

GOD'S BIG STORY



Pre-Primary Curriculum

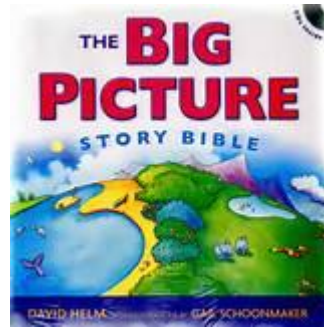
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The Pre-Primary Curriculum is a 2 year curriculum for 3-5 year olds. The overall aim of this curriculum is to give the children an understanding of the big rescue story of the Bible. The hope is this will give them a foundation to build on as they study books of the Bible in future years at Kids Church and that it will help them fit these books into the context of the whole story.

'God's Big Story' is based on the Big Picture Story Bible which tells the overarching story of how God made the world and people to live as God's people in God's place under God's rule. It tells the sad story of how people rejected God's rule time and time again. But God still loved his people and promised right back at the beginning to send a 'Forever King'. He sent Jesus to rescue us so we can look forward to living in God's 'Forever Place', Heaven. The aim is to give children an understanding of God's Big Story of salvation over the course of a year.

'God's Rescue Plan' goes into more detail on the book of Exodus (term 1), Kings and Prophets (term 2) and the Gospels (term 3 and 4).

This term 'God's Big Story' works through Jesus' death and resurrection and learn that this is the time for him to show he is the forever King. We see how the whole Old Testament points towards Jesus dying and rising to rescue us and learn how this good news spreads around the world. The last week of this term will recap the year.

Each lesson includes song suggestions, a Bible story, discussion questions and activity ideas. Kids will also learn a memory verse over the course of each term.

God's Big Story Curriculum Overview

Term 4 - The Big Picture Story Bible Part 20-Part 26

Week	Story	Big Idea	Memory Verse	Just for Leaders (Bible Passage of Story)
1	Part 20 – Jesus wears God’s Kingly Crown	The time had come for Jesus to show he is the King by dying for our sins.	His followers will preach in his name. They will tell others to turn away from their sins and be forgiven. People from every nation will hear it, beginning at Jerusalem. Luke 24:47	John 17-19 Luke 22:39-ch23
2	Part 21-22 – Jesus’ followers are in the dark & A Brand New Day	Jesus proved he is the <i>forever</i> King by rising again.		John 19:38-20:20 Luke 23:44-24:13 & 24:36-43
3	Part 23A – God’s Promise is Explained	Jesus explains the promises God made, that Jesus died to pay the penalty for sin. (p. 124, 176, 304)		Luke 24:44-49 Exodus 11-14 1 Kings 8:62-66
4	Part 23B – God’s Promise is Explained	Jesus explains the promises God made that Jesus would rise again. (p.299-305, 175, 206-209, 220-227)		Luke 24:44-49 John 2:17-25 1 Kings 6, 2 Kings 25:9, 13, Ezra 3:7-13
5	Part 24A – God’s New Kingdom Spreads (p414-423)	Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to help his followers tell others about Him.		Acts 1:1-11 & 2:1-41
6	Part 24B – God’s New Kingdom Spreads (p423-426) & Paul’s Journeys from The Beginner’s Bible	Jesus’ followers told people everywhere about the good news of Jesus.		Acts Acts 9:20-31
7	Part 25-Letters to Live by	Jesus’ followers wrote letters to help God’s people grow in faith.		Romans-Jude (See books of the New Testament)
8	Part 26-The Very Good Ending	God showed John what will happen for everyone who follows Jesus as God’s King.		Revelation 20-22
9	Recap the year	The Bible is all about God’s plan for us, you and me, to live with him and love him forever.		



Term 4 Songs

Hello Song (J is for Jesus, Emu Music)

Easter Friday (J is for Jesus, Emu Music)

1,2,3,4,5 Jesus Christ is now alive (Very, very, very Big God, Emu Music)

Jesus Number 1 (Super Saviour, Colin Buchanan)

God is Great (Mighty Shout, Quizworx)

God's Amazing Book (The Great Adventure, Dan Warlow)

1. Jesus wears God's Kingly Crown

Part 20

Big Picture Storybook Bible

MEMORY VERSE: His followers will preach in his name. They will tell others to turn away from their sins and be forgiven. People from every nation will hear it, beginning at Jerusalem. **Luke 24: 47**

BIG IDEA: The time had come for Jesus to show he is the King by dying for our sins.

RESOURCES

TV/CD player

Big Picture Storybook Bible

LESSON

SONG

Hello Song (J is for Jesus, Emu Music)
Easter Friday Song (J is for Jesus)

INTRO ACTIVITY (eg. Game/Imaginary Play/Questions requiring an action)

Scenario Action Play

Talk through some situations where a friend/sibling got into trouble and if they would get punished for them. Here are some examples.

1. Mum told your sister not to have any more biscuits, but she had another one.Would you say it was you?
2. Your friend broke a toy when you were both playing. ...would you say you broke it instead of your friend getting into trouble?

STORY

Let's remember some things Jesus has done so far. What miracles did Jesus do to show people that he was the forever King? (Healed the blind man, raised Lazarus from the dead) These showed that Jesus has the power to heal and rescue and has power over death.

It's now time for Jesus to show he is the King...Let's read today's story.

Read p. 359 - 373

DISCUSSION

- What was Jesus doing while the disciples slept?
- What happened when the soldiers found Jesus?
- Where did they take Jesus?
- Did Pilate think Jesus was trouble?
- What does the first part of our Memory Verse say? Christ would suffer.
- What did the soldiers do to make fun of Jesus?
- What did Jesus die on?
- Was this God's plan?
- Did Jesus know he would die?
- What did Jesus die for? What is sin?

PRAY

REPEATED PRAYER (encourage the children to pray these words after you, pause after each phrase for them to copy):

Dear God, Thank you for Jesus. Thank you that Jesus showed us He was King by dying for our sins. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER (encourage each child to pray):

Brainstorm things that we can thank Jesus for showing us when he lived. Eg. Healing people, he loves us, being kind, caring for us, showing us it's good to pray etc.

Take turns praying for these things. (If the kids need help, leaders start the sentence for them and the kids finish the sentence).

Leader finishes with: Thank you God that we can pray and you listen, Amen.

SONG

TV/CD player

Jesus Number 1 (Super Saviour, Colin Buchanan)

ACTIVITIES (eg. Craft/Game/Play dough/sequencing)

Coloured pens/pencils

CRAFT Idea: Cross/Easter Activities

<https://www.momontimeout.com/stained-glass-cross-easter-craft/>



WORKSHEET: This can be either done during class or to take home.

PLAY: Playdough Shapes to retell the story – cross, crown, person

2. Jesus followers are in the Dark & A Brand New Day

Part 21 & 22

Big Picture Storybook Bible

MEMORY VERSE: His followers will preach in his name. They will tell others to turn away from their sins and be forgiven. People from every nation will hear it, beginning at Jerusalem. **Luke 24: 47**

BIG IDEA: Jesus proved he is the *forever* King by rising again.

RESOURCES

TV/Computer/CD player

Emotion Balls/Box



Big Picture Storybook
Bible

LESSON

SONG

Hello Song (J is for Jesus, Emu Music)
Easter Friday Song (J is for Jesus)

INTRO ACTIVITY (eg. Game/Imaginary Play/Questions requiring an action)

Emotion Balls

Find the 3 balls for 'happy', 'sad', and 'scared'

Talk through some other words that they know that are similar to these 3 emotions. Introduce to them the words they will hear in the story today – Happy = joy, Sad = sorrow, Scared = afraid, frightened, fear.

STORY

When we read the story today, let's find the words used to show how people were feeling.
Read p. 376 - 395

DISCUSSION

Read p.376-380

- What happened to Jesus after he died?
- How were Jesus' friends feeling? What are the other words we can use?

Then read p 385-395

- How many days after Jesus died did Mary go to the tomb?
- What does our Memory Verse say?
- What did Mary find? What did she do?
- Who went to the tomb next? What did they find?
- Where were Jesus' friends when they saw him?
- How did they feel now?
- What did Jesus' friends know now? (He was alive)

PRAY

REPEATED PRAYER (encourage the children to pray these words after you, pause after each phrase for them to copy):

Dear God, Thank you for Jesus dying on the cross. Thank you that he rose again and proving he is the forever King. Thank you that we can say he is still alive today. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER (encourage each child to pray):

Brainstorm times when we feel different things – sad, happy, scared.

Take turns praying for these times in our life. (If the kids need help, leaders start the sentence for them and the kids finish the sentence)

Leader finishes with: Thank you God for feelings. Thank you that we know what it was like for your friends to be sad, happy and scared. Thank you that we can be happy and joyful knowing that Jesus died and rose again and that he is the forever King you promised. In Jesus name Amen.

SONG

TV/Computer/CD player

1,2,3,4,5, Jesus is alive (Very, very, very Big God)

ACTIVITIES (eg. Craft/Game/Play dough/sequencing)

Coloured pens/pencils

CRAFT Idea: Jesus is alive/Easter Activities

Eg. <http://craftingthewordofgod.com/2014/03/01/he-is-risen/>

WORKSHEET: This can be either done during class or to take home.

PLAY: Playdough faces – use an outline of a face to show emotions that happened in the story. Children retell where these emotions happened in the story.

3. God's Promise is Explained

Part 23A

Big Picture Storybook Bible

MEMORY VERSE: His followers will preach in his name. They will tell others to turn away from their sins and be forgiven. People from every nation will hear it, beginning at Jerusalem. **Luke 24: 47**

BIG IDEA: Jesus explains the promises God made, that Jesus died to pay the penalty for sin.

RESOURCES

TV/Computer/CD player

Picture of cross and tomb

Big Picture Storybook Bible

LESSON

SONG

Hello Song (J is for Jesus, Emu Music)
1,2,3,4,5, Jesus is alive (Very, very, very Big God)

INTRO

ACTIVITY (eg. Game/Imaginary Play/Questions requiring an action)

Recap last 2 weeks with picture of cross and picture of the tomb.
What is sin? Why did Jesus have to die?

STORY

Leaders Note: We will read this story 2 weeks in a row. This week we will base the discussion on p402-403 and review some of the stories in the pictures. Next week we'll focus on p404-405.

When we read the story, have a copy of the picture of p402-403 on the wall.
Read p398-411

DISCUSSION

- Jesus' followers didn't understand so what did Jesus do to help them?
Jesus explained how the Old Testament was about him.
- Turn to p125 and looking at the picture remind the children that the people had to put a sign of blood over their doors so no one died in their house. Do you remember who God rescued them from? Pharaoh and the Egyptians wouldn't listen to God so people in their houses died.
- Turn to p176 and read it. God's people had to kill an animal to pay for their sins.
- Turn to p304 and read it. Who was going to pay for sins?
All of the Old Testament is talking about how people need someone to rescue them from their sins.
- Show cross picture again. What did Jesus do?
- Who did he die for?
Jesus taught his followers how to understand the Bible is all about him and what he had to do.

PRAY

REPEATED PRAYER (encourage the children to pray these words after you, pause after each phrase for them to copy):

Dear God, Thank you for showing us and reminding us about the promises made in the Bible about Jesus dying for our sins. In Jesus' name Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER (encourage each child to pray):

Have a picture of each child or the name of each child in a box. Have each child pull one out and thank God for them and pray they would trust Jesus.

SONG

TV/Computer/CD player

Jesus Number 1 (Super Saviour, Colin Buchanan)

ACTIVITIES (eg. Craft/Game/Play dough/sequencing)

Coloured pens/pencils

CRAFT Idea: Make a scroll with the memory verse on it.

WORKSHEET: This can be either done during class or to take home.

PLAY: Use red paint to paint 'blood' on pictures like in the bible to show that the penalty for sin is to die. These can be big enough for each of the children to paint as a whole class mural.

4. God's Promise is Explained

Part 23B

Big Picture Storybook Bible

MEMORY VERSE: His followers will preach in his name. They will tell others to turn away from their sins and be forgiven. People from every nation will hear it, beginning at Jerusalem. **Luke 24: 47**

BIG IDEA: Jesus explains the promises God made that Jesus would rise again.

RESOURCES

TV/Computer/CD player

Big Picture Storybook Bible

LESSON

SONG

Hello Song (J is for Jesus, Emu Music)
1,2,3,4,5 Jesus is alive (Very, very, very Big God)

INTRO

ACTIVITY (eg. Game/Imaginary Play/Questions requiring an action)

Recap last week – Last week we remembered how Jesus died to pay the punishment for our sins.

STORY

Leaders Note: We will read this story 2 weeks in a row. This week we will base the discussion on p404-405.

When we read the story, have a copy of the picture of p404-405 on the wall.
Read p398-411

DISCUSSION

- Jesus' followers didn't understand so what did Jesus do to help them?
Jesus explained how the Old Testament was about him. He explained how he is better than the Temple.
- Read the story about the temple – p288-289 (refer to the picture on wall of p404-405 when it mentions the different temples)
- Remember Jesus was angry in this story because they weren't using God's special temple for the right things.
- Read p299 – who is Jesus talking about? Jesus was destroyed (died) on the cross and what happened 3 days later?
- Read p304 – talk about how Jesus was better than the places Solomon, Israel and Herod built. – Solomon's temple was destroyed, the Israelites were sad because the one they rebuilt wasn't as good and the one Herod built wasn't used the right way (refer to the picture on wall of p404-405 when it mentions the different temples)
Jesus said he was now God's special place. He died and rose again three days later. He showed his followers how they needed someone to rescue them who could never be destroyed again. Jesus rose again forever.
- Did Jesus' followers understand the Bible now?
- Do you see how the Bible is all about Jesus?

PRAY

REPEATED PRAYER (encourage the children to pray these words after you, pause after each phrase for them to copy):

Dear God, Thank you that Jesus died and rose again forever. Thank you that he rescues us from sin. In Jesus' name Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER (encourage each child to pray):

Have a picture of each child or the name of each child in a box. Have each child pull one out and thank God for them and pray they would trust Jesus.

SONG

TV/Computer/CD player

Jesus Number 1 (Super Saviour, Colin Buchanan)

ACTIVITIES (eg. Craft/Game/Play dough/sequencing)

Coloured pens/pencils

CRAFT Ideas:

Make a 'mini' bible with pictures of Jesus' story in it. Eg. Picture of creation, sin, cross, resurrection (empty tomb), crown – Jesus' forever King. Write a sentence under each.

1. God created the world (creation)
2. People sinned and stopped listening to God. We needed a rescuer. (Adam & Eve and the tree)
3. Jesus died for our sins. (Cross)
4. Jesus rose again. (Empty tomb)
5. Jesus proved he is the forever King by dying for us and rising forever. (Crown)

WORKSHEET: This can be either done during class or to take home.

PLAY: Playdough – make a tomb and a stone, count to 3 for each day Jesus was dead, then roll the stone away. Make a person 'Jesus' with a crown on his head.

5. God's New Kingdom Spreads

Part 24A

Big Picture Storybook Bible

MEMORY VERSE: His followers will preach in his name. They will tell others to turn away from their sins and be forgiven. People from every nation will hear it, beginning at Jerusalem. **Luke 24: 47**

BIG IDEA: Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to help his followers tell others about Him.

RESOURCES

TV/Computer/CD player

Pictures/photos –
kitchen, park, kids
church

Big Picture Storybook
Bible

LESSON

SONG

Hello Song (J is for Jesus, Emu Music)
Jesus Number 1 (Super Saviour, Colin Buchanan)

INTRO ACTIVITY (eg. Game/Imaginary Play/Questions requiring an action)

Have pictures of different places such as a park, kitchen and kids church. Ask the kids to name things we **see**, **hear** and **do** in these places.

In today's story we're going to read about what Jesus' followers saw, heard and said.

STORY

Read p. 414-421

DISCUSSION

- What was the gift Jesus told his followers to wait for?
- What was the noise they heard when it came?
- What did it look like?
- What did Jesus' followers do when they received the Holy Spirit?
They praised God in lots of different languages they had never learned. They were able to do this because God wanted all the people listening from other countries to be able to understand them.
Next Peter got up to talk to everyone listening.
- What did Peter tell everyone about?
He told the people all about Jesus and how he had died for them. He told them everyone needs to repent – to stop and say sorry to God and believe in God's forever King.
- Who is God's forever King?
- Who helped Peter and all of Jesus' followers tell people about God? The Holy Spirit.
When people decide to trust Jesus they are given the Holy Spirit. He doesn't help us speak in different languages but he does help us keep trusting Jesus and tell others the good news about Jesus

PRAY

REPEATED PRAYER (encourage the children to pray these words after you, pause after each phrase for them to copy):

Dear God, Thank you for Jesus. Thank you that you give us the Holy Spirit when we trust in you. Thank you that the Holy Spirit can help us trust you and tell other people about you. In Jesus' name Amen

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER (encourage each child to pray):

Take turns asking God to help you to trust him.

SONG

God is Great (Quiz Worx)

ACTIVITIES (eg. Craft/Game/Play dough/sequencing)

CRAFT Idea: Make a picture of 3 scenes from today's story about what Jesus' followers saw, heard and said (use p418-419 for ideas). Put today's SMS on the bottom of the page.

WORKSHEET: This can be either done during class or to take home.

PLAY: Simon Says, or "Do what I say, not what I Do" (Listening Games)

TV/Computer/CD player

Coloured pens/pencils

6. God's New Kingdom Spreads

Part 24B

Big Picture Storybook Bible & The Beginner's Bible

MEMORY VERSE: His followers will preach in his name. They will tell others to turn away from their sins and be forgiven. People from every nation will hear it, beginning at Jerusalem. **Luke 24: 47**

BIG IDEA: Jesus' followers told people everywhere about the good news of Jesus.

RESOURCES

TV/Computer/CD player

Big Picture Storybook Bible

The Beginner's Bible

LESSON

SONG

Hello Song (J is for Jesus, Emu Music)
God is Great (Quiz Worx)

INTRO ACTIVITY (eg. Game/Imaginary Play/Questions requiring an action)

Play Chinese whispers – either as a small group in a line up the front, or in a circle in the whole group.

STORY

Read p. 421-426

DISCUSSION

- What did Peter tell the people about?
 - What did lots of the people do?
 - What does the word repent mean? Stop and turn back to God – say sorry and start trusting God
 - Do you like to tell people good news?
Jesus' followers told about God's good news all over the place.
 - What were the places called?
Have a map to show the kids where God's good news spread.
One of Jesus' followers, Paul, went to lots and lots of places telling people about Jesus.
Re-read the last sentence of the story on p425 then
Read some of Paul's story: Paul's Journeys from pg494 of the Beginner's Bible.
- Jesus' followers told people everywhere about the good news of Jesus.

PRAY

REPEATED PRAYER (encourage the children to pray these words after you, pause after each phrase for them to copy):

Dear God, Thank you that lots of people trusted you when they heard the good news about Jesus. Please help us to trust you too. In Jesus' name Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER (encourage each child to pray):

Ask the kids who tells them about Jesus. Take turns thanking God for these people.

SONG

TV/Computer/CD player

God's Amazing Book (The Great Adventure, Dan Warlow)

ACTIVITIES (eg. Craft/Game/Play dough/sequencing)

Coloured pens/pencils

CRAFT Idea: Coloured puzzle of p424-425 cut pieces to different sizes according to age group (make puzzles of differing levels for different ages). **Print memory verse at the bottom.**

WORKSHEET: This can be either done during class or to take home.

PLAY: Deliver the Good News - Let children make scrolls or banners rolled up that will say THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS NEAR, or SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S LOVE, etc. Let children deliver a banner to each Kids Church classroom during their time. The other classes (all ages) will enjoy receiving their banner/scroll and reading it during their class (Make sure the other leaders of the classes know this may happen within today's lesson)

7. Letters to Live By

Part 25

Big Picture Storybook Bible

MEMORY VERSE: His followers will preach in his name. They will tell others to turn away from their sins and be forgiven. People from every nation will hear it, beginning at Jerusalem. **Luke 24: 47**

BIG IDEA: Jesus' followers wrote letters to help God's people grow in faith.

RESOURCES

TV/Computer/CD player

LESSON

SONG

Hello Song (J is for Jesus, Emu Music)

God's Amazing Book (The Great Adventure, Dan Warlow)

INTRO ACTIVITY (eg. Game/Imaginary Play/Questions requiring an action)

Make a post box and have 7 letters in it. Use the statements from the story – 1 statement on each one and include who the letter was from and who it is to:

- o Keep believing in Jesus – from Paul to the Colossians
- o Love one another like family – from Paul to the Corinthians
- o Forgive one another – from John (1 John) written to Christians
- o Be careful, don't let people trick you. - from Paul to the Thessalonians
- o Run away from sin – Hebrews - we don't know who wrote this one
- o Endure hardship – Peter to Christians in lots of places
- o Look for Jesus' return - from Paul to the Romans

STORY

Big Picture Storybook Bible

Read p. 428-431 then ask the first 3 questions before reading p432-435

DISCUSSION

Read 428-431

- Lots of people were trusting Jesus but had they seen Jesus face to face?
- Did they hear Jesus teach?
- What about you, have you seen Jesus?

No, just like these people we haven't seen or heard Jesus face to face. Let's read about what God did for his people to help them.

Read 432-435

- What did some of Jesus' special followers do? Show kids an adult bible and tell them how there are lots and lots of letters written in the New Testament.
- What did these letters tell people? There are 7 things, talk about each one:
 - o Refer to the letters used during the Intro activity.

The letters help Jesus' followers grow in faith. The letters help churches be strong. So the letters help us grow in faith and our church be strong.

PRAY

REPEATED PRAYER (encourage the children to pray these words after you, pause after each phrase for them to copy):

Dear God, Thank you for your special followers who wrote the letters in the Bible. In Jesus' name Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER (encourage each child to pray):

Pray about each of the 7 things that the letters talk about. Give each child a different point and give them a starter if they need it. Eg. Dear God, Please help us to keep believing in Jesus.

SONG

TV/Computer/CD player

God is Great (Quizworx)

ACTIVITIES (eg. Craft/Game/Play dough/sequencing)

Coloured pens/pencils

CRAFT Idea: Make a letter with the 7 statements – kids stick each statement on a page and decorate their letter. Give them an envelope to put it in and stick SMS on front of the envelope.

WORKSHEET: This can be either done during class or to take home.

PLAY: Postman box, letters, drawings, stamp creations,

8. The Very Good Ending

Part 26

Big Picture Storybook Bible

MEMORY VERSE: His followers will preach in his name. They will tell others to turn away from their sins and be forgiven. People from every nation will hear it, beginning at Jerusalem. **Luke 24: 47**

BIG IDEA: God showed John what will happen for everyone who follows Jesus as God's King.

RESOURCES

TV/Computer/CD player

Emotion Balls/Box



Big Picture Storybook Bible

LESSON

SONG

Hello Song (J is for Jesus, Emu Music)

God's Amazing Book (The Great Adventure, Dan Warlow)

INTRO ACTIVITY (eg. Game/Imaginary Play/Questions requiring an action)

Who likes surprises? Use emotion balls and see if you can pick which face looks surprised.

Play drop the hanky or Duck, Duck, Goose

Talk about how it's a surprise when you get chosen. In our story today God has a surprise for John.

STORY

Read p. 438-452

DISCUSSION

God had a surprise for John. He showed him the future.

- What was the place God showed John?
- What did John see in heaven?
 - o Jesus' throne
 - o Hell
 - o New Heaven and New Earth
- What did the voice say about the new heaven and new earth?
 - o Who will live (dwell) with God in his place?
 - o Will there be any crying or sadness?
 - o Will there be any death?
 - o Will there be any pain?

Wow, heaven sounds fantastic. There will be absolutely nothing bad in heaven and we can live there forever if we trust in Jesus.

- What did John do after he saw this special vision?

John had seen the very good ending for everyone who trusts in Jesus as God's King and he wrote it down for us all to know.

PRAY

REPEATED PRAYER (encourage the children to pray these words after you, pause after each phrase for them to copy):

Dear God, Thank you that you love us so much you want us to live with you forever. Thank you that there will be nothing bad in heaven. In Jesus' name Amen

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER (encourage each child to pray):

Take turns thanking God for all the great things about heaven.

SONG

TV/Computer/CD player

Jesus Number 1 (Colin Buchanan)

ACTIVITIES (eg. Craft/Game/Play dough/sequencing)

Coloured pens/pencils

CRAFT Idea: Matching game – match the things that will be in heaven and what won't be in heaven. eg. Pictures of people sad, happy, hurt etc.

WORKSHEET: This can be either done during class or to take home.

PLAY: Build a 'new heaven' – use gold paper, blocks, trees, and people.

9. RECAP & CELEBRATE

Big Picture Storybook Bible

MEMORY VERSE: His followers will preach in his name. They will tell others to turn away from their sins and be forgiven. People from every nation will hear it, beginning at Jerusalem. **Luke 24: 47**

BIG IDEA: The Bible is all about God's plan for us, you and me, to live with him and love him forever.

RESOURCES

TV/Computer/CD player

Big Picture Storybook
Bible Picture Cards

LESSON

SONG

Hello Song (J is for Jesus, Emu Music)
God's Amazing Book (The Great Adventure, Dan Warlow)

RECAP ACTIVITIES (eg. Game/Imaginary Play/Questions requiring an action)

Have a box with the following 12 laminated coloured pictures that help tell the story of the whole Bible. Let kids take turns picking pictures and see what the group can remember about that story. Have the Bible there and turn to the stories to help. Once all 12 pictures have been picked get the kids to put the pictures in order (you may need to direct this but it's an opportunity for conversations about the stories). Talk about how God's Big Story is his plan for us, you and me, to live with him and love him forever.

The following 12 pictures (from the Big Picture Bible):

- o God made the world (p20-21)
- o Fall/Adam & Eve Sin (p40-41)
- o God made 3 promises to Abraham about how he would rescue his people (p70-71)
- o Picture of 10 plagues (from activity that week – God's people were rescued out of Egypt)
- o Promises to King David (p168-169)
- o King Solomon built the Temple where sacrifices for sin were made (p176-177)
- o King Solomon and God's people turn away (p188-189)
- o Jesus the rescuer was born (p252-253)
- o Jesus tells people that he is God's special place, God's temple (p304-305)
- o Jesus' Death (p372-373)
- o Jesus' Resurrection (392-393)
- o Jesus' followers were given the Holy Spirit to help them trust Jesus (p418-419)
- o Heaven (p444-445)

PRAY

REPEATED PRAYER (encourage the children to pray these words after you, pause after each phrase for them to copy):

Dear God, Thank you that the whole Bible is all about how you want us to live with you and love you forever. In Jesus' name Amen

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER (encourage each child to pray):

Brainstorm things from some of the key stories they could pray for.

Eg. Thanks for making the world, sorry for our sin, thanks that you keep your promises, thanks that you rescue your people, thanks for sending Jesus, help us to tell everyone the good news about Jesus, thanks for the Holy Spirit, thanks that we can look forward to heaven, please help us to keep trusting Jesus.

SONG

TV/Computer/CD player God is Great (Quizworx)

ACTIVITIES (eg. Craft/Game/Play dough/sequencing)

Coloured pens/pencils CRAFT Idea: decorate party hats, cookies (check food allergies)
WORKSHEET: This can be either done during class or to take home.

CELEBRATE / PLAY

Celebrate the end of the year with food, games and fun!
You could also do some Cards inviting friends to Church.



Pre-Primary Curriculum

Based on the Big Picture Story Bible