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Primary Year B, Quarter 4, Week 1



Big Community Idea:

We encourage one another to follow God.

Big Bible:

The 12 spies explore Canaan. Numbers 13:1-3, 17-33

Big Verse:

"Let us . . . encourage one another". Hebrews 10:25



Family Discussion:

- Have you ever been discouraged before? How did you feel?
- What would you do if you were a spy?



Family Challenge: This week every time you hear a negative comment or words of discouragement try to change them to words and feelings of encouragement. For example "It's too cold today" change it to "It is good to have variety." Look for the bright side when you hear negative thoughts.

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Primary Year B, Quarter 4, Week 2



Big Community Idea:

At church we listen and learn what is important.

Big Bible:

Rahab helps the spies. Joshua 2

Big Verse:

"Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well". Matthew 6:33



Family Discussion:

- Discuss with your family how it would have felt to escape Jericho.
- Have you ever helped someone escape? How?



Family Challenge: How can you put God first in the morning? During the day or at bedtime? With your family pray that God will help you put Him first all the time.

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Primary Year B, Quarter 4, Week 3



Big Community

Idea:
God gives us
leaders.

Big Bible:

The Israelites cross
the Jordan river.
Joshua 3; 4; 5:1

Big Verse:

"The Lord will do
amazing things
among you".
Joshua 3:5



Family Discussion:

- Talk about what characteristics make a good leader.
- Name something amazing that God has done for you this week.



Family Challenge: As a family sit together and write down your church leaders names. Then say a prayer for God to give them courage, wisdom, and faith to do amazing things for Him.

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Big Community

Idea:
In God's family we
all work together.

Big Bible:

The fall of Jericho.
Joshua 6

Big Verse:

"How good and
pleasant it is when
God's people live
together in unity!"
Psalm 133:1



Family Discussion:

- What do you think people were doing together as they marched around Jericho?



Family Challenge: Name six things you can do to show unity in your family. Name three things that your family can do to show unity in your church.

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Primary Year B, Quarter 4, Week 5



Big Service Idea:

We serve God wherever we are.

Big Bible:

Boy Jesus in the temple.
Luke 2:41-49

Big Verse:

"Serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul".
Deuteronomy 10:12



Family Discussion:

- Look for a picture of the temple Jesus was in. How is it different from your church?
- Talk about the things your parents ask you to do and how they have changed as you have grown up.



Family Challenge: Think about ways each of your family members can help serve each other. It could be polishing someone's shoes, helping get dinner ready or doing a chore without being asked.

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Primary Year B, Quarter 4, Week 6



Big Service Idea:

As I do my best in learning, I can serve others.

Big Bible:

Jesus' childhood.
Luke 2:40, 52
Matt 13:55 ; Mark 6:3;
John 7:15

Big Verse:

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might"
Ecclesiastes 9:10



Family Discussion:

- Children ask your parents what was something they were good at when they were a child.
- Name 5 things you think Jesus did well.



Family Challenge: Each night sit down with your family and discuss one new thing they learnt that day and how it may help share Jesus with others.

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Primary Year B, Quarter 4, Week 7



Big Service Idea:
Serving others
makes friends for
God.

Big Bible:
Jesus changes
water into wine.
John 2: 1-11

Big Verse:
"Each of you should
use whatever gift you
have received to serve
others".
1 Peter 4:10



Family Discussion:

- What kind of wine did Jesus make? Ask a family member to help you learn more about the wine.
- Have you ever planned a big event? Has something gone wrong? How did you feel about it, what did you do?



Family Challenge: With your family, try to make a new friend for God. Perhaps you can go on a picnic and get to know another family.

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Primary Year B, Quarter 4, Week 8



Big Service Idea:
We can prepare the
way for Jesus by
serving others.

Big Bible:
The birth and life
of John the Baptist.
Matt 3; Mark 1:1-12;
Luke 1:5-25, 57-80,
John 1:15-34

Big Verse:
"You will go on before
the Lord to prepare the
way for him".
Luke 1:76



Family Discussion:

- Does your name have a meaning? Do you know what it is?
- Who has been baptised in your family? Think about when you would like to be baptised.



Family Challenge: Talk with your family about the lifework God might have for you. Draw a picture of yourself when you grow up and put it on the fridge.

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Primary Year B, Quarter 4, Week 9



Big Service Idea:

Jesus gives me what I need to serve him.

Big Bible:

Jesus sends His Disciples out two by two.
Matt 10:1-16; Mark 6:7-13; Luke 9:1-6

Big Verse:

"Freely you have received; freely give".
Matthew 10:8



Family Discussion:

- Name things you usually take with you on a trip. Which would the disciples have taken on their mission trip?
- What does it feel like to receive something for free?



Family Challenge: Try this: Face a wall. Stand at arm's length from it. Keep your feet together. Lean against the wall so that only your forehead touches it. Keep your body straight and stiff. Cross your arms in front of you. Try to stand upright. Can you do it? Now ask a family member to help you. Working together also helps you to serve Jesus better.

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Primary Year B, Quarter 4, Week 10



Big Grace Idea:

God is our friend, we are not afraid.

Big Bible:

Zechariah, Mary and the Shepherds. Luke 1:13, 19, 30 ;2:10

Big Verse:

"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people".
Luke 2:10



Family Discussion:

- Discuss what it would be like to meet an angel of God.
- Share what you felt like when someone gave you good news.



Family Challenge: Talk with your family about what scares you the most. How can you all help each other when a family member is afraid?

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Primary Year B, Quarter 4, Week 11



Big Grace Idea:

God gives perfect gifts, and his best gift is Jesus.

Big Bible:

Jesus is born in a stable. Luke 2:1-7

Big Verse:

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father".
James 1:17



Family Discussion:

- Talk about what it feels like to receive and give gifts.
- Find out where each family member was born, how is it different to where Jesus was born?



Family Challenge: Find out how many kilometres it is between Nazareth and Bethlehem. See if your family can walk that distance as a combined group effort during the week. For example find out how far you walk to school or work or the shops and add it all together, it's a long way!

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Primary Year B, Quarter 4, Week 12



Big Grace Idea:
Jesus gives us joy!

Big Bible:
Angels speak to the shepherds.
Luke 2:8-20

Big Verse:

"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord". Luke 2:10, 11



Family Discussion:

- What is the brightest light in your house? What is the brightest light in the sky today? Why shouldn't we look directly at it?



Family Challenge: Plan a special Christmas worship with your family or volunteer to participate in your church or local community christmas program.

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Primary Year B, Quarter 4, Week 13



Big Grace Idea:
Jesus gives us hope.

Big Bible:
Baby Jesus' dedication.
Luke 2:21-38

Big Verse:
"Jesus Christ . . . by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope".
2 Thessalonians 2:16



Family Discussion:

- Tell your family one thing that you hope for next week, next year, forever. Ask them to share their hopes.
- What is a storm? How would you feel if you were out in a small boat and a storm came up?



Family Challenge: Make a boat out of clay, wood, or paper. Make an anchor and attach it with a string. Float your boat in a basin of water. Blow to create a storm. How is this like problems in our lives? Read Hebrews 6:20, first sentence, together. Who is your anchor?