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Kindergarten Year B, Quarter 2, Week 1



Big Community Idea

God's people think everyone is valuable and important.

Big Story:

Just a Shepherd Boy?
1 Samuel 16:1-13

Big Question:

Who can we make feel loved and important today?

Big Verse:

People (palms down, rotate hands) **look** (put hand above eyes and look from side to side) **at the outside of a person** (move hands downward from chest) **but the Lord** (point upward) **looks** (put hand above eyes and look) **at the heart** (point to your heart) **1 Samuel 16:7** (palms together, then open).



Breakfast Time:

- Read 1 Samuel 16:7 Show children a large apple. Cut it open and talk about looking good on the inside and out.
- Discuss how we can help others feel loved and important inside.
- Pray thanking God for loving us inside and out.



Drive Time:

- As you drive, point out and discuss things that are important. (Hospital, government offices etc).
- Sing songs about how special we are to God.



Play Time:

- Help your child draw or paint a picture of your family and a picture of David's family. Talk about how and why God chose David.
- Use farm animals or play doh to make sheep and David the shepherd. Talk about why David was a good shepherd and how this would have taught him to be a good king.



Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson.
- Ask, Ask your child why did God choose David? Why was David important to God? What was God looking for? Why are we important to God? How can we help others to feel important to them and to God? Ask your child if they have any questions.



Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking Jesus for loving us inside and out. Ask him to help us remember to love others inside and out too.

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Big Community Idea

True friends love each other.

Big Story:

Best Friends
1 Samuel 18:1-5;
20:1-42

Big Question:

What can we do to show our friends we love them today?

Big Verse:

Jonathan ... loved (cross arms over chest) **David** (point to others)
as himself (point to self)

1 Samuel 18:3 (palms together, then open).



Breakfast Time:

- Challenge your family to find/photograph one thing today that reminds them of the wonderful world God has made and His love for them. Ask them to share what they found or saw at the dinner table this evening.
- During grace pray a prayer of thanks to God for the wonderful world He has made and His Love for us too.



Drive Time:

- As you drive, talk about why David and Jonathan were best friends. Help your child name their friends. Talk about why these friends are special and what we can do for our friends.



Play Time:

- Help your child do some of the things suggested during drive time for their friends.
- Help your child act out the David and Jonathan story, with a pretend bow and arrow. Talk about what it means to be best friends forever. Tell your child about a best friend you had growing up and why they were your best friend. Take your child in your lap and hug them and talk about why Jesus is our forever best friend.



Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson.
- Ask, what did Jonathan give to David to show he was his friend? How did Jonathan help David? How can we show others we are their friends?



Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking Jesus for loving us. Thank Him for our friends and help us to show them and others how much we love them.

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Kindergarten Year B, Quarter 2, Week 3



Big Community Idea

We can do good even when others aren't nice to us

Big Story:

Caught in a Cave
1 Samuel 18:5-9,
19:1,2,11

Big Question:

How can we be kind to someone today?

Big Verse:

Let us (point to others, then to self) **not become** (shake head) **weary** (palms open, hands on chest, move them forward to rest at waist while slumping shoulders) **in doing good** (palms open, spread arms wide)

Galatians 6:9 (palms together, then open).



Breakfast Time:

- Ask: I wonder how we can be kind to others today even if someone is not nice to us.
- Pray thanking God for the good food and for our health. Ask God to help us to do good to others even when they aren't nice to us.



Drive Time:

- As you drive talk about a time when you were nice to someone who treated you unkindly. With your child talk about instances when it is hard to be nice to other people.



Play Time:

- Act out the story in the cave and talk about how each of the characters in the story must have felt during and after the story. Why do you think David was nice to Saul even when Saul was trying to kill David?
- Help your child create a picture or collage of two children being nice to each other.



Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson.
- Ask, Why was Saul angry? What did he want to do? Where did David hide? What did David do to King Saul? How did he react? Do you think it was easy for David to treat King Saul kindly?



Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking Jesus for loving us. Ask God to help us to be like David and to treat others kindly even when it is hard to especially when people are not nice to us.

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Kindergarten Year B, Quarter 2, Week 4



Big Community Idea

People who love Jesus keep their promises.

Big Story:

Promises Are for Keeping
1 Samuel
20:14,15,42

Big Question:

What can we do to keep a promise today?

Big Verse:

We (point to self then others) **have promised** (right hand over heart) **by the Lord** (point upward) **that we** (point to self then others) **will be friends** (hook index fingers together) **1 Samuel 20:42** (palms together, then open).



Breakfast Time:

- Read a promise or two from the Bible.
- Ask, how we can be people who keep promises like God does.
- Pray thanking God for His promises and help us to keep the promises we make too



Drive Time:

- Look for things around you e.g. sun, rain, rainbow, growing plants etc and talk about how God always keeps His promises.
- Sing songs about God's goodness.



Play Time:

- Make a rainbow out of ribbon and staple to a stick. Talk about why God made a promise and how he always keeps his promises. Keep your promise to your child that you made earlier. Talk about promises, what they are, why we make them and why we should keep them. Go on a treasure hunt together collecting or taking photos of some of the things that remind us of God's promises.



Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson.
- Ask, did David keep his promise he made to his friend? How do you feel when someone does not keep their promises? Why is it important to keep our promises?



Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking Jesus for loving us. Thank him for listening to us when we pray. Thank him for keeping all of his promises and ask for His help to keep the promises we make.

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Kindergarten Year B, Quarter 2, Week 5



Big Worship Idea
We worship God when we choose good things.

Big Story:
Passing the Test
Daniel 1

Big Question:
What can we do to make wise choices today?

Big Verse:
Reject the wrong (shake head no and frown) and choose the right (nod head yes and smile)
Isaiah 7:15 (palms together and then open).



Breakfast Time:

- Talk about how it makes God happy when we are able to help people. Talk about how Jesus looks after us and that today we are going to talk about all the great things that he has done.
- Pray thanking God for the good food and His Love. Ask Him to help us to share what He has done for us with others.



Drive Time:

- As you drive point out the choices you have to make as you drive. When you come to an intersection let your child help you make the choice which way to go (This might mean taking the long route) at the end of the trip talk about how sometimes we have two good choices but one can be better than the other.



Play Time:

- Visit a Supermarket and look at all the food. Talk with your child about food that is good for us and food that is not so good! Help your child plan a good healthy menu for the evening meal and to help prepare it!
- Act out the story of Daniel and his three friends refusing to eat the food offered to idols.



Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson.
- Ask, what choices did Daniel and his three friends make? How can God help us make good choices? What should we do when we make choices that are not so good?



Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking Jesus for loving us. Thank Him for listening to us when we pray. Thank Him for helping us to make wise choices in our life.

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Kindergarten Year B, Quarter 2, Week 6



Big Worship Idea

We worship God when we tell others about Him.

Big Story:

The King's Dream
Daniel 2:1-28,
46-49

Big Question:

Who can we share God with today?

Big Verse:

I (Point to self) **want to . . . tell** ((touch finger to mouth then wave hand outwards) **people** (point to others) **the Good News** (arms open wide) **about God's grace** (point upward)
Acts 20:24 (palms together, then open).



Breakfast Time:

- Talk about what are some good things about God.
- Ask: I wonder how we can share something with one person today?
- Pray thanking God that we can be his messengers and that today He will give us opportunities to tell others about Him.



Drive Time:

- Play a guessing game such as guess a number between one and ten. After playing the game several times talk about how only God knows our thoughts and dreams.



Play Time:

- Help your child bake some gingerbread men and decorate them with the colours of the statue in the dream. Help them give the cookies to a neighbour or friend and to tell them that Jesus loves them.
- Draw or build a statue like the one described in the Dream. Talk about what it means and have fun smashing the statue.



Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson.
- Ask your child why was Daniel the only one who could tell the King the meaning of the dream? What did the king learn about God? What can people learn about God from us?



Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking Jesus for loving us. Thank him for listening to us when we pray. Ask him to help us to find ways to tell others about Him too just like Daniel did.

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Kindergarten Year B, Quarter 2, Week 7



Big Worship Idea:

We worship God when we refuse to do wrong things.

Big Story:

The Fiery Furnace
Daniel 3

Big Question:

How can we say no to temptation today?

Big Verse:

We (point to self and others) **will serve** (move hands away from body, palms up) **the Lord** (point upward)
Joshua 24:15 (palms together, then open).



Breakfast Time:

- Talk about how it is okay to say no when we are tempted to do something wrong!
- Ask: I wonder what we will have to say 'no' to today?
- Pray thanking God His Love and watching over everyone thank God that we can stand for him no matter what just like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.



Drive Time:

- As you drive talk about a time you refused to do something wrong and how it helped you to let your light shine for Jesus.
- Sing 'This little light of mine', with your child.



Play Time:

- With your child take an empty egg carton outside and fill it with things God made. Talk about how only God can make these things, so only He deserves our worship. Light a candle. Explain that the flame colour changes as the heat of the flame changes.
- Read about fire with your child to help them understand what the three friends escaped from.



Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson. Ask, why did the three friends refuse to bow? Do you think it was hard to stand up when everyone else was bowing down? When we are told to do something that is wrong, what should we do?



Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking Jesus for loving us. Thank Him for listening to us when we pray. Help to remember that even we do something wrong God still loves us and forgives us.

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Kindergarten Year B, Quarter 2, Week 8



Big Worship Idea:
We worship God
when we pray.

Big Story:
Three Times a
Day
Daniel 6

Big Question:
Who can we pray
for today?

Big Verse:
God said (point up) I love you (hug self) with a love that will last
forever (spread arms wide)
Jeremiah 31:3 (palms together, then open).



Breakfast Time:

- Challenge the family to pray three times a day like Daniel did.
- Ask: I wonder what we need to pray about today?
- Make a prayer list of things to pray about and allocate family members to pray for those things today!
- Pray thanking God that we can talk to Him at any time.



Drive Time:

- As you drive count the things around you that you can praise God for. (e.g. trees, flowers, house, hospital, animals etc.)
- Sing or say the 'Lord's Prayer' together.



Play Time:

- Take your child on a visit to a zoo or wildlife park and visit the Lions. Ask your child how you think Daniel would have felt staying all night with the Lions. Who looked after him? Talk about how God cares for us or share a story from your life where God cared for you. Use some toy lions to make a lion's den. Act out the story with your child.



Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson.
- Ask, how did the Princes trick King Darius? Where did Daniel go to pray? How did God save Daniel? What did King Darius say about God? Do you have any questions about the story?



Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking Jesus for loving us. Thank God that He cares for us just like He cared for Daniel. Thank you that you hear our prayers and that we can pray to you anytime.

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Kindergarten Year B, Quarter 2, Week 9



Big Grace Idea:
God gives us good gifts because He loves us.

Big Story:
A Special Coat
Genesis 37:1-11

Big Question:
How can we share God's gifts with others today?

Big Verse:

Your heavenly Father (point upwards) **will give good things** ((hands together, palms upward and move away from body as if handing someone a gift) **to those who ask** (palms together as if praying) **Him** (point upwards) **Matthew 7:11** (palms together, then open).



Breakfast Time:

- Talk about how God loves us and is always ready to forgive us when we do things wrong.
- Pray thanking God for the good food and His love. Please help us to be forgiving to others today just as you are forgiving to us when we do things wrong.



Drive Time:

- As you drive help your child work through the colours of the rainbow finding something out of the window that matches that colour.



Play Time:

- Have your child paint a picture of Joseph's dream using one colour. Now get them to paint the other dream using lots of colours. Talk about the differences between the pictures and talk about all of the colours that God made.
- Set up a treasure hunt using different coloured treats and have fun as you help your child find the treasures.



Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson.
- Ask, How did Joseph feel when he was given the coat of many colours? How did his brothers feel? Why is jealousy so bad? What do the dreams mean?



Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking Jesus for loving us. Thank God for all the good gifts he has given us and thank Him for your child.

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Kindergarten Year B, Quarter 2, Week 10



Big Grace Idea:

When we are afraid, we can trust in God.

Big Story:

Who Cares?
Genesis 37:12-28

Big Question:

How I be trustworthy today?

Big Verse:

When I (point to self) **am afraid** (look surprised and scared) I ((point to self) **will trust** (wrap arms around self and sway a little) **in you** (point upward)

2 Peter 3:18 (palms together, then open).



Breakfast Time:

- Talk to your family about the importance of trust.
- Ask: I wonder who we should trust and who we shouldn't trust?
- Pray thanking God for the good food and His Love. Thank Him for putting His love in our hearts and help us to show His love to others today.



Drive Time:

- As you drive, sing "He's got the whole world in His hands." As you are driving talk about the people you pass that you can trust. Talk about how God is someone we can always trust.



Play Time:

- Play in a sandbox and talk about how much of Egypt is a sandy desert. Make pyramids etc and make a road and talk about Joseph's journey to Egypt.
- Have your child stand on a chair or table and jump into your arms. Talk about trust and what it means and how we can always trust God.



Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson.
- Ask, Why was Joseph going to visit his brothers? Why were his brothers jealous? What two things did Joseph's brothers do to him? How did Joseph feel? Who did he trust?



Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking Jesus for loving us. Thank God that we can trust Him no matter what. Thank him for being with us even when we are afraid and frightened.

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Kindergarten Year B, Quarter 2, Week 11



Big Grace Idea:
God is with us in good times and in bad.

Big Story:
Joseph Goes to Jail
Genesis 39:1-6,
17-23

Big Question:
How can we share God's love with someone today?

Big Verse:

Nothing can (wave index finger back and forward to say no)
Separate (hold your hands together and then pull them apart)
us (point to self then others) **from the love** (cross arms over chest)
God (point upward) **has for us** (point to self then to others)
Romans 8:38,39 (palms together and then open).



Breakfast Time:

- Talk to your family about the love you have for them.
- Ask: I wonder how God loves us?
- Pray thanking God for His great love for us and that nothing can separate us from His love.



Drive Time:

- As you drive tell your child about your life and share stories how God has been there for you in good times and also in the bad times.



Play Time:

- Let your child play the role of cup bearer and baker and serve afternoon tea of milk and cookies.
- Act out the story with your child. Talk about how God was with Joseph in good times and in bad.



Bed Time:

- Read the story out of the Bible Study Guide. Who did Joseph work for? Why did he get put in jail? What kind of job did he have there? What were the dreams that Joseph told the meaning of? Did the cupbearer remember Joseph when he got out of jail?
- Did Joseph feel that God was still with him? Is God with us in the good times? Is God with us in the bad times?



Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking Jesus for loving us. Thank God that He is there with us in the good times and in the bad times too, and that
- nothing can separate us from His love.

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Kindergarten Year B, Quarter 2, Week 12



Big Grace Idea:
God can help us
do anything.

Big Story:
A Wise Choice
Genesis 41

Big Question:
What can we do
today to help
others see Gods
power?

Big Verse:

I (point to self) **cannot do it** . . . (wag finger back and forth "No") **but God will** (point upward, then nod head "Yes")
Genesis 41:16 (palms together, then open).



Breakfast Time:

- Ask your family to list their challenges for the day and difficulties they might face.
- Pray thanking God for the good food, Ask him to help us do the hard things that might challenge us today.



Drive Time:

- As you drive sing "My God is So Big". Tell your child about a time when God helped you through a hard time, or when He gave you the courage to do something that was really hard.



Play Time:

- Play a game of "Simon Says" and ask your child to do some hard things like hop on one leg etc. Talk about things that are hard to do. Talk about how God helps us do hard things. Make a pretend jail and act out the story with your child. Talk about how God cares for us. Sing "He's Able."



Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or Gracelink lesson.
- Ask how long was Joseph in jail? How do you think Joseph felt when he was called to see Pharaoh? What did Pharaoh ask Joseph to do? How can we do hard things?
- Ask your child if they have any questions about the story.



Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking Jesus for loving us. Thank God that He is able to see us through the hard times and that we can do hard things with His help.

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Big Grace Idea:
We can forgive others because God forgives us.

Big Story:
Joseph Forgives His Brothers
Genesis 42:1-9;
45:1-15

Big Question:
Who can we forgive today?

Big Verse:

Forgive (place left fingers over right palm and move them out as if wiping your palm) **as the Lord** (point upward) **forgave** (same motion for forgive) **you** (point to others)

Colossians 3:13 (palms together, then open).



Breakfast Time:

- Talk about forgiveness.
- Ask: I wonder what we need to say sorry to God for?
- Say a prayer thanking God for forgiving us and help us to forgive others.



Drive Time:

- As you drive sing "God is So Good." Tell your child about a time you had to ask for forgiveness and how you felt afterwards.



Play Time:

- Get your child to carry around a big rock. See how long they can do it for. When we do not forgive others, it is like carrying around the big rock. Now ask your child to lay it down. Tell them that when we forgive others it is like letting go of a heavy load.
- Use an erasable material marker to write Sin on a piece of white material. Wash the material and show how the material is now clean. Talk about how that is what God does with our sin when He forgives us.



Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson.
- Ask did Joseph have every right to be upset with his brothers and not help them? Why should we forgive others? What does saying we are sorry do for us and for the other person?



Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking Jesus for loving us. Thank God for the story of Joseph and that we can forgive others just like God has forgiven us.