

Joyful Heart Character
Month by Month Scope and Sequence - AUGUST
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August Week 1	Orderly	Creation	1 Corinthians 14:40 But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.	1) On a nature walk, look for evidences of our orderly Creator. 2) Sequence pictures to put a story or activity in order. 3) Sort pictures and/or real objects according to where they belong. 4) Stamp letters in ABC order.	Five Little Monkeys With Nothing To Do, Jillian Jiggs, Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, Chicka Chicka 123, Mouse Mess, Lazy Daisy	we, will (At School)	Aa		Review Colors, Shapes, Numeral Recognition 0-9	Nature
Week 2	Attentive	Samuel (1 Samuel 3)	Psalms 85:8a I will listen to what the Lord will say.	1) I Am Attentive book. 2) Listen and Do – oral directions. 3) Attentiveness outside 4) Bunny Listening Ears (or play ‘Simon Says’)	Listen, Buddy, The Listening Walk, Brown Bear, I See Shapes, I See Colors	I, see, a (Outside)	Mm	-am	Review Colors, Shapes, Numeral Recognition 0-9	Nature
Week 3	Teachable	David’s response to Nathan (2 Samuel 12:1-13)	Hebrews 12:11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.	1) Create a camping scene with shapes. 2) Binoculars craft 3) Canteen craft 4) Bible bookmark	I Love My Bible, Goodnight Animals, Bailey Goes Camping, When We Go Camping, Three Little Pigs	me, the (Backyard Camping)	Pp	-ap	Spatial Relationships	Nature and Night
Week 4	Obedient	Noah	Colossians 3:20 Children, obey your parents in everything. For this pleases the Lord.	1) Shape Noah’s Ark 2) Load Noah’s Ark - floating boats experiment 3) ‘5 Little Monkeys’ fingerplay 4) Getting ready for bed	Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed, Little Red Riding Hood, The True Story of Noah’s Ark	this, is (See Me Obey)	Ss	-am, -ap	Spatial Relationships	Nature and Night

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September Week 5	Respectful	David towards Saul (1 Samuel 24 and 26)	1 Peter 2:17a Show proper respect to everyone.	1) Nighttime picture 2) Respectful words 3) Respectful behavior 4) Gift / note of thanks to parents or grandparents	Good Night Little One, Good Night God, Goodnight Moon, Froggy Goes to Bed, Sleep Is For Everyone, A Little Book of Manners for Boys	my (Bedtime)	Tt	-at	Spatial Relationships	Night and Family
Week 6	Honest	Ananias Jacob returning money (Genesis 43:12)	Proverbs 12:22 The Lord detests lying lips, but He delights in men who are truthful.	1) Sort pictures of animals that sleep at night from those that are nocturnal. 2) Make a nocturnal animal craft. 3) Play a game in which it is important to tell the truth.	The Boy Who Cried Wolf, The Berenstain Bears and the Truth, Walter the Baker, Let's Be Honest, Where Are the Night Animals?	not, at (Animals at Night)	Nn	-an	Review	Night and Family
Week 7	Forgiving	Joseph	Colossians 3:13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the lord forgave you.	1) Place colorful paper shapes on Joseph's coat. 2) Decorate a cross with heart stamps and stickers. 3) Use colorful pipe cleaners and a bead to form Joseph. 4) Make colorful paper using shaving cream and food coloring! Once dry, use the paper to either write a note to someone or cut out hearts, etc.	Most of All – Jesus Loves You, I'll Love You Anyway and Always, The Coat of Many Colors	love, loves (My Family)	Ll	-at, -an	Classification	Family
Week 8	Peacemaker	Abigail	Proverbs 15:1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.	1) Work together to make a banner for Proverbs 15:1. 2) Play games together, encouraging taking turns, cheering one another on, using kind words, etc. 3) Make a peaceful dove craft. 4) Handshake handprints!	The Great Alphabet Fight and How Peace Was Made, From Head to Toe, Animals of the Bible (doves)	can (Family Fun)	Ff	-am, -ap, -at, -an	Classification	Family

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October Week 9	Review / Fall	Review	Review	1) Leaf Hunt 2) Crayon Resist Fall Leaves 3) Colorful Wax and Paint Tree	Why Do Leaves Change Color?, Looking at Trees and Leaves	are (The Leaves)	Review	Review	Classification	Fall
Week 10	Courageous	Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, Daniel, Joshua and Caleb, Esther	Joshua 1:9b Do not be terrified. Do not be discouraged. For the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.	1) Necklace 2) Scarecrow craft 3) Spider craft	There's an Alligator Under My Bed, The Little Old Lady Who Wasn't Afraid of Anything, I Will Not Be Afraid, Bear Feels Scared, The Scarecrow and the Spider, Spinning Spiders	in (The Fall Basket)	li	-in	Classification	Fall
Week 11	Discerning	Daniel when speaking with the guards Solomon	Proverbs 2:6 For the Lord gives wisdom, and from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.	1) Twisted paper bag fall tree 2) Squirrel hand puppet 3) Acorn experiments	Henny Penny, We're Going on a Leaf Hunt, Squirrels	here (Fall is Here)	Hh	-it	Review	Fall
Week 12	Review / Halloween	Review	Review	1) Carve a pumpkin. 2) Make a paper jack o' lantern face. 3) Make an edible pumpkin treat.	The Pumpkin Patch Parable, Let's Shine Jesus' Light at Halloween, From Seed to Pumpkin, The Runaway Pumpkin	go (Trick or Treat)	Review	-in, -it	Patterning	Fall

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November Week 13	Content	Israelites in the Desert (opposite)	Hebrews 13:5b Be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."	1) String letter beads to form a 'Thank You God' necklace. 2) Fill in your own 'I like the ___ God made.' and illustrate it. 3) Watch the Madame Blueberry video. 4) Wants vs. Needs	I Will Rejoice: Celebrating Psalm 118, Cinderella, Alexander and the Terrible Horrible No Good Very Bad Day, Madame Blueberry: A Lesson in Thankfulness (DVD)	like (I Like)	Gg	-am, -ap, -at, -an, -in, -it	Patterning	Thanksgiving
Week 14	Servant Hearted	The widow towards Elijah	Galatians 5:13b Serve one another in love	1) Make a placemat with the proper locations for a plate, napkin, fork, glass, etc. 2) Fall stamped place cards 3) Bake bread. 4) Plate and hands	The True Princess, The Little Red Hen	there (Set The Table)	Cc	-ip	Patterning	Thanksgiving
Week 15	Thankful	10 Lepers	Psalm 136:1a Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.	1) Use your handprints to illustrate '10 Men'. 2) Create a 'THANKS' collage. 3) Sing praises of thanks to God!	Give Thanks to the Lord: Celebrating Psalm 92, I'm Thankful for Each Day	and (Foods I Like)	Oo	-ig	Patterning	Thanksgiving
Week 16	Review / Thanksgiving	Review	Review	1) Make a Mayflower craft. 2) Make paper plate pilgrim puppets. 3) Make tissue paper fruits and vegetables to place in a cornucopia. 4) Make a paper plate turkey.	This First Thanksgiving Day: A Counting Story, The Pilgrims First Thanksgiving, Squanto and the Miracle of Thanksgiving, Thanksgiving Day at Our House	on (Thanksgiving Dinner)	Review	-ip, -ig	Review	Thanksgiving

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December Week 17	Self Control	Jacob with Laban Joseph with his brothers David with Shimeai	Philippians 4:13 I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.	1) Make a stop sign. 2) While traveling for errands, have your child keep track of any other traffic signs they see and discuss their meaning. 3) What 'sign' did God send to the shepherds? (Read Luke 2:12.)	Hattie and the Fox, Silly Sally, Forces Make Things Move	to (Places We Go)	Rr	-am, -ap, -at, -an, -in, -it, -ip, -ig	1 to 1 Correspondence	Transportation/ Christmas
Week 18	Loving	God sending Jesus	John 15:12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.	1) Make a tissue paper heart. 2) Cut out pictures from old magazines to glue together and form a collage showing different ways we can travel (run, walk, bike, swim, fly in an airplane, ride on an animal, in a car, bus, train, etc.). 3) How did Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem?	God Loves Me More Than That, Jamaica's Find, Runaway Bunny, My Feet	you (You Can Go)	Dd	Review	1 to 1 Correspondence	Transportation/ Christmas
Week 19	Humble	Jesus	Philippians 2:3b ...in humility, consider others better than yourselves.	1) Baby Jesus in a manger craft 2) Star craft 3) Enjoy your own special Christmas crafts / activities!	The Emperor's New Clothes, The Gingerbread Man	look (My Look Book)	Review	Review	1 to 1 Correspondence	Christmas
Week 20	Review / Christmas	Review	Review	1) Make (and/or bake) a gift for someone who may be lonely this Christmas. 2) Enjoy your own special Christmas crafts / activities!	Read your favorite Christmas books!	Reread Favorites	Review	Review	Review	Christmas

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January Week 21	Review / Winter	Review	Review	1) Ivory 'Snowflake' Painted Winter Scene. 2) Make a winter scene using torn white paper. 3) Make snowflakes 4) Snow experiment	Animals in Winter, What Do Animals Do in Winter?, Snow Is Falling, The First Day of Winter, Winter Days in the Big Woods	do (In Winter)	Bb	-am, -ap, -at, -an, -in, -it, -ip, -ig	Ordering	Winter
Week 22	Prayerful	Jesus (and teaching the Lord's Prayer) Daniel	Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.	1) Praying hands craft 2) Pray for others! 3) Pretzel prayer necklace 4) Act out <u>The Mitten</u> .	Can I Pray With My Eyes Open?, I Can Pray With Jesus, Praying Jesus' Way, I Can Talk With God, How Did Bible Heroes Pray?, The Mitten	was (The Mitten)	Ee	-op	Ordering	Winter
Week 23	Modest	Ruth Rebekah (when 1 st met Isaac)	1 Peter 3:3-4 Your beauty should not come from outward adornment ... it should be ... the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.	1) Play with paper dolls and clothing. 2) Build a real outdoor snowman. 3) Be creative and make a snowman collage. 4) Make a soap ball surprise.	All I Need For A Snowman, Sadie and the Snowman, Snowballs, Princess and the Kiss: A Story of God's Gift of Purity	for (The Snowman)	Ww	-ot	Ordering	Winter
Week 24	Joyful	Paul while in prison David bringing the ark back to Jerusalem	1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Be joyful always; Pray continually; Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.	1) Make snow angels outside in the snow. 2) Have an indoor sock ball fight. 3) Make a joyful heart hat. 4) Construct simple musical instruments of praise.	Make a Joyful Noise: Celebrating Psalm 100, Snow Dance, When It Starts to Snow	said (What Can We Do In The Snow?)	Jj	-op, -ot	Ordering	Winter

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February Week 25	Generous	Dorcas Mary anointing Jesus with perfume Good Samaritan Ruth	2 Corinthians 9:7b God loves a cheerful giver	1) Make a doll cut out and glue scraps of fabric on for reminding how Dorcas provided clothes. 2) Donate items to a food pantry or shelter. 3) Send notes/drawings of encouragement to others.	A Shiny Red Apple, Rainbow Fish, The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear, Katy No Pocket, Ask Mr. Bear	give (We Can Give)	Uu	-am, -ap, -at, -an, -in, -it, -ip, -ig, -op, -ot	Ordering	Helping
Week 26	Review	Review	John 15:12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.	1) Valentine heart windsock. 2) Make a Jesus loves you Valentine card. 3) String heart shaped beads to form a bracelet or necklace. 4) Make a heart shaped holder.	The Day it Rained Hearts, One Zillion Valentines, Guess How Much I Love You, I'll Always Love You, My Happy Heart	with (The Hearts)	Review	-et	Review	Helping
Week 27	Responsible	Parable of the Talents Wise and Foolish Builders	1 Corinthians 4:2b Those who have been given a trust must prove faithful	1) Chore Chart 2) Helping Coupons 3) Piggy Bank	Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Brenstain Bears and the Trouble with Chores, You Can Count on Me	am (I Am Helping)	Yy	-en	Numeration 1-5	Helping
Week 28	Compassionate	Good Samaritan	Ephesians 4:32a Be kind and compassionate to one another.	1) Helping hands craft 2) Decorated container and treat to encourage someone 3) Door wreath or doorknob hanger	Lion and the Mouse, Helping Mom and Dad, Living Lights: The Berenstain Bears and the Golden Rule	he, she (People Who Help)	Xx	-et, -en	Numeration 1-5	Helping

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March Week 29	Kind	Boaz	Luke 6:31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.	1) Kindness kites 2) Simple wind/air experiment 3) Kindness chain 4) Paper flower bouquet	Let's Be Kind, The Big Green, Pocketbook, Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed, One Smile, The Fly Away Kite, The Wind Blew, Feel the Wind, I'll Walk With Jesus and Follow the Golden Rule	have (Tails)	Kk	-am, -ap, -at, -an, -in, -it, -ip, -ig, -et, -en	Numeration 1-5	Spring/ Planting
Week 30	Patient	Elizabeth	Ephesians 4:2b Be patient bearing with one another in love.	1) Lace beads. 2) Play a game where you must wait and take turns and practice patience. 3) Write and illustrate.. "We will wait for ____." 4) Spring nature walk	When Will It Be Spring?, Spring, Mortimer's First Garden, Let's Be Patient, Play With Me	has (Spring)	Zz	-ug	Numeration 1-5	Spring/ Planting
Week 31	Diligent	Jacob	Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord not for men.	1) Plant grass seed. 2) Watch lima beans sprout. 3) Make a sponge painted tortoise OR a shape train going up a sponge painted grass hill.	The Carrot Seed, The Enormous Watermelon, How a Seed Grows, The Tortoise and the Hare, The Little Engine That Could, Horton Hatches an Egg	they (Seeds)	Vv	-ub	Numeration 1-5	Spring/ Planting
Week 32	Faithful	Ruth Jonathan	Proverbs 17:17 A friend loves at all times.	1) Plant an indoor herb garden! 2) Brainstorm / count how many ways God shows Himself to be faithful! 3) Make a rainstick. 4) Act out one of the 'enormous' growing stories.	A Sprig of Parsley, The Gigantic Turnip, Rain	your (Your Garden)	Qq	-ug, -ub	Numeration 1-5	Spring/ Planting

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April Week 33	Servant Hearted, Humble, and Obedient	Jesus	Galatians 5:13b Serve one another in love Philippians 2:3b ...in humility, consider others better than yourselves. Colossians 3:20 Children, obey your parents in everything. For this pleases the Lord.	1) Make palm branches from construction paper, sponges, paint, and pipe cleaners. 2) Using a bowl and a washcloth, tenderly wash your children's feet as you retell the Bible story of how Jesus humbly washed His disciples' feet. 3) Share a simple snack of pita bread, cubed cheese, and grapes. Retell how Jesus shared a Passover meal with His disciples and told them to 'Remember Me.' 4) Make a praying hands mosaic to remind us that Jesus prayed to His Father in the garden.	The Selfish Crocodile, Easter Is For Me	where (Where Was Jesus?)	Review	Review	Numeration 1-5	Easter
Week 34	Servant Hearted, Humble, and Obedient	Jesus Dying on the Cross	(Same as Week 33) Galatians 5:13b Philippians 2:3b Colossians 3:20	1) Make a cross craft. 2) Make an empty tomb craft. 3) Enjoy your own special Easter crafts / activities!	Why Is There a Cross?	when, does (When Is Easter?)	Review	Review	Numeration 1-5	Easter
Week 35	Review / Easter	Review	Review	1) Make tissue and Styrofoam eggs. 2) Dye Easter eggs 3) Paint egg shapes (or a cross) using tightly placed Q-Tip dots.	The Story of Easter (A. Fisher), The Legend of the Easter Egg	some, were (Colorful Eggs)	Review	Review	Review	Easter
Week 36	Full of Faith	David and Goliath Abraham sacrificing Isaac	Luke 1:37 For nothing is impossible with God.	1) Oviparous / non oviparous picture sort 2) Life cycle sequence (frog, butterfly, chicken, etc.) 3) Make a mustard seed necklace. 4) Create shield of faith.	Where Do Chicks Come From?, Bugs Are Insects, From Tadpole to Frog	of (What Hatches?)	Review	Review	Review	Oviparous Animals

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May Week 37	Review	Review	Review	1) Jesus ascension craft 2) Make a kings crown. Decorate with stickers and write 'Jesus is my King!' 3) Make jeweled crowns and / or princess hats with character traits written on them.	I'd Be Your Princess: A Royal Tale of Godly Character, I'd Be Your Hero: A Royal Tale of Godly Character, God's Wisdom for Little Boys, God's Wisdom for Little Girls	who, what, that (At the Castle) Review	Review	Review	Review	Castles, Kings, Princes, and Princesses
Week 38	Review	Review	Review	1) Make a salvation bracelet. 2) Read about our kingdom home in heaven – John 14:1-4 and Revelation. 3) Construct a castle using either sand, paper, boxes, etc.	A Little Boy After God's Own Heart, A Little Girl After God's Own Heart, A Parable About the King, This is No Fairy Tale, Who Made God? And Other Things We Wonder About	come, from (I Want to Be Like Jesus)	Review	Review	Review	Castles, Kings, Princes, and Princesses