



Gospel Light®

POINT KIDS TO JESUS
IN EVERY BIBLE LESSON

SCOPE & SEQUENCE

THE WHY BEHIND GOSPEL LIGHT

Gospel Light helps children grow in their understanding of Jesus through relational connection, engaging Bible teaching, and a clear focus on the gospel. From nursery through preteen, children discover who Jesus is, what God is like, and what it means to follow Him in everyday life.

Children learn best through active engagement. Gospel Light uses age-appropriate play, small-group activities, art, games, Bible discovery, and conversation to help children explore biblical truth with their imaginations, senses, questions, and relationships.

A child who begins Gospel Light at the earliest level and continues through sixth grade will encounter the full story of Scripture multiple times through an intentional scope and sequence. Each pass through the Bible builds biblical literacy, deepens understanding, and helps children make meaningful connections between God's Word, the gospel, and their own lives.

HOW THE AGE LEVELS WORK TOGETHER

Gospel Light is designed as one connected spiritual development plan with distinct age-level experiences. Each level stands on its own with developmentally appropriate lessons, activities, Bible skills, and life responses. At the same time, the levels build on one another so children can grow from first associations of God's love to confident Bible study and personal faith application.

In **Baby Beginnings Nursery**, children experience God's love through caring adults, simple Bible words, music, movement, and play. **Preschool** and **Pre-K & Kindergarten** children explore many of the same Bible stories at the same time, but each level teaches those stories with different visuals, activities, questions, and expectations. **Elementary** children return to the Bible with growing reading skills, deeper questions, and more intentional life application. **Preteens** then use the Bible knowledge they have gained to study Scripture for themselves and respond to real-life issues with faith, wisdom, service, and integrity.

Each age level helps children explore, understand, and respond to the Bible through age-appropriate learning steps: Preschool and Kindergarten children Play to Learn, Listen to Learn, and Talk to Learn; children in grades 1-4 Get Thinking, Get God's Word, and Get Talking; and preteens move through Discovery, Study, and Application.

BABY BEGINNINGS NURSERY

- **Ages:** Birth-36 months
- **Scope and Sequence:** 1 year

Baby Beginnings Nursery gives infants and toddlers their first church experiences with God's love. Caring adults meet children's physical and emotional needs, help them feel secure and loved at church, and begin to connect the names of God and Jesus with loving people and enjoyable activities.

At this level, the core worldview question is simple and foundational: **How does God show His love for me?** Children begin to associate God and Jesus with care, comfort, songs, Bible pictures, and relationships. The curriculum also supports parents as they guide their child's earliest spiritual development.



PRESCHOOL AND PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN

- **Preschool Ages:** 2 and 3
- **Pre-K & Kindergarten Ages:** 4 and 5
- **Scope and Sequence:** 2 years; one overview of the Bible

The Preschool and Pre-K & Kindergarten scope and sequences align thematically, allowing both age levels to move through the same big Bible themes while learning in ways that fit their developmental stage. Preschool children encounter God's love through simple Bible stories, play, movement, art, and conversation. Pre-K and Kindergarten children revisit those same truths with added story detail, stronger vocabulary, and growing ability to name what the Bible teaches about God, Jesus, love, obedience, prayer, and trust.

Over the 2-year cycle, children move through one overview of the Bible. They learn that God shows His love in creation, through His care for people, through His plan for the world, and most clearly through Jesus.

The guiding questions at these levels help children wonder about God's love and respond in concrete ways. They ask how God shows love, what Jesus teaches us about God's love and kindness, what the good news about Jesus is, and how the Bible helps us trust God. Preschoolers begin by naming ways to show gladness, love God, and love others. Pre-K and Kindergarten children build on that foundation as they learn that the Bible is God's message to us, recognize simple Bible words, listen with understanding, and state Bible truths in their own words.

Because these two levels align, churches can use the same Bible story focus across early childhood while still giving each group lessons, visuals, and activities designed for their age. Children experience helpful repetition, teachers gain flexibility, and families hear consistent truths reinforced from one classroom to the next.



ELEMENTARY

- **Grades:** 1 and 2; 3 and 4
- **Scope and Sequence:** 4 years

Elementary lessons build on the Bible stories and gospel truths children encountered in early childhood. As children become stronger readers and more thoughtful learners, Gospel Light helps them locate Bible references, learn the books of the Bible, use simple Bible study tools, memorize Scripture, and connect Bible truth to their choices, relationships, worship, and witness.

Across the 4-year Elementary scope and sequence, children revisit the Bible's story with growing depth. They learn to know God as Creator, Promise Keeper, Rescuer, King, Shepherd, and faithful Lord. They see Jesus as Savior, King, Servant, Truth, and the One whose resurrection continues to change the world.

The worldview questions move children from Bible knowledge to faith response. They explore how knowing God as Creator shapes the way they understand the world, how God's promise to send a Savior helps them recognize Jesus as King, and how Jesus' servant-hearted love teaches them to love and help others. Children also consider how God's rescue, guidance, wisdom, power, and faithfulness help them trust Him when life feels uncertain and follow Him with courage.

By the end of the Elementary years, children are invited to respond by trusting Jesus as Savior, choosing ways to love God and obey His Word, thanking and praising God, believing His promises, serving Him, and telling others about Jesus.



THE EDGE PRETEEN

- **Grades:** 5 and 6
- **Ages:** 10–12
- **Scope and Sequence:** 2 years

The Edge Preteen helps fifth and sixth graders move from learning Bible stories to studying Scripture, asking deeper questions, and applying God's truth to the real challenges they face. Preteens learn basic inductive Bible study skills, use Bible study tools, identify themes in selected books of the Bible, complete a Bible memory plan, and develop personal Bible study habits.

During the 2-year scope and sequence, preteens explore how knowing, trusting, and putting God first affects their relationships, decisions, families, service, prayer, integrity, and witness.

The guiding questions invite preteens to connect God's character with everyday faithfulness. They consider God's plans for salvation, family, and the world; how Jesus reveals God's character; how God's wisdom and love shape obedience and relationships; and how the hope of Christ becomes a foundation for prayer, service, acceptance of others, and sharing the good news.

By the end of The Edge Preteen, students are encouraged to trust Jesus as Savior, serve Jesus in their own church, and demonstrate attitudes and actions that reflect love for Him. Gospel Light gives preteens room to discover, study, and apply God's Word as they grow toward Christian maturity.



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