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Primary Year A, Quarter 1, Week 1



Big Grace Idea:

God is love is written upon all He made.

Big Bible:

God creates our world
Genesis 1:1-25

Big Verse:

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."
Genesis 1:1



Family Discussion:

- Talk about your favourite creation and why it is your favourite.
- How does creation tell us God is love?



Family Challenge: This week as a family take the time to head into nature for a walk. While walking talk about God's love and point out the things He created that amaze you.

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Primary Year A, Quarter 1, Week 2



Big Grace Idea:
God surrounds me with His gifts of love.

Big Bible:

God creates Adam and Eve
Genesis 1:26-2:23

Big Verse:

"So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."
Genesis 1:27



Family Discussion:

- Why did God create all the special things?
- How are we like God?
- How are we different?



Family Challenge: One of the ways that we can thank God for creating us is by appreciating the unique and special things he created in other people. This week's challenge is as a family to make a point of appreciating each other every day this week. To do this have a post-it-note pad in the kitchen and every time you appreciate a family member this week write what you appreciate on the post-it and then stick it to the refrigerator. At the end of the week collect the post-it-notes from the refrigerator and read them aloud. Talk about how you can do this more often.

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Primary Year A, Quarter 1, Week 3



Big Grace Idea:
The Sabbath is God's special gift to us.

Big Bible:
God creates the Sabbath
Genesis 2:1-3

Big Verse:
"Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done."
Genesis 2:3



Family Discussion:

- What gifts do you like receiving?
- What was God's special gift to us?
- How can we enjoy being with God on Sabbath?



Family Challenge: This week as a family plan a special way that you can welcome in the Sabbath. i.e. go for a picnic and watch the sunset, have a special candlelit meal, have a special family worship or talk an evening walk. As you welcome in the Sabbath as a family discuss what makes Sabbath special and how we can thank God for the gift of the Sabbath.

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Primary Year A, Quarter 1, Week 4



Big Grace Idea:
When we do wrong, God still loves us and will forgive us if we repent.

Big Bible:
Adam and Eve hide from God.
Genesis 2:8,9,16,17

Big Verse:
"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."
John 1:9



Family Discussion:

- What have you done that you were afraid about?
- Why did God forgive Adam and Eve?
- How do you know God will forgive you?



Family Challenge: We all do thing wrong sometimes. This week your challenge is to each person find a story of someone in history who overcame great fear or a big mistake to do something incredibly brave for God. During a family worship discuss how the person overcame fear, was forgiven and went on to do amazing things for God. Talk about what mistakes you make and scares you, devise a plan for each of you to overcome your own fears and right your wrongs.

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Primary Year A, Quarter 1, Week 5



Big Worship Idea

We worship God when we praise Him for His protection.

Big Bible:

Moses Grows up
Exodus 1, 2

Big Verse:

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord."
Psalm 150:6



Family Discussion:

- How do you know God will forgive you?
- Share a time when God has protected you.
- What do you think His plan is for your life?



Family Challenge: God created us to praise Him. But he created us all different. This week individually think about ways you can praise God using the things you are good at. At the end of the week during family worship share the ways that you each feel you can praise God and make plans to do them.

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Primary Year A, Quarter 1, Week 6



Big Worship Idea

We worship God when we are reverent.

Big Bible:

Moses and the burning bush
Exodus 3

Big Verse:

"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."
Exodus 3:5



Family Discussion:

- Talk about the time when you felt the awesome power of God.
- What did it make you want to do?



Family Challenge: This week as a family keep a God Encounters diary. Each time you see/feel the power/presence of God in your day write it down in your God Encounters diary. On Friday night have family worship and each share a couple of your favourite God Encounters of the week. Say a prayer thanking God for His love, commitment and for revealing Himself to you all throughout the week.

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Primary Year A, Quarter 1, Week 7



Big Worship Idea

We worship God when we trust Him in every situation.

Big Bible:

The first nine plagues
Exodus 4-10

Big Verse:

"Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—."
Psalm 103:2



Family Discussion:

- Share a time you were scared.
- In what ways do we show trust in God?



Family Challenge: Scary things happen in our world all the time, there are floods, famines and earthquakes. As a family read about a recent disaster that has happened overseas and come up with a practical way that you can help.

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Primary Year A, Quarter 1, Week 8



Big Worship Idea

We worship God when we praise Him for rescuing us from sin.

Big Bible:

The tenth plague and Passover
Exodus 11, 12

Big Verse:

"The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.."
Psalm 34:7



Family Discussion:

- Talk about a time you have been rescued.
- How did that feel?
- How can we praise God for rescuing us from sin?



Family Challenge: This week write the memory verse on a large piece of paper, decorate and then display in a prominent place somewhere in your home. To remind everyone that God will protect us in all situations.

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Primary Year A, Quarter 1, Week 9



Big Worship Idea

We praise God for supplying our needs.

Big Bible:

God provides water for the Israelites
Exodus 17:1-7

Big Verse:

"On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink." John 7:37



Family Discussion:

- Share a time when you got what you wanted.
- How did you feel? How does God supply your needs?



Family Challenge: God supplies for all of our needs. A way that we can thank him for his provision and care is to care for others. As a family this week think of a way that you can worship God by providing for someone else (i.e. donate some cans to a food charity, give old clothes to a shelter or help an older person in your community with odd chores). Share how it made you feel.

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Primary Year A, Quarter 1, Week 10



Big Community Idea

I help others learn about Jesus when I follow His example.

Big Bible:

Jesus asks fishermen to come with Him
Matthew 4:18-22;
Luke 5:1-11

Big Verse:

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."
Matthew 4:19



Family Discussion:

- Share a time you showed people how much you love Jesus.
- What have you left to follow Jesus?



Family Challenge: As a family make a list of things you can do together to share Jesus's love with the people in your community. Once you have a few things on the list, decide on one or more things you can do this week and then make a point of doing them. Talk about how they made you feel and what you can do on a regular basis to share Jesus' love.

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Primary Year A, Quarter 1, Week 11



Big Community Idea

God invites everyone to join His family.

Big Bible:

Jesus calls Matthew, the tax collector
Matthew 9:9-13

Big Verse:

"But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."
Matthew 9:13



Family Discussion:

- Do you like making friends?
- Share a time you made a new friend.
- Talk about people you would like to see as part of God's family.



Family Challenge: Discussion with your family about what you can do to invite people into your family and into God's family. This week as a family plan an activity that you can do on Sabbath (picnic, walk, head to the park or beach). Make a point of inviting friends that don't attend church or a family that is new to church to join you.

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Primary Year A, Quarter 1, Week 12



Big Community Idea

Children like me are welcome in God's family.

Big Bible:

Jesus welcomes the children
Luke 18:15-17

Big Verse:

"But Jesus called the children to him and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.'
Luke 18:16



Family Discussion:

- What would you have liked to say to Jesus if you were one of these children?
- How do you know He loves you?



Family Challenge: This week as a family make a talking to Jesus jar. First decorate a mason jar. Next to the jar have a stack of paper and a pen. Any time during the week that you have something you would like to say to Jesus or a question for Him, write it down on a piece of paper, fold the paper and put it in the jar as you say a prayer. At the end of the week have family worship. During this worship empty the jar and discuss the questions and the different things we want to say to Jesus and why. End with a prayer, thanking Jesus for His love.

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Primary Year A, Quarter 1, Week 13



Big Community Idea

I show Jesus' love when I put wrongs right.

Big Bible:

Zacchaeus stops cheating
Luke 19:1-10

Big Verse:

"But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."
Luke 19:8



Family Discussion:

- What have you ever done wrong, and then tried to fix?
- How did that make you feel?



Family Challenge: We all make mistakes. This week as a family your challenge is to be aware of the things you say and do that hurt others. When you say/do something to hurt or wrong someone else week make a point of asking for forgiveness and asking if there is a way you can write the wrong. At the end of the week share what you learnt about forgiveness and writing wrongs.