



**Do You Have the Spirit or Not? – Signs of Life**  
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**We reveal His Spirit by our Love**

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. **1 John 4:7**

He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. **1 John 4:8**

No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. **1 John 4:12**

By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. **1 John 4:13**

**We reveal His Spirit by our Witness**

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. **1 John 4:14**

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. **1 John 4:15**

And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. **1 John 4:16**

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. **1 John 4:17**

### **We Reveal His Spirit by our Fearlessness**

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. **1 John 4:17**

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. **1 John 4:18**

### **This Week's New Testament+ reading plan:**

1. *Titus 1*
2. *Titus 2*
3. *Titus 3*
4. *Philemon 1*
5. *Mark 1*
6. *Malachi 3*
7. *Prayer & Reflection*

**NURSERY**

# JESUS IS ALIVE!

THE FIRST EASTER



Springtime for toddlers is an exciting time to joyfully discover and explore! As you explore, take this opportunity to share with your kids the joyous fact that Jesus is alive! We'll be spending the next several weeks learning all about Jesus' resurrection and exploring what the word "alive" means!

**Memory Verse:** Jesus is alive. Matthew 28:6 (adapted for toddlers)

**Heart of the Lesson:** Jesus is Alive and With Us

**GKJR**

# MIRACLES AND MINISTRY

THE LIFE OF JESUS



As we continue exploring the life of Jesus, we'll discuss some of His biggest miracles, and stories. We'll learn that Jesus loves everyone and learn to be thankful!

**Memory Verse:** Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 118:1

**Heart of the Lesson:** We Give Because We Love God – The Widows Mite - Luke 20:45 - 21:4, Mark 12:38-44

**Parent Connect:** Today we learned about the widow gave the little she had. Jesus said her tiny gift was bigger than all of the other gifts. Remind your kid that even as a kid when we may not have much, we can still be a cheerful giver like the lady in our story. Did you know that even in GKJr we have offering containers to help kids build habits of giving at a young age?

**ELEMENTARY**

# GAME ON!

HOW TO SAY "SORRY", NO TO GREED, AND WHAT DO WHEN THINGS GET CRAZY!



You can learn a lot about a person by playing a board game. In our series, Game On, we will look at different board games that reflect Jesus' teachings. Things like how to say sorry, not be greedy, and what to do when life gets crazy. Then we will act out to learn what is Palm Sunday and discover the clues that point to Jesus' Resurrection.

**Memory Verse:** "For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are." - Romans 3:20

**Heart of the Lesson:** God is always with you - in the good and bad – Genesis 37

**Parent Connect:** Talk about a situation that was bad that God used for good or afterward worked out well. Ask your kids if they are going through anything hard. Pray with your kids over their situations.



The main theme of the book of 1 John is the word “KNOW”. In this series, we will be following the adults series “Signs of Life” to understand how we can KNOW that we have Jesus, and help others KNOW Him too!

**Memory Verse:** I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life. 1 John 5:13

**Heart of the Lesson:** Do you know you have the Spirit? - 1 John 3:24, 4:12-16

**Parent Connect:** Start a conversation with a friend: if you could have any superpower, what would you want? Talk about how the Holy Spirit is God living inside of us, which is the best superpower we could ever ask for.



When we choose to follow Jesus, He saves us from our sins and He invites us to be a part of God's forever family! But it can be tempting to doubt if we truly are saved by Jesus and part of His family. How can we know for sure? This series, we are learning how we can be confident we are in God's forever family!

**Memory Verse:** 1 John 5:13 (NIRV) *I'm writing these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God. I'm writing so you will know that you have eternal life.*

**Heart of the Lesson:** Do you have the Spirit or not? (1 John 3:23-24, 1 John 4:12-16)

**Parent Connect:**

- What two things has God commanded us to do?
- How do I know that I am a follower of Jesus?
- If you are a believer, how has the Spirit changed your heart?
- How do others see God's love?