

2023-2024 "Seek God" Spiritual Formation Plan (Matrix) – Junior High/High School

"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.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.	S2 Church Involvement Discerning leaders participate in a local church community, serving God and others.	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.8 Spiritual Disciplines Discerning leaders are actively engaged in the spiritual disciplines.
Spiritual Life	GWSP	Spiritual Life Survey	Week of Generosity	Christmas Chapel	MLK Day		Spiritual Emphasis Week	Easter—Resurrection	National Day of Prayer
H.F./B.F.*	Mary McLeod Bethune/King David	Jonathan and Rosalind Goforth/Ruth	Betty Greene/Abraham, Joseph	C. A. Tindley/Simeon and Anna	Rochunga Pudaite/Noah	Mother Teresa/Esther	St. Patrick/Paul	Brother Andrew/Deborah	Billy Graham/King Hezekiah
Week 1	Introduction to Theme (All-School Chapel) (September 11-15)	I can understand the definition of mercy: Jonah 3:10 —God withholds punishment from Nineveh. Genesis 42:25 —Joseph shows mercy to his brothers. John 4:1-26 —Jesus shows mercy to the woman at the well. (October 9-13)	I can understand that God is faithful to me. Joshua 23:14 —God is faithful to keep His promises. 1 John 1:9 —God is faithful to forgive us for our sins when we ask Him. Ruth 1:16-18 —Ruth was faithful to her mother-in-law, Naomi. (October 30-November 3)	I can understand that finding God oftentimes requires patience. Matthew 1:18-25 —Mary has to be patient with Joseph. Matthew 2:1-11 —In seeking after God, the wisemen have to be patient. 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. (November 27-December 1)	I can understand that receiving guidance from others is a benefit to me. Genesis 3:6-7 —Adam and Eve are guided in a subtle, unassuming way. 1 Samuel 3:1-10 —Young Eli needs the wisdom of Samuel to discern God's voice. Proverbs 11:14 —It is wise for us to receive guidance from others. (January 1-5)	I can understand that seeking God with my whole heart means seeking Him with urgency. Jeremiah 29:13 —When we seek Him, we will find Him. Mark 5:25-34 —A sick woman finds healing because she is willing to overcome anything to get to Him. Matthew 7:7 —Jesus said that if we seek Him, we will find Him. (January 29-February 2)	I can understand that living with godly joy is defined as a sense of contentment that is far greater than happiness. Luke 2:9-11 —Joy is found in Jesus. Acts 12:12-17 —Rhoda is filled with joy at the news that Peter has been freed from prison. Philippians 3:7-11 —Paul experiences joy while in prison. (February 26-March 1)	No Chapel (Spring Break) (April 1-5)	I can understand that the goodness of God is rooted in His love for me and not something I can earn. Luke 15:11-32 —God is like the father who loves unconditionally. Ephesians 3:18 —The love of God for us cannot be measured or fully understood. Luke 7:36-50 —A woman experiences God's goodness through forgiveness from Jesus. (April 29-May 3)
Week 2	I can understand that God is the definition of beauty. James 1:17 —God does not change. Revelation 1:16 —His appearance is like the sun at full strength. Revelation 4:8 —He is pure holiness. 1 Peter 3:3-4 —God values what's on the inside. (September 18-22)	I can understand my need of God's mercy. Judges 20:16, Proverbs 19:2 —Sin (<i>khata</i>) is missing the mark, failing. Without God in our life, we fall short of loving God and loving others with our whole heart. Romans 3:23 —We all fall short of God's glory. Luke 19:1-10 —Zacchaeus is in need of God's mercy. (October 16-20)	Veterans Day Chapel I can experience God's faithfulness by recognizing the sacrifice of our veterans. 1 John 3:16 —Our veterans are a picture of the faithful sacrifice Jesus made for us. (November 6-10)	I can know that God is faithful when we seek Him with patience. Isaiah 9:6 —Isaiah prophesies that the Messiah will come as a baby. Luke 2:25-35 —Simeon seeks God with patience, and 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. (December 4-8)	I can experience God's guidance through reading His Word. Psalm 119:105 —The Bible guides our steps in life. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 —Scripture is God-breathed. 2 Kings 22:8-12 —King Josiah uses the Scriptures as a guide to create revival in his kingdom. (January 8-12)	I can understand that seeking God with my whole heart includes setting up boundaries for myself. Colossians 4:6 —We need to set boundaries around the things we say. Romans 12:17-18 —We need to set boundaries around the things we do. Romans 12:2 —We need to set boundaries around the things we think. (February 5-9)	Spiritual Emphasis Week (All-School Chapel) I can experience joy from God even in difficult circumstances. James 1:2-4 —God can use our difficult circumstances to bring joy into our lives. Matthew 5:11-12 —Joy comes from looking ahead to our reward in heaven. (March 4-8)	I can understand that God's presence is always with me no matter where I go. Matthew 28:20 —Jesus is with us until the end of time. John 10:11-13 —Jesus is with Mary Magdalene even though she doesn't recognize Him. John 16:33 —God's presence does not guarantee that things won't be hard, but when they are, He will be with us. (April 8-12)	I can understand that all good things come from God. Luke 11:11-13 —We can trust God to give us what is best for us. James 1:17 —Every good thing we have is given to us from God. John 6:11 —Jesus thanks God for the gift of food. (May 6-10)
Week 3	I can experience God's beauty by observing with awe and wonder the details of His creation. Isaiah 40:26 —Creation declares His glory. Psalm 139:14 —We are fearfully and wonderfully made. Genesis 1:27 —We bear the image of God. Psalm 104:24-25 —The beauty of the world reflects God's wisdom. (September 25-29)	I can experience God's mercy through Jesus. 1 Peter 2:22-24 —Jesus did not fail—He did not sin—but He took responsibility for humanity's failings. Mark 2:1-12 —Jesus forgives and heals a paralytic. Proverbs 28:13 —When we confess our sin, He is faithful to forgive our sin. (October 23-27)	I can understand that God is faithful to me even when I am going through difficult times. Genesis 16:10 —God is faithful to His promise to Hagar. Deuteronomy 31:6 —Even when things get difficult, God is faithful to us and never leaves us nor forsakes us. Romans 8:28 —God can create something good out of the difficult things we experience. (November 13-17)	Christmas Chapel (All-School Chapel) Micah 5:2 —Advent is about waiting patiently for the arrival of the Messiah. Jesus' birth in Bethlehem is foretold. Mark 13:32-37 —The church awaits patiently for Jesus' return. (December 11-15)	I can receive guidance through the Holy Spirit, others, and the church. John 14:26 —The Holy Spirit is our guiding friend. 1 Corinthians 12:21-27 —The church is equipped to be a source of guidance for us. Matthew 28:10 —We can guide others to Jesus by sharing our testimony, like Mary Magdalene does. (January 15-19)	I can understand that seeking God with my whole heart means using all my time, talents, and treasures for Him. Matthew 25:14-30 —God wants us to use the talents He has given us for the kingdom. Mark 12:41-44 —The widow gives all she has. Romans 16:1-2 —Phoebe uses her house to bless others. (February 12-16)	I can understand that my joy is found in God's unconditional love for me. Romans 5:8 —God showed His unconditional love for me by sending His Son to die for me. Romans 8:38-39 —Nothing can separate us from God's love. Genesis 30:22-24 —Rachel experiences joy from bearing a son. (March 11-15)	I can trust God to provide for my life and my needs. Matthew 6:25-34 —God provides for our physical needs. Psalm 138:7 —God protects us from our enemies. Romans 8:35-39 —God's love for us is secure; nothing can separate us from it. (April 15-19)	I can understand there are many good things from being a child of God. Matthew 12:48-50 —We are adopted into a family of God. John 10:10 —We are empowered to live the abundant life we were created for. Matthew 28:16-20 —We are given a purpose and a mission in life. (May 13-17)
Week 4	When we focus only on outward appearance, the results can be disappointing. Genesis 3:6-7 —They eat after they see that it is pleasing to the eye. Ezekiel 28:17 —The people of Israel are judged as a result of pride in their own beauty. (October 2-6)	N/A	No Chapel (Thanksgiving) (November 20-24)	No Chapel (Christmas Break) (December 18-29)	I can understand that God guides us one step at a time. Acts 1:3-5 —Jesus commands the disciples to return to Jerusalem as the first step. Acts 16:6-10 —God guides the apostles one town at a time. Judges 7:7-16 —God guides Gideon through someone else. Joshua 4-6 —In the taking of Jericho, God guides Joshua one day at a time. (January 22-26)	I can seek God with my whole heart by putting His Word into practice. Joshua 6 —Joshua obeys God's instructions even when they don't completely make sense. John 14:15-31 —Jesus said that if we love Him, we will keep His commands. (February 19-23)	Launch I-Term Chapel (March 18-22)	I can trust God to secure my eternal future. John 3:16 —Jesus came so that we can have eternal life. 1 Peter 1:3-5 —In Christ, God has secured our life after death. John 11:21-27 —We can receive eternal life by believing that Jesus is the Messiah, like Martha of Bethany does. (April 22-26)	I can trust that God has a plan in mind for me. Matthew 28:19-20 —God desires that we use our gifts for His plan and purpose. 1 Corinthians 10:31 —Our purpose is to give Him glory in all things. (May 20-24)
							No Chapel (I-Term) (March 25-29)	I can trust that God will take every difficult thing I experience and use it for good. Romans 8:28 —God can create good out of difficulty. Genesis 50:19 —Joseph saves many lives despite being sold away. (May 27-31)	Senior Farewell Chapel (June 3-7)

*B.F. = Biblical Figure H.F. = Historical Figure GWSP= Global Week of Student Prayer