

# MEMORY VERSE CALENDAR 2026



## **Matthew 5:16**

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

# HEY PARENTS!

Welcome to the Citizens Kids Memory Verse Calendar! In both KidCity and LittleCity (starting in our 3-year-old classes), we focus on memorizing one verse each month to help center your family around God's Word, regardless of the ages of your children! In this calendar we have emphasized three things to help your family learn from and about God's Word in the home:

## 1. MVOTM (Memory Verse of the Month)

This year our theme is "Family of God." Each verse was intentionally picked to teach your children who God has called His children to be. We have highlighted some of the communicable attributes of God, as well as some simple truths about God's children. God's children are called to be holy, good, loving, just, merciful, faithful and wise. God's children are also being transformed and sanctified, and they are encouraging and truthful. We pray that memorizing these verses will produce much fruit in your home and in the lives of your children.

## 2. CHURCH CALENDAR

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, practices and traditions of the seasons help us remember 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.

## 3. LANGUAGE

In LittleCity we teach about who God is and what He has done 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. In KidCity, we focus on teaching the character of God through 21 different attributes. In this calendar, we have provided you with a list of terms and definitions to help you talk about the things of God using the same language that we use on Sunday mornings.

Along with the calendar, we will have a song for each verse that we use in our classrooms. You will be able to find these songs and accompanying coloring pages on our website each month! Scan to listen to all the MVOTM songs!



# 40 TIMELINE EVENTS

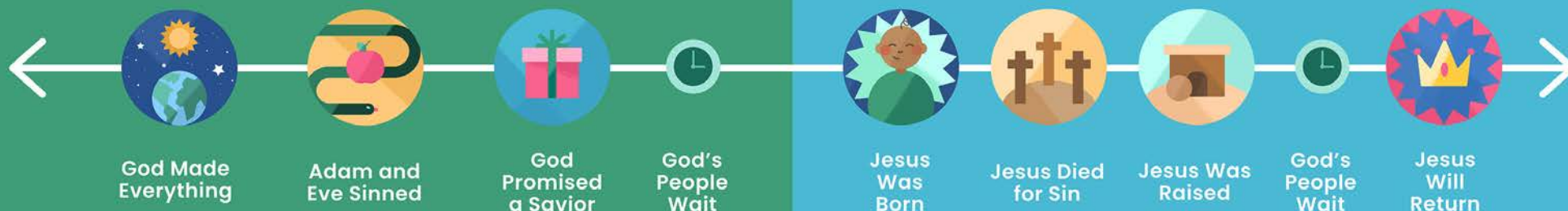
In LittleCity, we build a foundation of faith for kids from birth through kindergarten by focusing on five Foundational Truths. In KidCity, we expand on these truths with our 40 biblical timeline events.



## Old Testament

# GOD'S BIG STORY

## New Testament



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

**ADOPTION** – Chosen to become part of a new family.

**ANGEL** – A mighty warrior and messenger 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 God’s children 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.

**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!

**GOD’S CHILDREN** – Those who love and trust Jesus.

**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 hears from God and tells His people what He has said, like a messenger.

**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.

**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.

## ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

**ALMIGHTY** – Nothing is too hard for God.

**ATTENTIVE** – God hears and responds to the prayers of His children.

**CREATOR** – God made everything.

**COMPASSIONATE** – God sees, cares and acts when His children are in need.

**DELIVERER** – God rescues His children.

**FAITHFUL** – God always does what He says He will do.

**GENEROUS** – God gives what is best.

**GLORIOUS** – God shows His greatness and worth.

**GOOD** – God is what is best.

**HOLY** – God is completely perfect and separate from sin.

**INCOMPREHENSIBLE** – God is bigger than we can understand.

**JUST** – God is right to punish sin.

**LOVING** – God does what is best.

**MERCIFUL** – God does not give His children the punishment they deserve.

**PATIENT** – God is slow to anger.

**PROVIDER** – God meets the needs of His children.

**REFUGE** – God is a place of safety and protection for His children.

**SOVEREIGN** – God has the right, wisdom and power to do all that He pleases.

**UNCHANGING** – God never changes.

**WISE** – God knows what is best.

**WORTHY** – Only God deserves all glory.

## KNOW, LOVE, TRUST AND OBEY

**KNOW** – Not just knowing about God, but being in relationship with Him.

**LOVE** – Seeing God as most valuable.

**TRUST** – Having confidence in God even when our circumstances don't feel good, and even when we wouldn't pick what is happening to us.

**OBEY** – Knowing, loving and trusting God enough to do what He says.



**Leviticus 19:2b**

You shall be holy, for I the LORD  
your God am holy.



# JANUARY

## FAMILY OF GOD

God is holy! He is completely perfect and separate from sin. God calls His children to be holy too! But how can we be holy if our hearts are sick with sin? Great question! Those who love and trust Jesus are given new hearts with God at the center. God helps His children obey Him each and every day. God's children will never be completely perfect and separate from sin until Jesus returns; however, with God's help, they can live like Jesus did! Obeying Jesus, even when it is hard, always leads to joy. How can you live like Jesus this month?

## 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.

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## Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

# FEBRUARY

## FAMILY OF GOD

God is good! He is what is best. There is nothing and no one better than God! God's children are called to live in God's world, God's way. When we do this, we are like a light shining in the darkness. Doing good things, or living like Jesus, shows people who God is and what He is like. How can you be a light and show God's goodness this month?

## LENT

Lent is the time leading up to Jesus' death on the cross for our sin. It is 40 days long to remind us of when Jesus went into the wilderness and Satan tempted 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.

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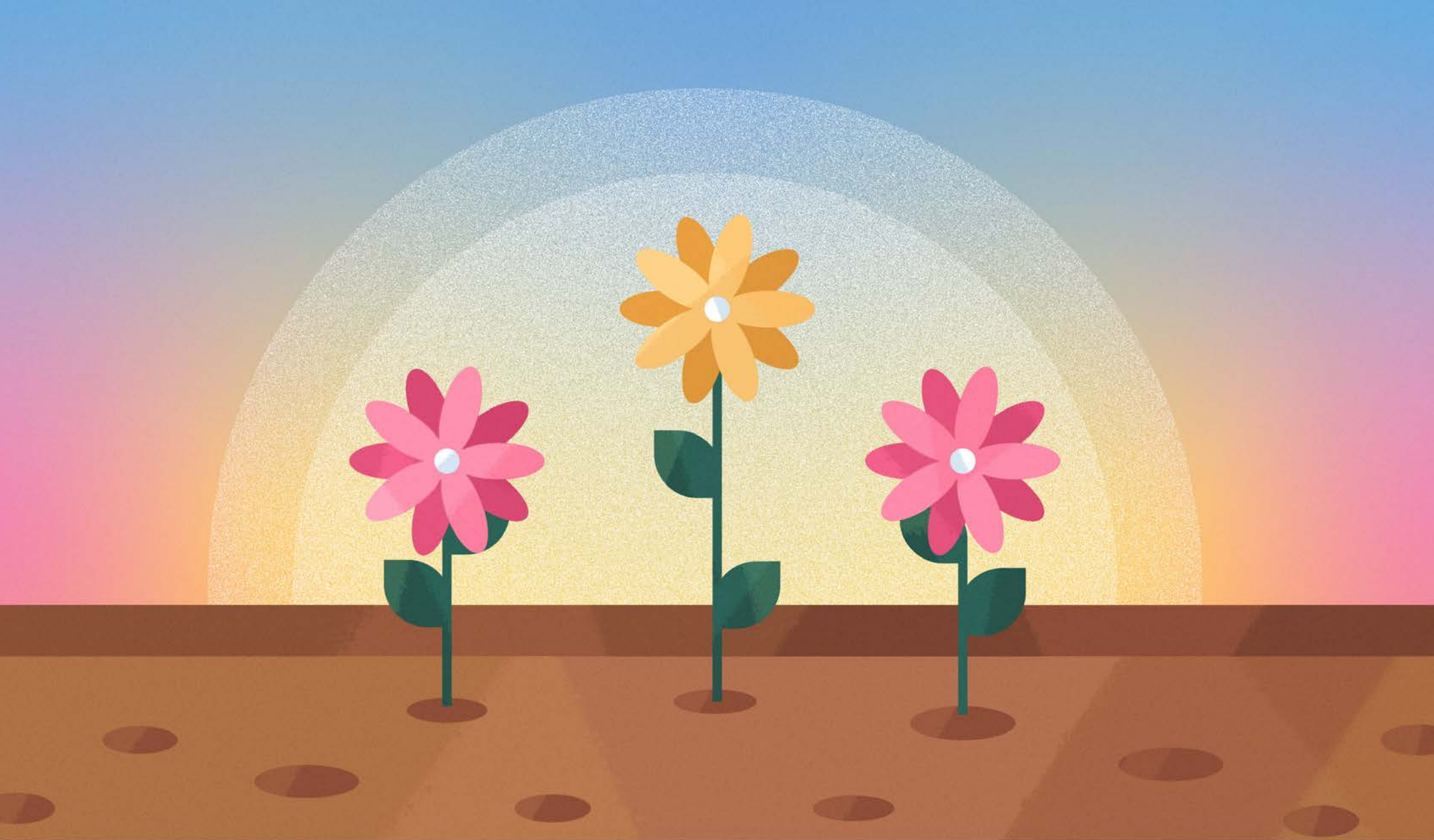


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**John 13:35**

By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.



## FAMILY OF GOD

God is loving! He does what is best. Jesus' disciples, or God's children, love others the way Jesus loved them. When we love others like Jesus loved us, we show the world what Jesus is like. Jesus loved His children so much that He gave up His life for them! Jesus asks us to love others with this same kind of love, saying "no" to ourselves so we can say "yes" to others. Who can you love like Jesus this month, and how will you do it?

## HOLY WEEK

During the last week of Lent, we celebrate Holy Week and reflect on the final days of Jesus' life. On Palm Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem on a donkey. The rest of the week includes the Last Supper Jesus had with His disciples, His death on the cross for our sin, and His burial in a tomb.

# MARCH

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## Micah 6:8b

And what does the LORD require  
of you but to do justice, and  
to love kindness, and to walk  
humbly with your God?

## FAMILY OF GOD

God is just! He is right to punish sin. Those who love and trust Jesus reflect God's justice when they love what God loves and hate what God hates. God isn't asking us to punish sin, but He is asking us to do what is right in His eyes. God's children live in God's world, God's way and trust that one day God and God alone will punish sin once and for all, right every wrong and make all things new. Until that day, God's children wait with hope and expectation while loving others, speaking truth with grace, and obeying Jesus. How can you live in God's world, God's way this month?

## 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. Jesus Came to Save Sinners! This month, spend time praising and thanking God that He sent His one and only Son to die on a cross so that sinners could be forgiven. The cross shows us that God is merciful, gracious, loving and faithful to His children. What a sacrifice! What a Savior!

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# MERCIFUL



**Luke 6:36**

Be merciful, even as your  
Father is merciful.



# MAY

## FAMILY OF GOD

God is merciful! He does not give His children the punishment they deserve. God calls His children to show others this same radical forgiveness. God's children can show mercy when they forgive others fully, freely and forever, just like Jesus forgave them. This month, how can you practice forgiving others like Jesus did?

## PENTECOST

During Pentecost, we celebrate that God has given the Holy Spirit as a gift to those who love and trust Jesus. Jesus went back to heaven, but He did not leave His people alone; He 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!

## 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. 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 and schools—until the whole world knows Him!

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**Romans 12:2a**

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

# JUNE

## FAMILY OF GOD

God calls His children to look more and more like Jesus and less and less like the world. That's what it means to be transformed—to be changed from the inside out! When someone turns from sin to love and trust Jesus, they are given a new heart with God at the center and the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God, and the Holy Spirit helps God's children. Through singing to God, praying to God and reading the Bible (which is all about God!), the Holy Spirit changes God's children little by little, helping them become more like Jesus each day. This month, spend time with God by reading your Bible, praying and singing. Each time you do, you're letting God's truth change your heart and mind to be more like Jesus.

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# 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.



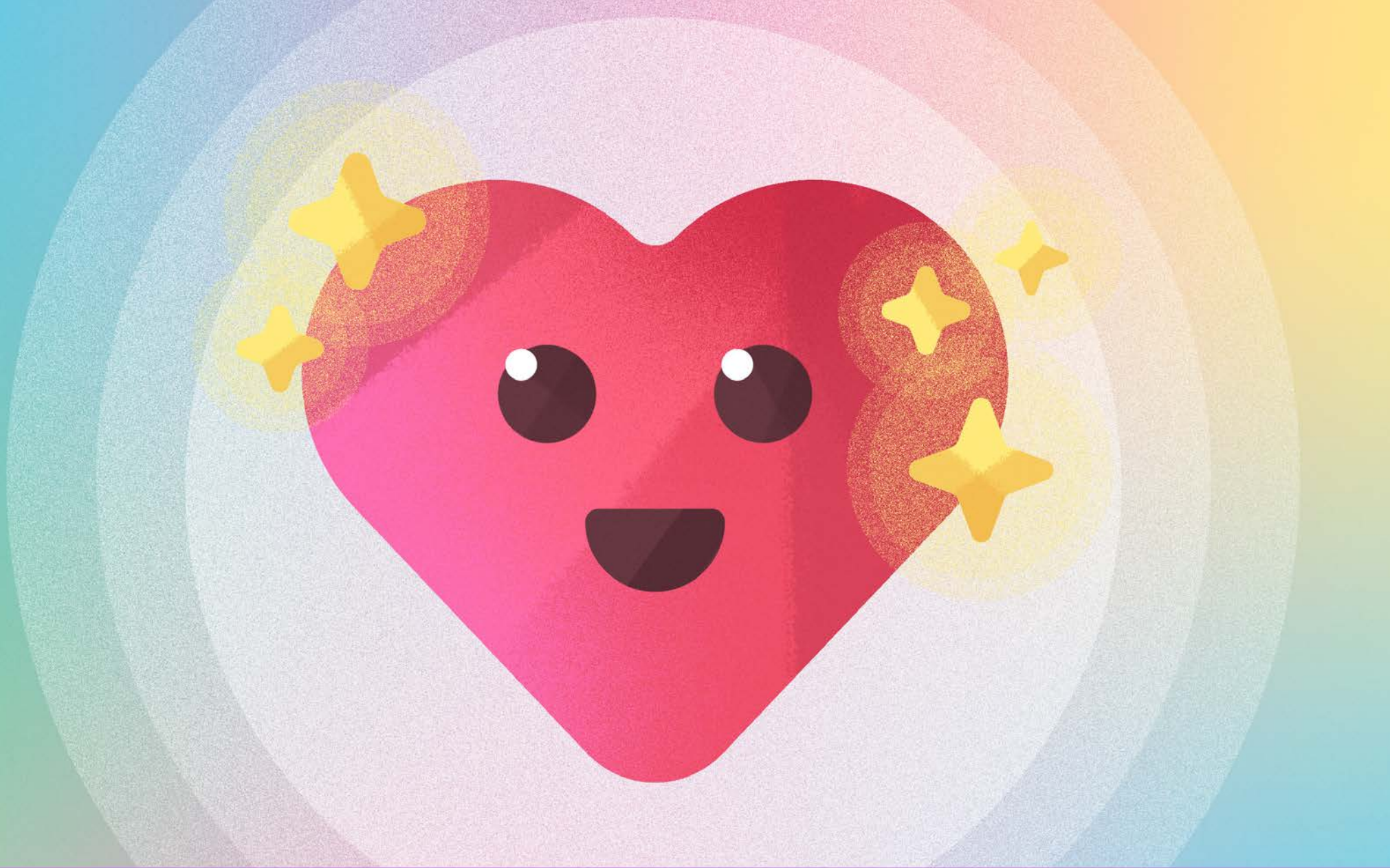
# JULY

## FAMILY OF GOD

The world is broken because of sin. Sin separates us from God and is the reason things feel hard, bad and sad. But it won't always be that way! One day, Jesus will return and make all things new. Those who love and trust Jesus will get to live with Jesus forever and ever, where sin will be no more. God calls His children to encourage one another while we wait for that day to come. When things feel hard or sad, God's children remind one another of the good news. Because of Jesus' death on the cross, we can be forgiven of sin and will one day live with Jesus forever and ever in a perfect new home. This month, look for ways to encourage others, reminding them of the hope we have in Jesus.

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**1 Samuel 12:24**

Only fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you.

## FAMILY OF GOD

God is faithful! He always does what He says He will do. God calls His children to be faithful too! Being faithful to God means knowing, loving, trusting and obeying Him no matter what—even when it doesn't feel good and even when you wouldn't pick what is happening. God's children are faithful to God because He has always been faithful to them, even to the point of death on a cross. Remembering who God is and what He has done helps our hearts stay faithful to Him. This month, make a promise to someone you love and keep it all month long! At the end of the month, talk about whether it was easy or hard to stay faithful to that promise. Spend time thanking God that He is always faithful to His children.

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# HOPE

## **Romans 5:3-4**

But we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope.



# SEPTEMBER

## FAMILY OF GOD

When a person is adopted into God's family, they are given a new, healthy heart. God starts to make His children look less like the world and more like Himself! God uses many things to make His children look like Jesus. He uses other believers, His Word and even hard, bad and sad things. God promises to finish the work He has started in His children, and He helps His children say "no" to sin and "yes" to obedience. This month, when something feels hard, stop and pray! Ask God to use that hard thing to make you look more like Jesus.

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## **John 8:31b-32**

If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

# OCTOBER

## FAMILY OF GOD

God's children are called to hold on tightly to what is true. And how do we know what is true? God's Word tells us what is true! God's children are called to seek what is true by reading His Word, hiding it in their hearts, and remembering what God says. And God's children don't just listen to and believe God's Word—they also keep it, obeying His commands. When God's children believe what is true and trust in God's Word, they will obey Him, and obedience leads to freedom and joy. This month, when you are tempted by sin, remember what is true. Remembering the truth leads to confidence in God's character, which leads to obedience, which leads to life, freedom and joy!

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## Proverbs 3:7

Be not wise in your own eyes;  
fear the LORD, and turn away  
from evil.



# NOVEMBER

## FAMILY OF GOD

God is wise! He knows what is best. But if only God knows what's best, how can God's children be wise too? Great question! Wisdom is living in God's world, God's way. Being wise always starts with looking to Jesus and always ends in turning away from sin. God gives His children wisdom through His Word, His Spirit and His people. This month, practice wisdom just by worshiping God! When we worship God, our hearts learn to love the things God loves more and more.

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## Luke 2:10-11

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.”

# DECEMBER

## ADVENT

Advent means “coming” or “arrival.” God’s people waited and waited and waited for the Savior to come—and one day, He did! Jesus was born as a little baby in a manger! When we celebrate Advent, we remind ourselves that all people have hearts that are sick with sin. Nobody can make their own heart healthy. But Jesus Came to Save Sinners! And now we wait for Him to return and make all things new. He came once before, and He will be faithful to come again. Spend time requesting (or asking) God to come again and make all things new.

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