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Kindergarten Year B, Quarter 4, Week 1



Big Community Idea:
God's children share
what they have.

Big Story:
New Friends
Acts 2:42-47;
4:32-35

Big Question:
Who can we
share with today?

Big Verse:
They (point to others) **shared** (hands outstretched toward others)
everything they had (arms outstretched)
Acts 4:32 (palms together, then open).



Breakfast Time:

- Brainstorm with your family ways to share things that we have with others and why we do it. Give each child an extra nut pack or similar in their lunch box and encourage them to find someone to share it with today.
- Pray thanking God for giving us what we have so that we can share it with others.



Drive Time:

- As you drive, look for examples of sharing (e.g. Animals sharing a feed bowl, people sharing a taxi)
- Talk about why is it hard to share and then why is it easy to share and why should we share?



Play Time:

- Tell your child that you have some special things you want to share with them. Have a special morning or afternoon tea with your child. Include treats and snacks that they especially love. As you eat, talk about how we feel when people do not want to share with us. Talk about how we feel when people do share with us. Then talk about why Jesus wants us to share.



Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson.
- Ask, why do you think that people shared everything that they had? What do you think they shared? Why is it important d people who love God share? Tell a story about when someone shared something with you.



Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking God for sharing Jesus with us. Help us to share what we have with others no matter who they are.

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Kindergarten Year B, Quarter 4, Week 2



Big Community Idea:

God's people work together to help others.

Big Story:
Seven Special Helpers
Acts 6:1-7

Big Question:

Who in our church can we care for today?

Big Verse:

Share (pretend to distribute something) **with God's people** (point to others) **who need help** (put hands together with sad look on face) **Romans 12:13** (palms together, then open).



Breakfast Time:

- Discuss why arguing is never helpful. Challenge your family to solve problems in creative, Christian ways.
- Pray a prayer of thanks that we can care for each other and solve problems together in a Christian way.



Drive Time:

- As you drive see if you can spot seven different people who are helping others out the window.
- Now work with your child to brainstorm seven ways that you can help others. Sing a caring song together.



Play Time:

- Help your child make some food for someone who is sick or needy and then help them deliver it
- Act out the Bible story with your child using their soft toys to represent the characters in the story and discuss why the apostles appointed the seven deacons and why the work of these deacons was so important.



Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson.
- Ask your child who was arguing and why? How did the apostles solve the problem? How many people were chosen to be Deacons? How do you think that we can help others? Tell a story about when someone special cared about you.



Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking Jesus for loving us. Thank Him that he cares for us. Help us to care for others in the church as well.

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Kindergarten Year B, Quarter 4, Week 3



Big Community Idea:

God's children can be friends to everyone.

Big Story:

Two Men and a Strange Message
Acts 10

Big Question:

What can we do to love someone today?

Big Verse:

God (point upward) **does not** (shake head "no" and wag finger) **show favouritism** (touch middle finger to chin)
Acts 10:34 (Palms together and then open).



Breakfast Time:

- Challenge your family to love everybody even those who we find challenging because God loves everybody.
- During grace thank God for the way he showed Peter how to care for everybody and help us to love everyone like He does.



Drive Time:

- As you drive look at the different people from different nationalities around you and try and guess where they came from. Talk about God's love for all people no matter what they look like or where they live.
- Sing "Jesus Loves the little Children".



Play Time:

- Give your child magazines to look through and make a collage together of people from around the world or look at pictures of people from around the world in books or on the internet. Talk about how God loves everyone just the same.
- Act out the Bible story together using a sheet and soft toys or similar for the animals in the sheet. Talk about Peter's dream.



Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson.
- Ask, how do you think Peter felt when he saw all the animals in the sheet? What was God trying to tell Peter? Did Peter listen to God? Did Cornelius listen to God? What can we learn from this story? 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. Thank Him for always loving everyone and not showing favouritism. Help us to do the same.

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Kindergarten Year B, Quarter 4, Week 4



Big Community Idea:

In God's family we pray for one another.

Big Story:

In and Out of Prison
Acts 12:1-19

Big Question:

What can we do to keep a promise today?

Big Verse:

The Church (fingertips together as if a pointed church roof)
kept on praying (fold hands as if in prayer) **to God** (point upwards)
for him (point to others)
Acts 12:5 (palms together and then open).



Breakfast Time:

- Ask your family to share something they need prayer for and spend time praying for those things. Begin a prayer chain and write the requests on it and encourage your family to add to it each breakfast time. during the week.



Drive Time:

- As you drive look for things that you can pray for. If you see an ambulance, pray for the people who are hurt or if you see a hospital, pray for the sick etc. Sing "Whisper a prayer" or a similar prayer song with your child.



Play Time:

- Act out the story with your child and discuss how Peter must have felt when he was taken out of Prison by the angels?
- Help your child make and decorate some praying hands. Help your child choose some people they want to pray for and help your child share their praying hands with the people and then add the names to the breakfast prayer chain.



Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson.
- Ask, how do you think Peter felt when the angels arrived and helped him? How do you think the people who were praying felt when their prayer was answered straight away? Does God hear our prayers? Does God like to hear our prayers?



Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking Jesus for loving us. Thank Him for hearing us and caring for us and all the things we pray about.

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Kindergarten Year B, Quarter 4, Week 5



Big Service Idea:

Being kind to others makes us happy too.

Big Story:

Helping Hands
Acts 9:36-43

Big Question:

What can we do to be kind to others today?

Big Verse:

Being kind (one hand gently strokes the other) **to the needy** (hand outstretched as if begging) **brings happiness** (smile wide)
Proverbs 14:21 (palms together and then open).



Breakfast Time:

- Brainstorm with your family and plan to do something today to bring happiness to others. Challenge your family to each put the plan into action and to report back in the evening the results of their plans.
- Pray thanking God that we can show his love to others by helping them.



Drive Time:

- As you drive look out the window and count how many people you can find helping others. Talk about what they are doing and why and then talk about how we help others too all how it makes us feel. Sing the song, "Happy all the time" or similar.



Play Time:

- Gather some objects together e.g. hammer, saw, band aid, string, wire, good etc. Talk about how they can be used to help others.
- Pretend you are sick and have your child care for you with bandage, blanket, glass of water or similar and then reverse roles.



Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson.
- Ask, Why did Dorcas do nice things for others? Can we do nice things for others? How do you think everyone felt when Dorcas died? Who brought her back to life? What happened after Dorcas was brought back to life? How can we make others happy?



Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking Jesus for loving us. Thanking God for stories in the Bible. Help us to be like Dorcas .

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Kindergarten Year B, Quarter 4, Week 6



Big Service Idea:
God leads us to
serve others.

Big Story:
A Blind Man
Learns to Lead
Acts 9:1-22

Big Question:
How can we
serve those
around us today?

Big Verse:

The Lord (point up) **as sent me** (point to self) **so that you** (point to someone else) **may see again** (point to eyes)
Acts 9:17 (Palms together and then open)



Breakfast Time:

- Challenge your family to not be so busy today that they become blinded to the needs and feelings of others. Challenge them to let God lead them to serve others.
- As you say Grace, pray that we would not be blind to the needs of those around us.



Drive Time:

- As you drive look for changes around you. Talk about how Jesus changed Saul's life and he can change our life too. Share your conversion story with your child and tell your child when you first knew that God was leading and loved you.



Play Time:

- Act out the story using a tea towel to make Saul blind at the appropriate moment and then lead them around the room to Ananias house. Show your child a clear container of water. As you talk about Saul hurting people add food colouring to the container of water. When Jesus spoke to him, Saul saw that he needed to change. Jesus helped Saul to help others. (Add bleach to take away the food colouring).



Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson.
- Ask your child, Where was Saul going? What blinded him? What did Jesus tell him to do? Who helped Saul? What special job did Jesus have for him to do? What can we do to serve others? Who will help you? How does God lead you?



Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking Jesus for loving us. Thank God for leading Saul to serve others. Please lead us too.

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Kindergarten Year B, Quarter 3, Week 7



Big Service Idea:

We serve God when we take care of others.

Big Story:

Come to my house
Acts 16:6-15

Big Question:

How can we care for others today?

Big Verse:

Come and stay (move hand toward chest) **at my** (point to self)
house (put fingertips together to make a house roof)
Acts 16:15 (Palms together and then open)



Breakfast Time:

- Talk about how when we accept Jesus we want to show his love to others. Brainstorm ideas as a family of what you can do to show His love to others this week.
- As you say grace pray that we will be on the lookout for ways that we can show His love and care today.



Drive Time:

- As you look for people who are caring. Talk about what they do and why you think that they do it.
- Sing songs about God's love and care as you drive



Play Time:

- Act out the Gracelink story.
- Tie die a t-shirt or pillow and talk about how Lydia died cloth purple for a job. Do you think that job was messy?
- Make plans to invite someone over for lunch on Sabbath this weekend. Plan a menu and go shopping for all the ingredients with your child. Let them have input into the planning and preparation. Ask them how it makes them feel when others come over to your house? How do you think it made Lydia feel?



Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson. Ask, your child how the Lydia served others? What did Paul do when we was at Lydia's house? What did Lydia do for a job? Ask your child if they have any questions about the story that they would like to ask?



Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking God for Lydia, Paul and all the other people in the Bible who served. Help us to serves others the way that you want us to.

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Kindergarten Year B, Quarter 4, Week 8



Big Service Idea:

We share Jesus by doing what is right.

Big Story:

Prison Praises
Acts 16:16-34

Big Question:

How can we share Jesus by doing right today?

Big Verse:

Do (with palms down, move hands from side to side) **what is right**
(lift up right hand)
2 Corinthians 8:21 (palms together and then open).



Breakfast Time:

- Challenge your family today to look for ways to do what is right even if it is the hard thing. Discuss things that are right but hard to?
- As you say Grace, pray that God will guide us and show us what to do in each situation that is confusing today.



Drive Time:

- As you drive look for people who are doing the right or wrong thing. Talk about what makes it right or wrong.
- Sing songs while you drive just like Paul and Silas did when they were in prison.



Play Time:

- Have your child build a tower out of blocks or boxes. What happens when you shake it? Talk about how when Paul and Silas sang the walls of the prison came down like the tower when you shake it. How do you think that God did this?



Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson.
- Ask, your child what they thought of the story? What was their favourite part? What did Paul and Silas do when they were in prison? Share a time when you were in a tough situation but God gave you a way out?



Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking Jesus for loving us. Thank God for stories in His Bible. Help us to always trust and praise Him no matter what.

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Kindergarten Year B, Quarter 4, Week 9



Big Worship Idea:

We serve others
when we
encourage them.

Big Story:

Shipwrecked
Acts 27:13-28:10

Big Question:

How can we
encourage others
today?

Big Verse:

Encourage one another (point to others one at a time) **and build each other** (pound fists as if using a hammer) **up** (raise hands upward)
1 Thessalonians 5:11 (palms together and then open)



Breakfast Time:

- Discuss how it feels when others encourage you. Challenge your family to look for ways to encourage people today.
- Pray thanking God for loving us and please help us to see people who need to be encouraged today.



Drive Time:

- As your drive with your child talk about all the things that are around us that encourage us. What do they encourage us to do?
- Sing songs about being happy and encouraging and building each other up.



Play Time:

- Make and decorate cards with your child for different people that we would like to encourage. Write a special message in each card and then deliver it to these people.
- Bake some cookies or muffins and take them to a church member or neighbour that needs encouragement.



Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson.
- Ask, what did Paul say on the boat? How do you think it made people feel? What happened to the ship? What happened after the shipwreck? How did Paul encourage and bless others in this story? What did you learn from this story?



Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking Jesus for loving us. Thank God for protecting and help us to encourage others everyday.

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Kindergarten Year B, Quarter 4, Week 10



Big Grace Idea:

God helps us understand His word.

Big Story:

God's Word
Acts 8:26-40

Big Question:

How can we share God's gift with others today?

Big Verse:

Let your word (palms together and then open) help me (point to self) understand (point to your forehead)
Psalm 119:169 (palms together and then open).



Breakfast Time:

- Read a Bible verse every day at breakfast this week. Talk about how much of a gift the Bible is and how it helps us to get to know God better.
- During grace thank God for His gift of the Bible. Help us to take time to get to know you better and share you with others.



Drive Time:

- As you drive look for things that remind us of different stories in the Bible.
- Sing the books of the Bible song.



Play Time:

- Make a scroll with your child. Have them draw Bible story in the scroll. Talk about how the Bible has not always been a book but in the old days it was a lot of really long scrolls. Ask them about the story that they drew. Why did they choose that story?
- Dress up and act out the Gracelink Bible story. Take turns being Paul and the Ethiopian.



Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or Gracelink lesson.
- Ask, your child what did Paul do? What was the Ethiopian doing when he met Paul? What did Paul share? How do you think the Ethiopian felt like when Paul shared God's grace with him? 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 for his grace and the gift of the Bible. Help us to share this gift with others.

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Kindergarten Year B, Quarter 4, Week 11



Big Grace Idea:
God sends angels
to help us.

Big Story:
God's Messengers
Matthew 1:18-25,
Luke 1:26-38

Big Question:
How can we share
the good news
with someone
today?

Big Verse:

The angels (flap arms gently as if wings) **serve God** (point upward)
and are sent (right hand above eyes, look up from right to left)
to help (left fist under back of right hand, push upward to chest)
Hebrews 1:14 (palms together and then open).



Breakfast Time:

- Discuss the Christmas story with your family at breakfast. How is Christmas different from the first Christmas?
- Pray thanking God for sending His angels to guard over us and keep us safe. Help us to care for others today and share His love with others so they don't have to be afraid.



Drive Time:

- As you drive talk about the different ways that angels protect us. Share a time when you or someone you know was protected by an angel.
- Sing Christmas songs about angels.



Play Time:

- Bake stained glass angels cookies. Wrap them up and give them to someone at church, a teacher or a neighbour.
- Have your child dress up as an angel and act out the story. How do you think that Mary felt when the angel talked to her for the first time? How would you feel if an angel talked to you?



Bed Time:

- Read the story out of the Bible Study Guide.
- Ask your child what the angel told Mary? How do you think Mary felt when she saw the angel? How do you think that shepherds felt when they saw the angels at first? Did their feelings change? Do you have any questions about the story? What did you learn from the story?



Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking Jesus for loving us. Thank God for loving us and sending His angels to share good news with us. Help us to share this good news with others.

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Kindergarten Year B, Quarter 4, Week 12



Big Grace Idea:
Jesus is the best gift from God.

Big Story:
The Best Gift
Luke 2:15-20,
Matthew
2:1,10,11

Big Question:
What can we do today to share the best gift from God?

Big Verse:
Today a Saviour (point upward) **has been born** (pretend to hold a baby in your arms)
Luke 2:11 (palms together and then open).



Breakfast Time:

- As a family have a special breakfast, celebrating God's best and most perfect gift to us. How does it feel to know that God loves us this much?
- Pray thinking God for His love and the gift of Jesus.



Drive Time:

- As you drive point out different gifts that God has given us. Talk about how there are so many gifts but the best gift is Jesus.
- Sing songs about Jesus coming to earth.



Play Time:

- Give your child an unexpected, unearned gift. Ask what do you think about getting a gift for no reason? Why do we give gifts? Why do we receive gifts? What is the best gift you have ever received? God gives us many gifts, because he loves us.
- Buy a gift or food to donate to a charity for someone this Christmas. Discuss with your child how this gift will make someone feel?



Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson.
- Ask what do you think the different characters in this story felt when Jesus was born? Mary? Joseph? The shepherds? The Magi? Do you have any questions about this story? How do you feel about the gift of Jesus?



Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking Jesus for loving us. Thank God for loving us and sending us the gift of His one and only son Jesus. We love you Jesus.

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Kindergarten Year B, Quarter 4, Week 13



Big Grace Idea:

God shares
His gift with
everyone.

Big Story:

Dedicated to God
Luke 2:21-38

Big Question:

How can we
share God with
others today?

Big Verse:

Children (point to children) **are a gift** (hands out as if giving) **from the Lord** (point upward)
Psalm 127:3 (palms together and then open).



Breakfast Time:

- Discuss different ways that we can dedicate/live our lives for God today. Challenge your family to live today for God, sharing His gift of love with others.
- Pray thanking God for His love and please guide us as we live for you today.



Drive Time:

- As you are driving point out people who are dedicated to their jobs. Talk about how what we dedicate ourselves to changes how we live our lives every day.



Play Time:

- Make a clay or play dough baby. Talk about how not all baby's look alike and how they are all special to God. Say how glad you are that God gave your child to you and how special they are to you and God.
- Share the story of when your child or another child you know was dedicated. Make sure you communicate to your child just how special they are to you and God.



Bed Time:

- Read or tell your child a story from the Bible or GraceLink lesson.
- Ask what did Mary and Joseph take Jesus to the temple for? Why was this important? Who saw Jesus at the temple? How do you think Mary and Joseph felt?



Prayer Time:

- Hug your child and encourage them to say a short prayer.
- Pray thanking God for loving us. Ask God to help us live our lives dedicated to Him and sharing His love with everyone that we meet. We love you God.