

	Childrens Ministry	Treasure Seekers	Middle School	High School
Knowing God in Scripture	Children will learn that the Bible tells us who God is. It is trustworthy and we follow it. They will memorize 48 verses (one key verse each month) while being specifically exposed to over 200 (one key verse pertaining to the lesson specifically each week).	The Word of God leads us to the Person of God. Exploring the entire Bible, kids will see God's nature revealed through every book. The Holy Spirit empowers us through the word of God to live wisely.	Learning the foundational truths from God's Word, students apply them to their beliefs, passions, and sense of purpose.	Knowing God through His patterns, character, and attributes displayed throughout the entire Bible and using that as a foundation for all life circumstances and situations.
The Gospel	Children will learn God is good. God made them, loves them, and is involved in life now. Jesus is God's Son. God wants to be with them forever.	Life doesn't end when people die. We mess up - doing, desiring, and thinking things that are wrong. This is called sin. God and sin can't be in the same place. God sent Jesus to live perfectly and die in our place so we can have the opportunity to have life with Him now and continue to enjoy being with Him forever in Heaven. This news is the best Treasure ever!	The Gospel of Jesus as our Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Coming King is central to our sanctification and provides a life of enjoying God now and forever. This Gospel impacts every area of life. Personally owning and applying these Gospel truths change the way we approach social life and other middle school life circumstances.	Getting to know Jesus' story of grace, love, and redemption as revealed through His birth, road to ministry, death, and resurrection as communicated through the 4 gospels. Reinforcing the foundational truths that we believe in about God's heart; His justice, unconditional love, and undeniable goodness and recognizing false gospels through implementation of the gospel ladder. Learning to recognize the inherent failures of the flesh and our inability to be anything greater aside from the redemptive work of Jesus Christ
Missions (out)	Children will learn to be compassionate to those around them. God is creative and makes people of all different shapes, sizes, abilities, and colors, and He loves them all. We can help other people know this too.	Jesus is a King of a Kingdom that He wants everyone to be a part of. There are people who don't know Jesus so God is advancing His Kingdom here, there, and everywhere. Every person matters to God because of His image in people and He has a plan to reconcile all people by the Blood of Jesus. All of us are called to be kingdom advocates with global impact, bringing all of Jesus to all the world.	God has made you to bring Him Glory and be a benefit to others. His desire is to bring the message of the gospel of the kingdom to every place of brokenness and influence. God has a purpose for your life and is calling you into places of influence such as (education, business, government, media, entertainment, family, church.) Noticing the beauty and brokenness in the community, God is teaching us to take steps into it being empowered by the Holy Spirit.	Understanding the importance of evangelism for every Christian by being motivated and equipped to share the gospel as much as possible, and learning how to be courageous and bold in our identity as followers of Christ. Learning how to talk to people from all different backgrounds and understanding how to share our testimony in different scenarios and settings through taking part in the missions activities and community outreaches that LFA has to offer.

Community (in)	<p>We take turns and respect each other. It is safe and fun to be together. It is fun to learn about God together.</p>	<p>We each have good days and days where we struggle. We can encourage each other and build each other up. We all work together as different parts of the Body of Christ. We have gifts God has given to us. One persons gift may be different than another person. We are all special. No one is better than anyone else. God made us each unique and loves us. There is nothing we can do to take away God's love for us because it is based on who God is. (A-Lo Notes: Whats on the Inside gets expressed talked about on the outside.)</p>	<p>We can use our gifts together as a team and help each other grow, not only for groups of people our own age, but in the larger church community as well. We are loved and welcomed here.</p>	<p>Understanding the value of, and therefore ultimately participating in the life-on-life discipleship model of LFA through learning to identify and grow in the gifts that God has given, including becoming parts of key teams like worship, Creatives (A/V, social media ministries, worship lighting etc.), summer ministry, and more. Understanding the Biblical model for the church community and why it's integral to a flourishing faith, asking hard questions and having space to and the ability to find answers through the availability of youth ministry leaders, the resources available, and the other leadership in LFA.</p>
Identity (us and others)	<p>God made us. When God made us He did a good job. He knows the most about who we are.</p>	<p>God delights in us. He is the Creator and therefore gets the final say in who we are and what our purposes are. He knows us better than we know ourselves. (Kids discover and explore who God sees them to be.)</p>	<p>(False Gospel Ladder) Who we are is based on who God is. I am who God says I am, and God says I am His. I am unique and accepted by God because of what Jesus did on the cross. I can have confidence in this. The culture we live in may give other ideas of what identity is, but because my identity is based on who God is, I can rest in His being the ultimate definition (**better wording here??).</p>	<p>Addressing strongholds and deep rooted doubt that we hold, and trusting God with the deepest parts of who we are by allowing Him to refine and sanctify us continually as we pursue a life walking in God's perfect design. By understanding who God created you to be, your unique and God given design, and learning how to walk and grow in that effectively, we will find peace, belonging with the family of God and knowing no other "category" is needed to make us whole or valuable. Understanding God's design for Biblical sexuality and purity.</p>

Communion with God	<p>Prayer is how we talk to God. God listens when we pray to Him. God likes to hear from us and show us more about Himself.</p>	<p>God hears us when we pray to Him. We can talk to Him about anything at all. He talks to us too. We can discern what He says. Even though we are young, God can use us in His great plan. (Kids will also learn about communion and the importance of the bread and juice.)</p>	<p>Prayer is real, powerful, and it makes a difference. We have access to Almighty God all the time, in any situation. Prayer is not just talking, but listening too. God's voice does not sound like someone else's voice. "Hearing Him" can happen in different ways.</p>	<p>Learning to cultivate and grow a true and genuine, unique relationship with the person of Jesus. Understanding God's heart for all people, and adopting a worldview in alignment with His. Be equipped with resources and confidence to be able to dive deeper into questions and a growing desire to know God more intimately and genuinely. Understanding and accepting God as the Creator and Sustainer of all things. Recognizing the inherent failures of the flesh and our inability to be anything greater aside from the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. Understanding the weight of our sin and the undeserved sacrifice of Jesus for our souls.</p>
Wise, Respectful and Responsible Living	<p>Children learn that there is blessing in obedience. It's happy to obey those who are in charge.</p>	<p>When we make decisions, we can choose to follow what God says. What God says is always the best way, even if it goes against what other people are doing. What we choose matters because God uses us in His great plan.</p>	<p>(Worldview concepts) Not everyone will give good advice. Our decisions show what we ultimately value and who or what we choose to prioritize. God doesn't change and His word is constant. We can be confident in the way God views the world and the decisions we make can be firmly based in something bigger than ourselves.</p>	<p>Understanding your sexual identity and God's design for you as a man/woman and learning how to navigate in our world's culture of brokenness while maintaining a steadfast Christ-centered lifestyle. Being deeply rooted in God's objective truth and having a strong understanding of the nature of God. Growing a firm foundation to withstand the cultural pressures of this world. Identifying the journey that God has led you on thus far and moving forward in faith to follow His plans for your future and celebrating the achievement of graduation. Using the trials and hardships that you have endured to help teach and grow those who have yet to experience them. Growing in tangible "life skills" in order to be equipped for life outside of the home.</p>