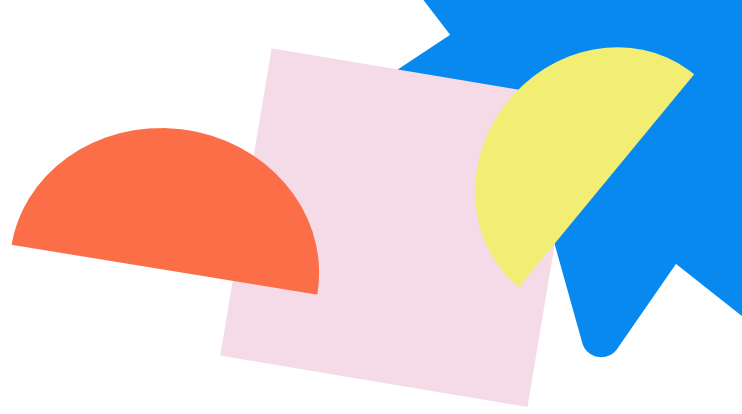


God's Kids

STORY AND PHILOSOPHY

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The Foundation

When we started thinking about creating a kids' Sunday school curriculum, we began with prayer and a question: What outcome do we hope for?

And the answer was simple: We want kids to know, love, and follow Jesus.

In other words, our goal was to create a curriculum that helps kids become and grow as disciples of Jesus.

That goal became the foundation of God's Kids.

The Three Pillars

From there, we prayerfully considered more questions. What are kids who know, love, and follow Jesus like? What do they know, believe, and do?

We grouped our answers into categories, and that's how we landed on the three pillars that frame the God's Kids curriculum.

God's Story, the Bible, points us to Jesus. Kids can *know* Jesus through the story of the Bible.

Kids need to know that the good news of Jesus is throughout the whole Bible. They need to know not just Bible stories but Jesus's story, seeing him consistently in the narrative of Scripture.

That means . . . the Bible is central in every lesson of God's Kids.

Rather than treating the Bible as a manual for life or a book about behavior modification, God's Kids shows kids that the Bible is God's living Word. God's Kids walks through Bible stories in a kid-friendly way and teaches kids how to understand and apply them.

God's Character is good and knowable. Kids can grow in their *love* of Jesus by learning about who he is.

Kids need to know and believe in the greatness and goodness of God, his holiness and his love, his grace and his truth. They can trust God with their whole lives and for their whole lives.

That means . . . Jesus is central in every lesson of God's Kids.

To show kids that Scripture reveals who God is and points us to Jesus, God's Kids lessons reference Jesus and his gospel while staying true to the Bible story in each lesson. Rather than covering the entire Bible cover to cover, God's Kids focuses on key themes throughout Scripture that help kids know and love God.

God's Family is their family in Christ. Kids can *follow* Jesus alongside other Christians, maturing as they go.

Kids need to know that, in Christ, they belong to the church. Empowered by the Spirit, kids can act like Jesus by loving God and others. They can know their unique identity and how to live as God's people.

That means . . . unity is central in every lesson of God's Kids.

To model the unity the church has in Christ, God's Kids aligns an entire kids' ministry around the same big idea each week. God's Kids adapts each lesson in age-appropriate ways for both elementary and preschool kids, so kids of all ages can learn how to follow Jesus together.

The Hope

We want kids to know, love, and follow Jesus. And we love the local church. Our hope and prayer is that God's Kids blesses churches of all sizes with a curriculum that helps them disciple kids.

