



Look Ahead Monthly Guide

Hello parents and guardians!

In Kingdom Kids, we believe that family is primary. Parents and guardians are the primary nurturers of children's faith. You are the first spiritual leaders of your kids. So why are you behind in knowing what your children are learning in church? That's our fault for only telling you what they *learned* instead of partnering with you on what they *will learn*.

To remedy that, we created Look Ahead guides that we started posting on our Facebook page (facebook.com/hicckingsdomkids) every Monday morning. It lets you know what your children will learn on the upcoming Sunday and gives you ideas you can do as a family to reinforce the lesson.

This Look Ahead Monthly Guide shows you what your children will learn in church for the entire month. We hope it will give you more time to read the Bible passages as a family, do more activities together, and talk more about God with your children.

Through this guide, we hope we can partner together to guide our children into a relationship with Jesus, give them a strong Biblical foundation, and lead them into grace-filled spiritual lives.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to any of your children's Kingdom Kids leaders or email us at hicc.kingdomkids@gmail.com.

May your family be blessed always,
Kingdom Kids

Toddlers: 18 months - 3 years old

Our Toddlers are on a different curriculum than our elementary kids because of their unique need for high repetition. With that in mind, our Toddlers are on Quarterly Themes (the same theme every 3 months) with a different monthly Focus that reinforces the Quarterly Theme. Through this repetitive method, we hope to **incite wonder** in our toddlers about God. We believe the Holy Spirit can captivate their spirits in their early age. By partnering together, we can develop that wonder and captivation into a relationship with Jesus.

Quarterly Theme (January, February, March): God Made Everything

Focus - January: God made the world.

Focus - February: God made people.

Focus- March: God made me



Toddlers: 18 months - 3 years old

QUARTERLY
THEME:
GOD MADE
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TODDLERS LOOK AHEAD: FEBRUARY 2017 FOCUS: GOD MADE PEOPLE

This is what your child will learn this month.

Bible passage: Genesis 2:4-8, 15-23

Main Idea: Last month we learned that God made the world: plants, animals, land, and sea. God made all of it! God also made people. He started with Adam and Eve. Who are the people in your life that God made? Point out the different people in your child's life: Dad, Mom, siblings, Grandparents, relatives, friends, neighbors, teachers, pastors, church leaders, cops, firefighters, and so much more! God made all the people and God made each person unique and special!

Family Activity Ideas:

- Read Genesis 2:4-8, 15-23 to your child. Talk about how God made Adam and Eve. Talk about the different people God made and put in the life of your child and family.
- God gave Adam a job! Talk about the jobs you do at work and at home. Talk about the jobs your child can do, like cleaning up toys or brushing their teeth.
- Make "Thinking of You" cards together and hand them out to the people in your family's life.
- Teach your child how to use a phone to call a loved one and tell him/her "I love/miss you."
- Bake cookies together and give some to your neighbors.
- Songs you can sing together: Jesus Loves the Little Children

Even More Ideas!

- Print Coloring Pages for free by searching on Google.com using the terms "Family Coloring Page" or substitute the word "family" with other words like: grandparents, cops, firefighter, church, etc.
- Find a Russian nesting doll you can re-decorate/paint to represent different family members. You can also use paper dolls.
- Consider sponsoring a child through People to People, World Vision, or Compassion International. Child sponsorship is a great way to teach your children about children less fortunate than they are and how we can show the love of God to those children by sending money, letters, and gifts.

Preschool, Middlers, Juniors: 4-12 years old

Our Preschool, Middlers, and Juniors (elementary children) are on the same curriculum. This establishes consistency and makes it easier for our families (you) to have the same conversations about church, the Bible, and God with your children even if they are in different age groups. By being able to learn the same things about God at home and in church, we hope to **provoke discovery** and **fuel passion** in the hearts of our children. We believe that there is no Junior Holy Spirit for our kids. The same Holy Spirit who leads us leads our children. Imagine what He can do through them!

Curriculum: The Big God Story

Dates: January 1 to April 16

January 1: The Big God Story series introduction

January 8: Adam and Eve

January 15: Noah

January 22: Abraham

January 29: Joseph

February 5: Moses

February 12: Joshua

February 19: The Judges

February 26: Saul and David

March 5: Daniel

March 12: Esther

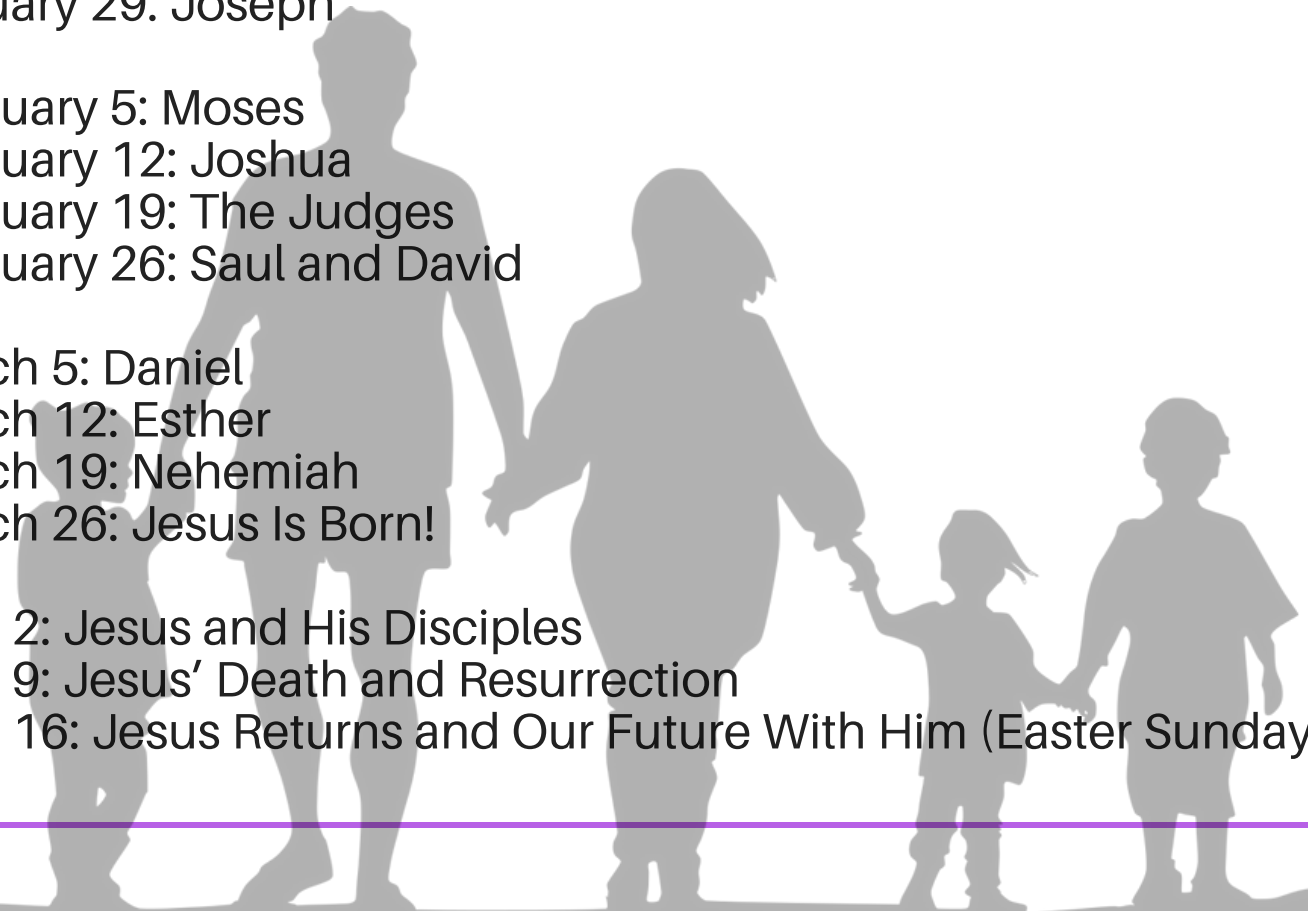
March 19: Nehemiah

March 26: Jesus Is Born!

April 2: Jesus and His Disciples

April 9: Jesus' Death and Resurrection

April 16: Jesus Returns and Our Future With Him (Easter Sunday)



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LOOK AHEAD: FEBRUARY 5, 2017 PRESCHOOL, MIDDLELERS, & JUNIORS

Get ahead!

This is what your child will learn this Sunday.

Bible Story: Moses

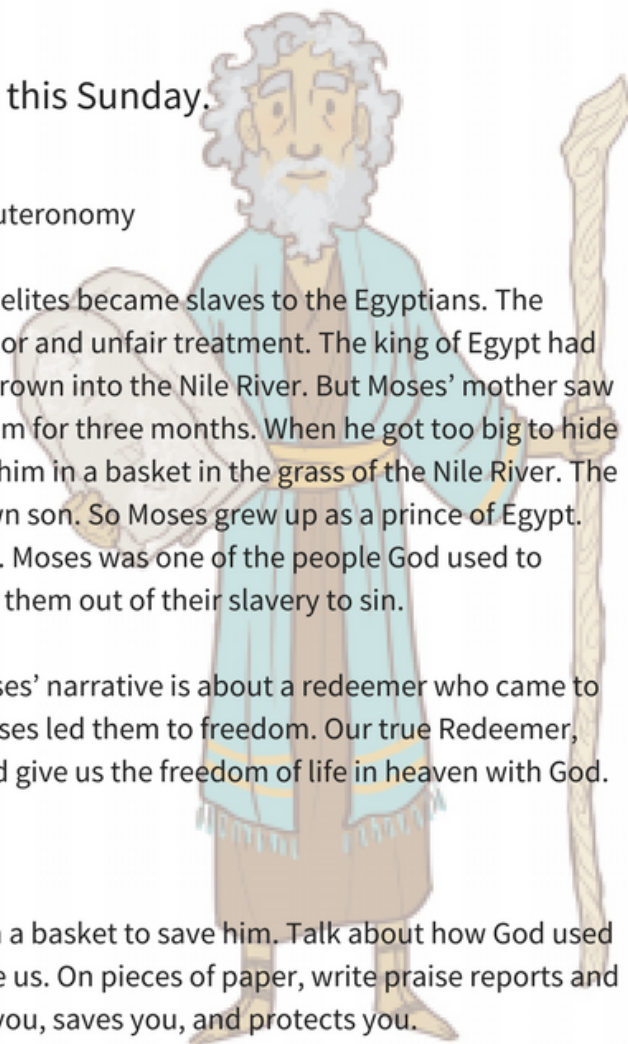
Scripture: the story of Moses is found in Exodus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy

Moses' Story: Many years after the time of Joseph, the Hebrew Israelites became slaves to the Egyptians. The Hebrews cried out for a redeemer to save them from their hard labor and unfair treatment. The king of Egypt had made a law that every little Hebrew boy born in Egypt had to be thrown into the Nile River. But Moses' mother saw that her little boy was wonderful when he was born, and she hid him for three months. When he got too big to hide anymore, she made a very brave decision to save her son. She hid him in a basket in the grass of the Nile River. The king's daughter found the baby and decided to raise him as her own son. So Moses grew up as a prince of Egypt. God had chosen Moses to lead the Hebrews out of slavery in Egypt. Moses was one of the people God used to prepare His people for their real Redeemer, who was going to lead them out of their slavery to sin.

Main Idea: The story of Moses reminds us of the story of Jesus. Moses' narrative is about a redeemer who came to save the people of God. They were slaves in a foreign land, and Moses led them to freedom. Our true Redeemer, Jesus, came many years later to save us from our slavery to sin and give us the freedom of life in heaven with God.

Family Activity Ideas:

- Read the summary of Moses' story (above) to your children.
- Decorate an old basket. Talk about how Moses' mom hid him in a basket to save him. Talk about how God used Moses to save the Israelites. Talk about how Jesus came to save us. On pieces of paper, write praise reports and place them in the basket to remind your family how God loves you, saves you, and protects you.



Even More Ideas!

- Learn the "Ten Commandment Boogie" by Go Fish on YouTube
- Gather canned goods and nonperishable foods from your pantry and donate it to a soup kitchen. Talk about how God provided manna to the Israelites and how God provides for your family today. By donating food, God uses us to provide for the needy.
- Print Coloring Pages from Google by searching for "Moses Coloring Page" or substitute the word "Moses" for "10 Commandments, Parting of the Red Sea, 10 Plagues, etc."

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LOOK AHEAD: FEBRUARY 12, 2017 PRESCHOOL, MIDDLELERS, & JUNIORS

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This is what your child will learn this Sunday.

Bible Story: Joshua

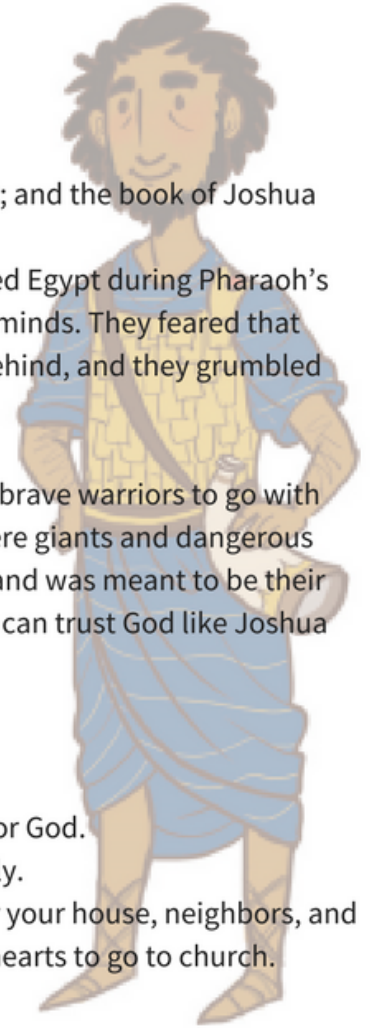
Scripture: the story of Joshua is found in Numbers 13—14; Deuteronomy 31:1–8; 34:5–9; and the book of Joshua

Main Idea: One of the most tragic parts of the exodus is that those Hebrews who escaped Egypt during Pharaoh's reign didn't get to enter the Promised Land because of their fickle hearts and doubtful minds. They feared that God wasn't good, that He wasn't who He said He was. They thought He'd leave them behind, and they grumbled for their old lives of slavery just because that life was predictable.

But God always calls us into a great adventure, and in the story of Joshua, God needed brave warriors to go with Him into the land of Canaan. Joshua had a strong heart. Even though he knew there were giants and dangerous men in the Promised Land, he trusted that God would fight for them. He believed this land was meant to be their home and courageously led the Israelites to victory. We face giants in our lives, too. We can trust God like Joshua trusted God. We can be brave and strong because we know that God is with us.

Family Activity Ideas:

- Read the story of Joshua with your children.
- Memorize Joshua 1:9 together. Talk about how you can be strong and courageous for God.
- Buy figs, grapes, and pomegranates. Sample the "local cuisine" of Canaan as a family.
- Do a victory march around your house or neighborhood: walk together praying over your house, neighbors, and streets. Pray that God will protect everyone and that the Holy Spirit will open their hearts to go to church.
- Measure everybody's heights and talk about how you can be giants for Jesus.



Even More Ideas!

- Be strong physically by exercising together. Try lifting water bottles (weights) to build up your muscles. Take walks around the park.
- Be strong mentally & emotionally by relaxing together. Relax together by reading a book, having a spa day at home, playing a board game, etc.
- Be strong spiritually by being the hands and feet of Jesus. Do something kind for your neighbors or relatives.

Preschool, Middlers, Juniors: 4-12 years old



LOOK AHEAD: FEBRUARY 19, 2017 PRESCHOOL, MIDDLE, & JUNIORS

Get ahead!

This is what your child will learn this Sunday.

Bible Story: The Judges

Scripture: The full story line of the Judges & the 1st king of Israel are found in the Judges and 1 Samuel 8

Summary: After Joshua, the Israelites settled down to raise families. They began to forget their relationship with God, and so God raised up other nations to war against them and discipline them. When the people cried out for salvation from their enemies, God gave Israel leaders called judges to help fight for them. The Israelites were faithful to God again, for a time, and then they disobeyed again. This kept happening over and over again. This time of the judges lasted for over 450 years. The last two judges were dishonest. The people demanded to have a human king like the other nations instead of having God as their king.

Main Idea: Even though the Israelites were not always faithful to God, God was always faithful to them. When we make mistakes, God is still faithful to us. He still loves us. He will forgive us if we repent. He still wants to give us a great future if we follow His plans for our lives. God is a faithful God!

Family Activity Ideas:

- Pick a judge of Israel and read his/her story together. Some judges were: Othniel, Gideon, Deborah, Samson, Ehud, and Samuel. You can also read the summary story of the judges (above) to your children.
- Write out Jeremiah 29:11 on a poster board and decorate it as a family. Talk about what God's plans may be for your family. Talk about how God's plans give us a prosperous and hopeful future.
- Make paper chains and hang them on a mantel or shelf. Talk about how chains link together, reminding us to be faithful to God and to each other.

Even More Ideas!

- The judges were not perfect. They also made mistakes but most of them tried their very best to obey God. Talk about how we can obey God when we make mistakes. How can we live by the grace of God? How can we show grace to each other?
- Who is your favorite judge? Print a coloring page of that judge by going on Google and searching "[judge name] coloring page" like "Samson coloring page" or "Deborah Coloring Page"

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LOOK AHEAD: FEBRUARY 26, 2017 PRESCHOOL, MIDDLELERS, & JUNIORS

Get ahead!

This is what your child will learn this Sunday.

Bible Story: Saul and David

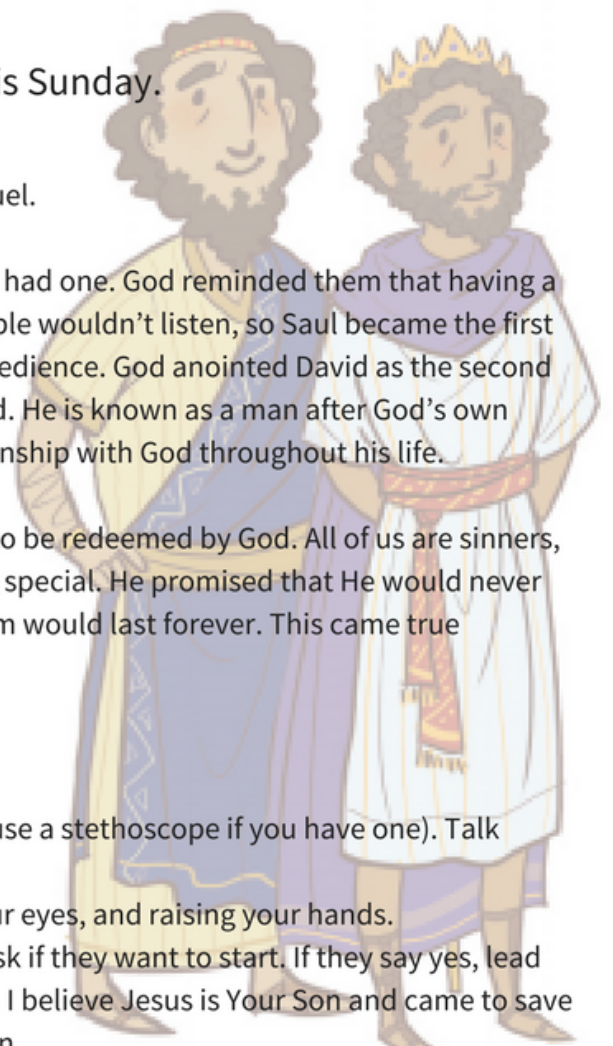
Scripture: The full story line of Saul and David is found in 1 and 2 Samuel.

Summary: God's people cried out for a king because the other nations had one. God reminded them that having a king would not be good for them, and that He was their King. The people wouldn't listen, so Saul became the first to reign as king. God soon rejected him because of his pride and disobedience. God anointed David as the second king. David was a humble shepherd boy who loved and worshiped God. He is known as a man after God's own heart, not because he was perfect but because he lived in close relationship with God throughout his life.

Main Idea: David's life reminds us that even great kings of Israel need to be redeemed by God. All of us are sinners, and all of us need God's Promise. God also promised David something special. He promised that He would never take His love away from David and his family, and that David's kingdom would last forever. This came true when Jesus was born to one of David's descendants.

Family Activity Ideas:

- Read the summary of David's life (above) with your children.
- Show your children how to find your heartbeat (find your pulse or use a stethoscope if you have one). Talk about what it means to be a person after God's own heart.
- Practice worshiping God by listening to a worship song, closing your eyes, and raising your hands.
- Ask your child if he/she has a relationship with God. If they don't, ask if they want to start. If they say yes, lead them in a prayer of salvation: God, I am a sinner. Please forgive me. I believe Jesus is Your Son and came to save me. Jesus, be my Redeemer and Friend forever. In Your name, Amen.



Even More Ideas!

- David was a worshiper. Pick a worship song your entire family loves. Learn it together: as a song, a dance, or to play on instruments.
- Listen to worship songs while you have a paint night.
- Put on a family skit by re-enacting the story of David and Goliath.
- Print out Coloring Pages by going on Google and searching "David and Goliath coloring page" or substitute the words "David and Goliath" with: David, Saul, etc.