



2023-2024 "Seek God" Spiritual Formation Plan (Matrix)-Elementary

"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	December Psalm 27:14	January Psalm 27:11	February Psalm 27:8	March Psalm 27:6	April Psalm 27:5	May Psalm 27:13
<b>Focus Outcome and Description</b>	<b>S.5 Integrate a Biblical Worldview</b> Discerning leaders can integrate a biblical worldview into all aspects of life.	<b>S.9 Share Testimony</b> Discerning leaders can share their personal testimony.	<b>S.6 Pursue Life of Faith</b> 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.	<b>S.3 Knowing God's Word</b> Discerning leaders can know, understand, and apply God's Word in daily life.	<b>S.2 Church Involvement</b> Discerning leaders participate in a local church community, serving God and others.	<b>S.1 Relationship with Jesus</b> Discerning leaders can understand and commit to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.	<b>S.7 Great Commission</b> Discerning leaders understand their role and respond to the First Commission and the Great Commission locally and around the world.	<b>S.10 Understanding God's Voice</b> Discerning leaders can listen for and respond to God's voice.	<b>S.8 Spiritual Disciplines</b> Discerning leaders are actively engaged in the spiritual disciplines.
<b>B.F.*/H.F.*</b>	King David/Mary McLeod Bethune	Ruth/Jonathan and Rosalind Goforth	Abraham/Betty Greene	Simeon and Anna/C. A. Tindley	Noah/Rochunga Pudaite	Esther/Mother Teresa	Paul/St. Patrick	Deborah/Brother Andrew	King Hezekiah/Billy Graham
<b>S.L. Comp.*</b>	GWSP*	4th-6th Grade Spiritual Life Survey	Vets Chapel/Week of Geneoristy	Christmas Chapel	MLK Day			Easter Chapel	National Day of Prayer
<b>Week 1</b> <b>Introduction</b>	<b>I can learn about God's beauty by understanding what He created.</b> <b>Genesis 1:1-1-He</b> created the world. <b>Genesis 1:27-He</b> created humankind. (September 11-15)	<b>I can understand the definition of mercy:</b> <b>"Not getting what we deserve, withholding punishment."</b> <b>John 4:1-26-Jesus</b> shows mercy to the woman at the well. <b>Jonah 3:10-God</b> withholds punishment from Nineveh. <b>Genesis 42:25-Joseph</b> shows mercy to his brothers. (October 2-6)	<b>I can understand God's faithfulness.</b> <b>Joshua 23:14-God</b> is faithful to keep His promises. <b>Ruth 1:16-18-Ruth</b> is faithful to her mother-in-law, Naomi. <b>1 John 1:9-God</b> is faithful to forgive us for our sins when we ask Him. (October 30-November 3)	<b>I can understand the definition of patience.</b> <b>Matthew 2:13-23-Mary</b> has to be patient to return to her hometown of Nazareth after fleeing as a result of King Herod's decree. <b>Luke 2:25-35-Simeon</b> seeks God with patience, and God blesses him by allowing him to see the Messiah. <b>1 Samuel 3:1-10-Young Eli</b> needs the wisdom of Samuel to discern God's voice. <b>Proverbs 11:14-It</b> is wise for us to receive guidance from others. (January 1-5)	<b>Honor's Chapel</b> (February 5-9)	<b>I can understand that living with godly joy is defined as a sense of contentment that is far greater than happiness.</b> <b>Luke 2:9-11-Joy</b> is found in Jesus. <b>Acts 12:12-17-Rhoda</b> is filled with joy at the news that Peter has been freed from prison. <b>Philippians 3:7-11-Paul</b> experiences joy while in prison. (March 4-8)	<b>No Chapel (Spring Break)</b> (April 1-5)	<b>I can understand that the goodness of God is rooted in His love for me and not something I can earn.</b> <b>Luke 15:11-32-God</b> is like the father who loves unconditionally. <b>Ephesians 3:18-The</b> love of God for us cannot be measured or fully understood. <b>Luke 7:36-50-A</b> woman experiences God's goodness through forgiveness from Jesus. (April 29-May 3)	
<b>Week 2</b> <b>LEARN = Head Right Thinking</b>	<b>I can experience God's beauty by observing with awe and wonder the details of His creation.</b> <b>Isaiah 40:26-Creation</b> declares His glory. <b>Psalm 139:14-We</b> are fearfully and wonderfully made. <b>Genesis 1:27-We</b> bear the image of God. <b>Psalm 104:24-25-The</b> beauty of the world reflects God's wisdom. (September 18-22)	<b>I can understand that I am in need of God's mercy.</b> <b>Judges 20:16, Proverbs 19:2-2</b> (khata) is missing the mark, failing. Without God in our life, we fall short of loving God and loving others with our whole heart. <b>Romans 3:23-We</b> all fall short of God's glory. <b>Luke 19:1-10-Zacchaeus</b> is in need of God's mercy. <b>Matthew 18:21-25-We</b> are called to forgive as many times as we are in need of God's forgiveness, as much as is necessary. (October 9-13)	<b>Veterans Day Chapel</b> <b>I can experience God's faithfulness by recognizing the sacrifice of our veterans.</b> <b>1 John 3:16-Our</b> veterans are a picture of the faithful sacrifice Jesus made for us. <b>John 15:12-13-Veterans</b> express the kind of faithfulness to which we are called when it comes to sacrificially loving others. (November 6-10)	<b>I can understand that the people of Israel had to wait patiently for their Messiah.</b> <b>Isaiah 9:6-Isaiah</b> prophesies that the Messiah will come as a baby. <b>Isaiah 53:7-9-Jesus'</b> sacrifice is prophesied by Isaiah. <b>Micah 5:2-Jesus'</b> birth in Bethlehem is foretold. (December 11-15)	<b>MLK Chapel</b> Martin Luther King Jr. is an example of someone who received guidance from God and others. (January 8-12)	<b>I can understand that when I seek God with my whole heart, I use my time, talents, and treasures for Him.</b> <b>Matthew 25:14-30-God</b> wants us to use the talents He has given us for the kingdom. <b>Mark 12:41-44-The</b> widow gives all she has. <b>Romans 16:1-2-Phoebe</b> uses her house to bless others. (February 12-16)	<b>I can understand that my joy is found in God's unconditional love for me.</b> <b>Romans 5:8-God</b> showed His unconditional love for me by sending His Son to die for me. <b>Romans 8:38-39-Nothing</b> can separate us from God's love. <b>Genesis 30:22-24-Rachel</b> experiences joy from bearing a son. (March 11-15)	<b>I can understand that God's presence is always with me no matter where I go.</b> <b>Matthew 28:20-Jesus</b> is with us until the end of time. <b>John 20:11-18-Jesus</b> is with Mary Magdalene even though she doesn't recognize Him. <b>John 16:33-God's</b> presence does not guarantee that things won't be hard, but when they are, God will be with us. <b>Deuteronomy 31:8-We</b> can move forward without fear or discouragement because God's presence is before and with us. (April 8-12)	<b>I can understand that all good things come from God.</b> <b>Luke 11:11-13-We</b> can trust God to give us what is best for us. <b>James 1:17-Every</b> good thing we have is given to us from God. <b>John 6:11-Jesus</b> thanks God for the gift of food. (May 6-10)
<b>Week 3</b> <b>BE = Heart Right Motives</b>	<b>Cougar Family Groups</b> <b>B.F.*-King David:</b> David is an example of someone who marveled at God's creation (Psalm 8). (September 25-29)	<b>I can experience God's mercy through Jesus.</b> <b>1 Peter 2:22-24-Jesus</b> did not fail—did not sin—but He took responsibility for humanity's failings. <b>John 8:1-11-Jesus</b> extends mercy to a sinner. <b>Proverbs 28:13-When</b> we confess our sin, He is faithful to forgive our sin. (October 16-20)	<b>Honor's Chapel</b> (November 13-17) <b>No Chapel (Thanksgiving)</b> (November 20-24)	<b>No Chapel (Christmas Break)</b> (December 18-22)	<b>I can receive guidance through the Holy Spirit, others, and the church.</b> <b>John 14:26-The</b> Holy Spirit is our guiding friend. <b>1 Corinthians 12:21-27-The</b> church is equipped to be a source of guidance for us. <b>Matthew 28:10-We</b> can guide others to Jesus by sharing our testimony, like Mary Magdalene did. (January 22-26)	<b>I can seek God with my whole heart by obeying His commandments.</b> <b>Joshua 6-Joshua</b> obeys God's instructions even when they don't completely make sense. <b>John 14:15-31-Jesus</b> said that if we love Him, we will keep His commands. (February 19-23)	<b>I can experience godly joy regardless of my circumstances.</b> <b>Acts 16:16-40-Peter</b> and Silas sing praise songs in prison. <b>James 1:2-4-God</b> can use our difficult circumstances to bring joy into our lives. <b>Philippians 1:3-11-Paul</b> is filled with joy even though he is in prison. (March 18-22)	<b>Honor's Chapel</b> (April 15-19)	<b>I can trust that God has a plan in mind for me.</b> <b>Ephesians 2:10-God's</b> plan is for me to do good to others. <b>Matthew 28:19-20-God</b> desires that I use my gifts for His plan and purpose. <b>1 Corinthians 10:31-Our</b> purpose is to give Him glory in all things. (May 20-24)
<b>Week 4</b> <b>GO = Hands Right Actions</b>	<b>Cougar Family Groups</b> <b>B.F.*-Ruth:</b> God showed mercy to Ruth by providing her a new beginning. (October 23-27)	<b>Cougar Family Groups</b> <b>B.F.*-Abraham:</b> God showed His faithfulness to Abraham by making him the "father of all." (November 27-December 1)	<b>No Chapel (Christmas Break)</b> (December 25-29)	<b>Cougar Family Groups</b> <b>B.F.*-Noah:</b> Noah submitted to the guidance of the Word of the Lord and as a result, saved himself and his family. (January 29-February 2)	<b>Cougar Family Groups</b> <b>B.F.*-Esther:</b> Esther is an example of someone who sought God's face with her whole heart. (February 26- March 1)	<b>Cougar Family Groups</b> <b>B.F.*-Paul:</b> Paul is an example of someone who found joy in the Lord regardless of his difficult circumstances. (March 25-29)	<b>Cougar Family Groups</b> <b>B.F.*-Deborah:</b> Deborah is an example of someone who was secure in God and His presence despite going into battle. (April 22-26)	<b>Cougar Family Groups</b> <b>B.F.*-Hezekiah:</b> Hezekiah is an example of someone who inspired goodness by showing it through his actions and decrees. (May 27-31)	