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Practiced for over 1,500 years, the Church calendar serves as a way to order our lives around the Christian story. Inspired by the annual feasts and celebrations of God's people throughout the Old Testament, the calendar can be traced all the way back to the early Church, when Christians began establishing rhythms and rituals based on the one story

of Scripture. The gatherings, the practices, and the traditions of the seasons help us remember the one true story of the Bible—who God is and what He has done in Jesus Christ—and help us to live in that story every day as the people of God.

We teach who God is and what He has done in Jesus Christ in Little

Village by highlighting one of five foundational truths each week: God Made Everything, God Is in Charge of Everything, God Is Good, Jesus Came to Save Sinners, and God Wants to Talk With Us. Our hope and prayer is that this year you may orient your family around these truths as you gather to remember the one true story of the Bible.



### **God's Big Story Timeline**

Throughout the Bible, we see an overarching timeline of God's work, sometimes referred to as the metanarrative. During the course of the year, we refer back to this

timeline at various points to help your child gain an understanding of how each narrative fits into God's Big Story. We hope that by providing a copy for you to use at home, you can continue to help your child grow in their understanding of not only when things happened but also how we are still waiting with hope for Christ's promised return.

#### **GLOSSARY**

#### TERMS FOR TEACHING

**ANGEL** – a mighty messenger and warrior from God

BAPTISM – to dip someone under some water and bring them back up—like Jesus died and was raised back to life—to show everyone that God has given them a new, healthy heart like Jesus

**BIBLE** – God's true Word. It is from God and about God.

**A CHURCH** – a group of people who love and trust Jesus

**THE CHURCH** – everyone who loves and trusts Jesus

**COMMUNION** – when people who love and trust Jesus eat and drink together to remember His death on the cross, how Jesus' body was broken like bread and His blood was poured out like wine for sin

**CRUCIFY** – to die on a cross

**DESERT** – a really hot, dry place with almost no food or water

**DISCIPLE** – a friend and follower of Jesus

GOD – God the Father is God. Jesus the Son is God. The Holy Spirit is God. There is only one God who is three different persons. God Made Everything. God Is in Charge of Everything. God Is Good!

GOSPEL – the good news that Jesus
Came to Save Sinners and the whole
world from sin

**HEAVEN** – the place where God lives

**IDOL** – anything we love and trust more than God

**ISRAELITES** – God's special, chosen people

**MIRACLE** – something amazing and special that shows God's power

**PROMISED LAND** – the place God promised to give to the Israelites that was full of good things

**PROPHET** – someone who speaks for God

**SACRIFICE** – giving something special and valuable to God to show Him that He is better

**SAVES** – rescues

**SIN (SICK HEART)** – anything we do or think that is different from what God wants. Sin starts in our hearts and comes out in our actions. Everyone sins. Sin separates us from God, and we die.

**TAX COLLECTOR** – someone who collects money and gives it to the people in charge of a city as a job

**TEMPLE** – the place where God's people worshiped God together a long time ago

**TEMPTATION** – when our hearts or other people tell us that sinning is better than obeying God

**WORSHIP** – how we show that God is most valuable. Only God deserves our worship. We use our voices, minds, and bodies to worship God.

## January

I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Psalm 119:11



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About the Art: Like a farmer storing provisions for winter, we need to be faithful to store the provision of God's powerful Word in our hearts. The Holy Spirit uses it to equip us for every good work and to help us see how harmful sin is!

#### **ABOUT EPIPHANY**

Epiphany means "to show" or "make known" and is a time when we celebrate that Jesus is the Son of God and the Savior God promised to His people. During Epiphany, we also celebrate that Jesus came to live with His people.

During the season of Epiphany, we will learn stories about Jesus being with His people and living a perfect life.

# February "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35 **DISCIPLES** – friends and followers of Jesus



**About the Art:** We look a lot like our Father when we love the way He loves: graciously, without favoritism, and marked by self-sacrifice.

#### **ABOUT LENT**

Lent is the time leading up to Jesus dying on the cross for our sin. It is 40 days long to remind us of when Jesus went into the wilderness and Satan tried to get Him to sin. Not once did Jesus sin. He is the only person who has lived a perfect life! This season reminds us that Jesus gave His life on the cross to save sinners!

During the last week of
Lent, we celebrate Holy
Week. This is a week when
we celebrate the final
days of Jesus' life. It starts
with Palm Sunday, when
Jesus entered the city of
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About the Art: We are to steadfastly dwell on the Lord taking delight in Him, gladly remembering He will keep every promise He makes!



# April

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8



About the Art: Because of sin, we don't want to love God; we are enemies by default! But that did not stop Him from loving us! Those who believe in the Son can kneel before God in safety, sure of love that is too wonderful to make sense to us.

#### **ABOUT EASTER**

Easter is a time we celebrate that Jesus is no longer dead; He is alive! He was buried in a tomb, and on the third day, He rose from the grave. During Easter, we celebrate that Jesus came back to life, and for 40 days, He met with His people before going back to heaven to be with God the Father. Because Jesus is with God the Father in heaven, we can celebrate that all who love and trust in God will one day be with God, too.

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If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

CONFESS – tell the truth about

FAITHFUL – trustworthy, God keeps His promises

UNRIGHTEOUSNESS – sin, wrong

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About the Art: Can a puppy schedule bathtime or shampoo its own fur? No! This picture is meant to remind us that God is the one who knows that we have dirty hearts that need to be cleansed. As sinners, we do not deserve this kind of care, but justice was carried out through His Son. God lovingly removes the yuckiness that would keep

#### **ABOUT PENTECOST**

During the season of Pentecost, we celebrate that God has given the Holy Spirit as a gift to those who love and trust Jesus. Jesus did not leave His people alone but sent a Helper, the Holy Spirit. We celebrate how God's children, led by the Helper, began to tell others about how Jesus came to save sinners. As more and more people heard about Jesus, the Church grew. The Church is a group of people who love and trust Jesus and spend time learning about, worshiping, and telling others about Jesus. God's children are all over the world and are all a part of His Church. During Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Helper and the beginning of the Church.



Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6

ANXIOUS – worried, nervous, upset SUPPLICATION – asking REQUESTS – needs and desires



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About the Art: Even when things feel awful, we can rely on God, clinging to what we know to be true about Him and trusting Him gratefully.

#### **ABOUT ORDINARY TIME**

During the season of Ordinary Time, we celebrate what Jesus told His disciples to do—go around the whole world telling others about Him! This is a time we celebrate what the Holy Spirit, the Helper, is doing in the Church to make disciples. We call this "Ordinary Time" because we tell others about Jesus in the places that we are—in our homes, neighborhoods, schools—until the whole world knows Him!



The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein. **Psalm 24:1** 



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About the Art: Zoom in and see He is a shepherd to each sheep that trusts Him. Zoom out and see the enormous earth is under His reign!

## August

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Isaiah 40:8





About the Art: The God who has always been has given us His true Word that will always be. He never changes, and His will for our lives will not change either.

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About the Art: We can feasi with gladness; the great things He has done are too many for us to number!

## October

But as for me, I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me. Micah 7:7



About the Art: Through every season, we can look to the Lord with confidence. He is strong to save!

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### November

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.
Psalm 116:1



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About the Art: We can lay our heads down at night knowing that those who love

### December

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:10-11



About the Art: Angels are mighty warriors for God! This little boy is reenacting the glorious night at the field of the shepherds, heralding good news for the world God so loved: "Jesus is born!"



#### **ABOUT ADVENT**

The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." In this season, we remember that Jesus came down to be born as a little baby. When we celebrate Advent, we remind ourselves that all people have hearts sick with sin. Nobody can make their own heart healthy. But Jesus came to save sinners! We celebrate that Jesus came to make sick hearts healthy for all who love and trust Him.

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