



2023-2024 "Seek God" Spiritual Formation Plan (Matrix)–Early Learning

“One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.” (Psalm 27:4, NIV)

Monthly Theme	Gaze on God's ...			Seek God With ...			Dwell in God's ...		
	Beauty	Mercy	Faithfulness	Patience	Guidance	Whole Heart	Joy	Security	Goodness
Month	September Psalm 27:4	October Psalm 27:7	November Psalm 27:1, 9	December Psalm 27:14	January Psalm 27:11	February Psalm 27:8	March Psalm 27:6	April Psalm 27:5	May Psalm 27:13
Focus Outcome and Description	S.5 Integrate a Biblical Worldview Discerning leaders can integrate a biblical worldview into all aspects of life.	S.9 Share Testimony Discerning leaders can share their personal testimony.	S.8 Spiritual Disciplines Discerning leaders are actively engaged in the spiritual disciplines.	S.6 Pursue Life of Faith Discerning leaders can pursue a life of faith, empowered by the Holy Spirit, knowing, understanding and using their spiritual and personal gifting to impact God's kingdom.	S.3 Knowing God's Word Discerning leaders can know, understand, and apply God's Word in daily life.	S.1 Relationship with Jesus Discerning leaders can understand and commit to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.	S.7 Great Commission Discerning leaders understand their role and respond to the First Commission and the Great Commission locally and around the world.	S.10 Understanding God's Voice Discerning leaders can listen for and respond to God's voice.	S.4 Defending a Biblical Worldview Discerning leaders can articulate and defend a biblical worldview, discerning truth from other worldviews.
Bible Theme	I Am Special	Kindness	Sharing/Giving	Obedience	The Bible as God's Word	Love	Helping/Serving	God Is Great and Mighty	Thankfulness
Outcomes	God created each person to be special and unique. God loved them even before they were born. God knows all about them—where they are and what they are thinking and doing.	Whenever we are kind to others, we are showing God's love. The Bible tells us to be kind to others. Jesus showed kindness to others in many ways.	God wants us to show His love to others by sharing with them. God wants us to show His love by giving to others (the ultimate acts of sharing).	The Bible is a special book, and God wants us to obey it. God wants us to show His love to others by being obedient. God tells us to obey Mom, Dad, and teachers.	The Bible is God's Word. The Bible is true. The Bible helps us know God and His ways. God wants us to obey the Bible.	God loves everyone. God wants us to love Him more than anything. God wants us to love others. We can demonstrate our love for God by singing and praising Him.	We find joy in helping others. We can help others in many ways. Being a helper pleases God. We can show God's love by serving others.	God is all-powerful (mighty). God gives us what we need. God is with us wherever we go. We can demonstrate our love for God by giving Him praise. God heals and does miracles.	We can demonstrate our love to God by thanking Him for food, home, clothes, family, and country. We can demonstrate our gratitude to God by praising Him.
Historical Figure	The First People, p. 14	Noah's Ark, p. 18	Daniel and the Lions, p. 62	Ten Rules, p. 44	Boy King Josiah, p. 235	A Poor Widow's Gift, p. 433	Ruth and Naomi, p. 152	Esther, the Brave Queen, p. 240	Hannah's Prayer, p. 156
Event	Global Week of Student Prayer		Vet. Day, Week of Generosity	Christmas Programs			I-Term and Easter Chapel		National Day of Prayer
Chapel Focus and Scripture	I can see God's beauty in how He created others and me. Psalm 139:14 —We are fearfully and wonderfully made. Matthew 19:13-15 —Jesus loves the little children. Acts 16:14 —Lydia uses her special talents to serve others. Genesis 1:27 —We bear the image of God.	I can see God's mercy in His kindness toward me. Genesis 7:1-4 —God has mercy on Noah and his family. Luke 15:11-32 —The prodigal son is shown mercy by his father. John 3:16 —God loves us so much that He has given us His son. Romans 16:1-2 —Phoebe uses her resources to help Paul and his companions.	I can see God's faithfulness in how He has given me all that I need. Daniel 3:1-10 —God is faithful to protect Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Daniel 6:22-23 —God is faithful to protect Daniel from the lions. 2 Corinthians 9:7 —We can be faithful by cheerfully sharing what He has given us. 1 Timothy 6:18 —We can be faithful by sharing generously with others.	I can seek God by obeying His Word. Luke 1:38 —Mary is obedient to the Word of the Lord. Luke 2:25-35 —Simeon seeks God with patience and obedience. God blesses him by allowing him to see the Messiah. Luke 1:6-13 —God blesses Elizabeth's patience by giving her a son, John the Baptist. Matthew 2:13-23 —Mary has to be patient to return to her hometown of Nazareth after fleeing as a result of King Herod's decree.	I can seek God by reading the Bible. 2 Kings 23:2-3 —Boy king Josiah reads from the Bible. Judges 4:9-10 —Deborah obeys the Word of the Lord. Luke 4:14-30 —Jesus reads from the book of Isaiah. Luke 24:27 —Jesus uses Scripture to explain to the disciples that He is the Messiah.	I can seek God by loving Him with my whole heart. Jeremiah 29:13 —We can find God if we seek Him with our whole heart. Mark 12:41-44 —The widow gives all she has. Mark 5:25-34 —A sick woman finds healing because she is willing to overcome anything to get to Jesus. Mark 12:41-44 —The widow gives all she has.	I can receive joy from God when I serve others. John 13:1-17 —Jesus serves others (by washing their feet). Luke 10:25-37 —The good Samaritan demonstrates compassion for others. Ruth 1:16-18 —Ruth commits to helping Naomi by moving back with her to her hometown. John 6:9 —A little boy serves through the giving of his lunch.	I can trust God to keep me safe. Matthew 6:26-34 —God takes care of us even more so than He does the flowers and the birds. Psalm 27:5 —When we put our trust in Him, He protects us from harm. Esther 7:3-4 —God takes care of Esther even though she makes a risky decision. Exodus 2:1-10 —God protects Moses.	I can be thankful for the things God gives me. Luke 1:46-55 —Mary is thankful for being the mother of Jesus (Song of Mary). Exodus 15:9-21 —Song of Miriam offers prayer of praise to God. John 10:10 —We can be thankful to Jesus for giving us the means to live life to the fullest. 1 John 1:9 —We can be thankful for how God forgives us of our sin.
Three-Year-Old	God made me just the way I am. God made my friends, family, and teachers. God knows all about me.	God wants me to be kind to my family and friends. I should use kind words and actions. Doing good things for others is showing kindness.	God wants me to share. God wants me to take turns.	Obedience is making the right choice the first time. God knows what is best for me. Obedience helps keep me safe.	Bible stories really happened. The Bible tells me what God wants me to know. It is good to listen to what the Bible tells me.	God loves me. God wants me to love others.	I can help in many ways. God wants me to help.	God is mighty. God is always with me. God gives me what I need.	I need to be thankful and to say so. God gives me what I need; therefore I should be thankful.
Four-Year-Old	God made me just the way I am. God made my friends, family, and teachers. God knows all about me. God loves me no matter what I do or say.	There are many ways I can show kindness to my family and friends. The Bible tells me to be kind to others. It feels good to be kind to others. When I use good manners, I am being kind.	God wants me to show His love to others by sharing. God wants me to show His love to others by giving. God wants me to take turns.	Obedience is making the right choice the first time. God knows what is best for me. Obedience helps keep me safe. Jesus will help me obey if I ask Him.	Bible stories really happened. The Bible tells me what God wants me to know and do. God's Word, the Bible, tells me about Jesus and God. It is good to learn Bible verses.	God loves me. God wants me to love Him. Telling Jesus I love Him is praise.	I can help in many ways. God wants me to have a happy heart when I help. I feel joy when I help others.	God is all-powerful and mighty. God is always with me. God gives me what I need. Praise is worshipping God.	I need to be thankful to God and others and to say so. God gives me what I need; therefore I should be thankful. I demonstrate my thanks to God by praising Him.
Five-Year-Old	God made me just the way I am. God made my friends, family, and teachers. God knows all about me. God loves me no matter what I do or say. God gave me special talents to serve Him.	There are many ways I can show kindness to my family and friends. The Bible tells me to be kind to others. It feels good to be kind to others. When I use good manners, I am being kind. I need to show kindness to people in need.	God wants me to show His love to others by sharing. God wants me to show His love to others by giving. God wants me to take turns. God wants me to share the good news with others.	Obedience is making the right choice the first time. God knows what is best for me. Obedience helps keep me safe. Jesus will help me obey if I ask Him. Obedience helps me become the self-controlled person God wants me to be.	The Bible tells me what God wants me to know and do. The Bible tells me that God will do what He promises. God wants me to believe the Bible and to memorize His words.	God loves me. God wants me to love Him more than anything. Telling Jesus I love Him is praise. There are many ways I can show God's love to others.	God gave me skills so I can help do many different things. God wants me to have a happy heart when I help. I feel joy when I help others.	God is all-powerful and mighty. God is always with me. God gives me what I need. God is worthy of my praise.	I need to be thankful to God and others and to say so. I demonstrate my thanks to God by praising Him. It is right to be thankful to God and others. Gratitude means being thankful.
Three-Year-Old	“The Lord is God. It is he who made us.” Psalm 100:3	“Be kind ... to one another” Ephesians 4:32 “Love is patient, love is kind” 1 Corinthians 13:4	“God loves a cheerful giver” 2 Corinthians 9:7 “Share with others” Hebrews 13:16	“We will obey the Lord our God” Jeremiah 42:6 “Hear the word of God and obey it” Luke 11:28	“I will obey your word” Psalm 119:17 “Teach me your ways” Exodus 33:13	“God is love” 1 John 4:8 “Love each other” John 15:12	“Serve one another in love” Galatians 5:13 “Do good to all people” Galatians 6:10	“God, you are very great” Psalm 104:1 “I am with you always” Matthew 28:20	“Be thankful” Colossians 3:15 “Give thanks to the Lord” Psalm 105:1
Four-Year-Old	“I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made” Psalm 139:14	“Always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else” 1 Thessalonians 5:15 “Blessed is he who is kind” Proverbs 14:21	“Be generous and willing to share” 1 Timothy 6:18 “Preach the good news to all creation” Mark 16:15	“We must obey God” Acts 5:29 “Children, obey your parents” Ephesians 6:1	“Teach me your ways so I may know you” Exodus 33:13 “Give me understanding, and I will keep your law” Psalm 119:34	“Love each other as I have loved you” John 15:12 “As I have loved you, so you must love one another” John 13:34	“Be ready to do whatever is good” Titus 3:1 “Do what is right and good” Deuteronomy 6:18	“How awesome is the Lord Most High” Psalm 47:2 “The Lord on high is mighty” Psalm 93:4	“Give thanks in all circumstances” 1 Thessalonians 5:18 “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good” Psalm 107:1
Five-Year-Old	Ephesians 2:10	Proverbs 14:31, Titus 3:1, Ephesians 4:32, Proverbs 14:21	Hebrews 13:16, Deuteronomy 26:11, Mark 16:15	Deuteronomy 27:10, Psalm 143:10, Hebrews 13:17	Exodus 33:13, Psalm 119:11, Psalm 119:34	1 Corinthians 13:4, 1 John 4:7, 1 John 4:19, Deuteronomy 6:5, Psalm 106:1	1 Corinthians 10:31, Hebrews 13:16, Ephesians 6:7	Deuteronomy 10:17, 1 Chronicles 16:25, Psalm 46:1	1 Thessalonians 5:18, Ephesians 5:20, Psalm 107:1, Revelations 11:17
Worship Songs	Jesus Loves the Little Children; Jesus Loves Me; Oh, Be Careful Little Eyes	This Little Light of Mine; Give a Little Kindness; I'll Be Helpful (to the tune of "Are You Sleeping?")	Go Tell It on the Mountain; This Little Light of Mine; The Sharing Song	Little Drummer Boy; Joy to the World; O Come, O Come, Emmanuel; O Holy Night	The B-I-B-L-E; The Books of the Bible; I Am a Promise	Love the Lord; Love Each Other; Jesus Loves Me; Wild About You	Love Each Other; L-O-V-E; Gonna Serve	What a Mighty God We Serve; My God Is So Great; Always With Me; God Is With Me	Thankful; Praise Him til' the Sun Goes Down; Grateful; Thankful With Jesus