

Main Idea: John baptizes people and proclaims that there is one coming whose baptism will change lives.

Something to Remember: Mark 1:8

[John] proclaimed, ". . . I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Catechism Question: *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

Question 42: What is baptism?

Through baptism I am adopted and welcomed into God's family. In the water of baptism I share in the dying and rising of Jesus, who washes away my sins. I am made one with him, and with all who are joined to him in the church.

Session 7: Jesus' Baptism

Scripture: Mark 1:9–10

Main Idea: In the waters of baptism, Jesus is claimed and blessed by God.

Something to Remember: (OE) Mark 1:11

And a voice came from heaven, You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

(YE) Mark 1:11b

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Session 8: Our Baptism

Scripture: Acts 2:38–41, Ephesians 4:4–6

Main Idea: Through baptism we are all welcomed into God's family.

Something to Remember: Ephesians 4:5–6a

. . . one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all. . .

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Session 9: Lord's Prayer: Hallowed Be Thy Name

Scripture: Matthew 6:9–15

Main Idea: Jesus teaches his followers to pray, and to begin prayer by giving praise to God.

Something to Remember: "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."—*The Lord's Prayer*

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Session 10: Lord's Prayer: Give Us This Day

Scripture: Matthew 6:9–15

Main Idea: Jesus teaches his followers to pray for our selves and for others.

Something to Remember:

"Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."—*The Lord's Prayer*

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Session 11: Lord’s Prayer: Thine Is the Kingdom

Scripture: Matthew 6:9–15

Main Idea: Jesus teaches his followers to pray, trusting that all things rest in God’s hands.

Something to Remember: “For thine is kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.”—*The Lord’s Prayer*

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Session 12: From Whom All Blessings Flow

Scripture: Matthew 15:29–31

Main Idea: We see all that Jesus does for God’s people and we give praise to God for it.

Something to Remember: “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.”—*Doxology*

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Question 40. What do we do in Christian worship?

We adore and praise God. We pray, sing hymns, and listen to readings from the Bible. We also give offerings to God for the work of the church, and commit ourselves to serve God and our neighbors. Above all, we hear the preaching of the gospel and celebrate the sacraments.

Session 13: I Have Sinned

Scripture: Luke 15:11–32

Main Idea: Like the father who welcomes back his son, who was lost, God welcomes us when we confess our sins and turn back to God.

Something to Remember: Luke 15:32

“We had to celebrate and be glad, because . . . he was lost and is found.” (*TWIV*)

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Spring 2010

The Spring Quarter begins with the continuation of the Lenten unit on the elements of worship, followed by the Palm Sunday, Passion and Easter narrative. A unit on the Lord's Supper, both in its biblical context and our sacrament today is studied. The theme of worship is continued with sessions on affirmations of faith and commissioning to serve. The quarter concludes with sessions on Pentecost and the new church community.

Session 1: This is the Word of the Lord

Scripture: Luke 4:16–22a

Main Idea: On the Sabbath, it was Jesus' custom to worship, to read scripture and to help people understand it.

Something to Remember: "This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God."—*Liturgical Response*

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Session 2: She Gave Her All

Scripture: Luke 21:1–4

Main Idea: Jesus celebrates generous giving. It is not the size of the gift that matters to him; it is in giving what we have.

Something to Remember: (OE) Luke 21:4

All these others made offerings that they'll never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn't afford—she gave her all.—*The Message*

(YE) Luke 21:4b

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Session 3: Go and Do Likewise

Scripture: Matthew 25:34–40

Main Idea: Jesus healed, fed, clothed, welcomed and helped people who had need. He teaches us that we are to go and do for others as he did.

Something to Remember: Matthew 25:40

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Catechism Question: *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

Question 26. What did Jesus do during his life on earth?

He called disciples to follow him. He fed the hungry, healed the sick, blessed children, befriended outcasts, required people to repent, and forgave their sins. He taught people not to fear, but to trust always in God. He preached the good news of God's love and gave everyone hope for new life.

Session 4: The Stones Will Shout

Scripture: Luke 19:28–40

Main Idea: As Jesus rides triumphantly into Jerusalem, joy is unleashed in all creation. We, too, can shout with praise!

Something to Remember: (OE) Luke 19:40

He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

(YE) Luke 19:40b

"The stones would shout out."

Catechism Question: *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

Question 27. How did Jesus Christ prove to be our Savior?

He sacrificed his life for us by dying on the cross. He showed his victory over death by rising from the dead. He removed our guilt and gave us new, unending life with God.

Session 5: He Is Risen

Scripture: Luke 24:1–12

Main Idea: Like the women and Peter, we are amazed by Easter!

Something to Remember: Luke 24:12

But Peter got up and ran to the tomb . . . amazed at what had happened.

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Session 6: Their Eyes were Opened

Scripture: Luke 24:13–35

Main Idea: The travelers to Emmaus recognize the risen Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

Something to Remember: Luke 24:31a

Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.

Catechism Question: *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

Question 45a. What is the Lord's Supper?

In the Lord's Supper I am fed at the table of God's family.

Session 7: A Whole Different Meal

Scripture: (OE) Luke 22:7–20/ **(YE)** Luke 22:19–20

Main Idea: Jesus surprises the disciples during the Passover meal when he says different words than they expect.

Something to Remember: (OE) Luke 22:20b

"This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

(YE) Luke 22:20b

"This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant . . ."

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Session 8: The Gifts of God for the People of God

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

Main Idea: We come together as a community of faith to celebrate, give thanks, and remember the feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Something to Remember: The gifts of God for the people of God. Let us keep the feast. —*Communion Liturgy*

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Session 9: Who Do You Say that I Am?

Scripture: Luke 9:18–20

Main Idea: Peter tells us that Jesus is the Messiah of God.

Something to Remember: Luke 9:20a

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Catechism Question: *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

Question 28. How do we know that Jesus is Lord?

After he died and was raised from the dead, he appeared to his disciples, both women and men. He revealed himself to them as our living Lord and Savior. Through the Bible, he continues to reveal himself to us today.

Session 10: Every Knee Shall Bow

Scripture: Philippians 2:5–11

Main Idea: All of creation bows to Jesus as Lord to the glory of God.

Something to Remember: Philippians 2:10–11

At the name of Jesus every knee should bow . . . and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (*RSV*)

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Session 11: Great Commission

Scripture: Matthew 28:16–20

Main Idea: Jesus sends us out to make disciples. Jesus promises to be with us always.

Something to Remember: Matthew 28:19a

So you must go and make disciples of all nations. (*NirV*)

Catechism Question: *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

Question 35. What is the church?

We are the church: the people who believe the good news about Jesus, who are baptized, and who share in the Lord's Supper. Through these means of grace, the Spirit renews us so that we may serve God in love.

Session 12: Filled with the Holy Spirit

Scripture: Acts 2:1–12, 38

Main Idea: New followers of Jesus receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Something to Remember: Acts 2:38b

You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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Session 13: Living a New Life Together

Scripture: Acts 2:41–47

Main Idea: People share the good news about Jesus and a new community of believers is born.

Something to Remember: (YE) Acts 2:42

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

(OE) Acts 2:42

The believers studied what the apostles taught. They shared life together. They broke bread and ate together. And they prayed. (*NirV*)

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