

FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CURRICULUM

THE GOSPEL STORY BIBLE

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| 56 | 1 Jan 2017 | God Chooses a New King: Man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart. | 1 Samuel 16: 1-13 | Ask God to help you be more concerned about what's on your heart than what you look like. |
| 57 | 8 Jan 2017 | David & Goliath: We are not saved by our own strength but by God's power | 1 Samuel 17 | Thank God for bringing us challenges to teach us to trust in him and that Jesus has won the battle over sin and death. |
| 58 | 15 Jan 2017 | The Ark of God: God is holy and must punish sin. Unless we trust in Jesus to take our sins away, like Uzziah we will die. | 2 Samuel 6-7 1 Chron 13 | Thank God that Jesus paid the price for our sin, once and for all. Praise God that no more sacrifice is needed. |
| 59 | 22 Jan 2017 | David the Psalmist: Often the psalms give us a hint of the Lord's coming salvation through Jesus. Some of David's psalms are prophecies of God's plan to save us through Jesus. | 1 Chron 16: 1-36 1 Samuel 16: 14-23 Psalm 23 | Praise God for the way he leads us to green pastures (gives us everything we need to serve him). |
| 60 | 29 Jan 2017 | Solomon and the temple of God: Those who trust in what Jesus did for their salvation have their sins forgiven. Together all believers form a spiritual house where God lives. | 1 Chron 28-29 2 Chron 1:1-7:10 | Thank God for filling the temple with his glory, and ask God to help you believe so you can be filled with the Holy Spirit. |
| 61 | 5 Feb 2017 | The Kingdom is Divided: God promised David from the tribe of Judah that a king from his tribe would always sit on the throne. Jesus, from the tribe of Judah, is the crucified King of the Jews who rules as King over God's people forever. | 1 Kings 11 - 12 | Ask God to help you obey his Word and not allow anything more important to you than him. Ask God for wisdom to help you follow him all your life. |
| 62 | 12 Feb 2017 | God provides for Elijah in miraculous ways: Although Elijah doesn't realize it, God's choice of the widow in this story reflected his wonderful plan to save people from every tribe and nation through Jesus. | 1 Kings 16: 29 - 17:24 | Thank God for the way he cared for the widow and ask God to help you trust his Word. Thank God that his plan of salvation is for people from every nation. |
| 63 | 19 Feb 2017 | Elijah and the Prophets of Baal: Each time we see God rescue sinful Israel in the Old Testament, it points to the way God rescues sinners through the death and resurrection of Christ – the greatest demonstration of God's power and mercy | 1 Kings 18 | Thank God for his amazing compassion that keeps him from treating us as our sins deserve. We deserve to be punished, but God loves us instead and sent Jesus to die for us. Praise God for his love. |

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| 64 | 26 Feb 2017 | Elijah is taken up to Heaven: Elisha asks Elijah for a double portion of his spiritual power. God passed Elijah's ministry to Elisha. | 2 Kings 2 | Thank God for the way he worked out his plan of salvation from the days of Elijah all the way to today. |
| 65 | 5 Mar 2017 | Elisha's Ministry: Elisha's life, like all the prophets of old, points forward to Jesus. Prophets like Elisha did miracle by God's power, but Jesus did miracles by his own power, for Jesus is God. | 2 Kings 4: 1-37 | Ask God to help you to have a strong faith like the widow in today's story and trust and obey his Word. Thank God for ways he has been kind to your family. |
| 66 | 12 Mar 2017 | Naaman is Cured: God healed Naaman of a terrible disease in an instant. Jesus told the story of Naaman (Luke 4:27) to show that God's plan of salvation was for all people. | 2 Kings 5 | Ask God to give you a strong faith in the power of God like the little girl in the story had. Read Psalm 111 as a prayer. |
| 67 | 19 Mar 2017 | The Fall of Israel: The people of Judah resented their brothers in Israel because they worshiped idols instead of worshiping God in Jerusalem. God could have completely destroyed Israel because of their sin, but he didn't because he had a plan to save his people. | 2 Kings 17 | Ask God to help you obey the Lord, and call out to him for help in times of trouble. Thank God for allowing bad consequences to come when we sin to help us stay away from sin and follow him. |
| 68 | 26 Mar 2017 | Good King, Bad King: While Ahaz, Hezekiah and Manasseh were ruling as kings, Isaiah served as God's prophet. Many bad things were happening, but Isaiah brought a word of hope. He said that one day God would bring a king who would reign in righteousness. | 2 Chron 28-29; 33 | Ask God to help you obey him as Hezekiah did. Thank God for always keeping his word, and for protecting Judah as one day Jesus could be born from that tribe. |
| 69 | 2 Apr 2017 | Jonah & Ninevah: Jonah disobeys God and God shows great forgiveness to him. Just as the Lord sent a fish to swallow Jonah and spit him out after 3 days, so the grave had to release Jesus – it could not hold him. | Jonah 1-4 | Praise God that he knows where we are all the time and that we can't run away from God. Thank God for the way he plans all things. |
| 70 | 9 Apr 2017 | Josiah the eight year old King: God preserved the book of the law through Josiah. The Laws and the Passover would not be forgotten because they point us to Jesus. | 2 Chron 34-35 | Ask God to help you to love him more than all the other things in your. |

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| 71 | 16 April 2017 | <p>The Fall of Jerusalem: God brought destruction to Jerusalem because his people had ignored his warning through the prophets for hundreds of years. God still gave them hope, telling Israel that a day would come when he would raise up a new King.</p> | 2 Kings 23: 31-25:30 2 Chron 36 | Ask God to help you obey your parents and listen to their warnings. Thank God for promising to rescue his people even when they were disobeying him. |
| 72 | 23 April 2017 | <p>Nebuchadnezzar's Dream: The conquering king has a dream which Daniel interprets for him. The rock in Nebuchadnezzar's dream is Jesus, who would destroy earthly kingdoms and bring in an everlasting kingdom.</p> | Daniel 1 -2 | Thank Jesus for crushing our enemies – sin and death – when he died on the cross. Now we can trust the Lord and be free from the power of sin. |
| 73 | 30 April 2017 | <p>Four Men In The Furnace: The King has Daniel's three friends thrown into the furnace but they are saved by the Lord and a fourth man (God's presence) was in the fire with the men.</p> | Daniel 3 | Ask God to help you love him more than you love the things of the world. Thank God for his power, which is able to deliver us from all harm. |
| 74 | 7 May 2017 | <p>The Glory Belongs to God Alone: The King dreams and Daniel interprets. God warns him what will happen to him. The King does not heed God's warning and is driven out like an animal for years, until he repents of his pride.</p> | Daniel 4 | Ask God to help you trust in the Lord and not be slow to believe like Nebuchadnezzar. Ask God to help you live a humble life. |
| 75 | 14 May, 2017 | <p>Daniel in the Lion's Den: We can trust the Lord to save us just as Daniel did. God saved Daniel from certain death by shutting the mouth of the lions. God saves us from sin and death through the cross.</p> | Daniel 6 | Ask God to help you trust him like Daniel trusted God. Ask God to help you not be envious of others, like King Darius's wicked leaders. |
| 76 | 21 May, 2017 | <p>The Exiles Return: King Cyrus of Persia released the Israelites and gave them back things that were stolen from the temple. God sent the prophet Haggai to encourage the people and tell them that God would fill the new temple with his glory.</p> | Ezra 1; 3:1-13 | Praise God for always keeping his promises. Ask God to protect your family from any danger you might face. Thank God for his great strength and promise to trust in God when you are afraid. |

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| 77 | 28 May, 2017 | <p>The Temple is Complete: The temple's foundation is complete but neighboring countries cause trouble. King Darius allows the Israelites to keep working and the temple was finished. They made sacrifices and celebrated Passover. Jesus once called his body the temple, saying 'Destroy this temple and I will raise it up in three days.'</p> | Ezra 4 -6 | Thank God for patiently helping Israel rebuild the temple. Praise God that he can turn the heart of a ruler to do God's will. Thank God for Jesus who paid the price for our sin once and for all, there is no need for animal sacrifices anymore. |
| 78 | 4 June, 2017 | <p>Nehemiah: God first worked in King Cyrus's heart to rebuild God's temple, and then the Lord worked in the heart of Nehemiah's king to restore Jerusalem's walls. God did this because Jerusalem was an important part of God's saving plan.</p> | Nehemiah 1 – 6 | Praise Nehemiah's prayer in verse 5 and use it to praise God like Nehemiah did. Ask God to give you courage to live for him like Nehemiah did. Thank Jesus for taking all our sins away. |