

<u>Jesus – Our Grace Vision</u> January 22, 2023

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Jesus is our first love, our greatest joy, & our one message

He is the image of the invisible God... Colossians 1:15 NKJV

Jesus is the exact image of God

...the firstborn over all creation. Colossians 1:15 NKJV

Jesus has rights over the universe

For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. Colossians 1:16 NKJV

Jesus created all things for Himself

And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. Colossians 1:17 NKJV

Jesus continually sustains all things

And He is the head of the body, the church... Colossians 1:18 NKJV

Jesus is the head of the church

...who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. Colossians 1:18 NKJV

Jesus rose and did not die again

For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, Colossians 1:19 NKJV

Jesus has all the fullness of God

and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. Colossians 1:20 NKJV

Jesus reconciled us through His blood

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This Week's New Testament+ reading plan:

- 1. John 16
- 2. John 17
- 3. John 18
- 4. John 19
- 5. John 20
- 6. Exodus 12
- 7. Prayer & Reflection

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NURSERY

JESUS IS OUR FRIEND

JESUS' MIRACLES



Toddlers are just beginning to discover a new world of friends outside of their homes! Sharing, caring, and helping become important elements in learning how to socialize with new friends. What better friend to learn from that Jesus? In this series we will be introducing our very special friend Jesus! This might be the first time that our little toddlers hear that Jesus wants to be their friend!

Memory Verse: Jesus is our friend, John 15:15 (adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: We Can Be a Friend to Jesus

Parent Connect: Using today's craft, help your kid count the 5 loaves and 2 fish. Encourage your kid to tell you today's story and say, "We can be a friend to Jesus."

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MIRACLES AND MINISTRY



THE LIFE OF JESUS.

This month we will be living in the wonder of the miracles of Jesus. We want our kids to be in awe of our awesome and all powerful Savior. He can change water to wine, heal the sick AND Jesus loves kids!

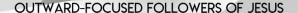
Memory Verse: You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the people. Psalm 77:14

Heart of the Lesson: Jesus Loves You - Mark 10:13-16

Parent Connect: Ask your kid to show you their craft today and how Jesus can wrap his arms around the kid and give him/her a big hug. Remind your kid that Jesus loves everyone! Encourage your kid to say, "Jesus loves me!"

ELEMENTARY

VISION





Grace Church and Grace Kids exist to help everyone become an outward-focused follower of Jesus. When we have Jesus and live by this vision our lives reflect Him and help others know Him. In this series, we will be looking backwards through this vision statement to see how we can accomplish this.

Memory Verse: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

Heart of the Lesson: Jesus is our everything

Parent Connect: What would it look like for Jesus to be your everything? Using an expo marker, write on your bathroom mirror "Jesus is my everything" to remind yourself daily that He is our everything.



The word "gospel" is used over 75 times in the New Testament! "Gospel" is translated from Greek and means Good News! What is this Good News? Join us the next five weeks as we learn the Good News, and how to share it with our friends.

Memory Verse: For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. Romans 1:16

Heart of the Lesson: Jesus Saves – Jesus paid the price for our sin. Genesis 3:15, 21, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 10:9, Romans 5:6-8

Parent Connect: Practice sharing your testimony of how Jesus saved you!

SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS

GRACE VISION

Help Everyone Become Outward-Focused Followers of Jesus!



At Grace Church, we want to help everyone become outward focused followers of Jesus! But if we want to help everyone become outward focused followers of Jesus, we need to understand who Jesus is, what it looks like to be an outward focused follower, and how we can help others become followers!

Memory Verse: John 20:21 (NIRV) Jesus said, "May peace be with you! The Father has sent me. So now I am sending you."

Heart of the Lesson: All About Jesus (Colossians 1)

Parent Connect:

- Who does Jesus help us understand?
- What did Jesus do for our friendship with God?
- What us our life like without Jesus?
- Who brings life to our hearts and others we know?