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Syllabus for *Light* 2004–2005

Scripture Union has created this completely new, Bible-based syllabus with the help of Bible scholars, education experts, and children's and youth leaders.

Syllabus and cycle

The *Light* syllabus is on a three-year cycle. Only the first year is presented here in full. If group members keep on learning with *Light* for three years, they will gain a good grasp of all the key events and teachings of the Bible. This is a one-year syllabus outline, but you can download all three years in detail at www.scriptureunion.org.uk/light.

Aim of the syllabus

Light is very clearly Bible-focused. It enables children, young people and adults to develop a personal relationship with Christ as well as helping them to understand the Bible and the Christian faith, and to live for God as light in a dark world.

It also addresses contemporary issues from a strong biblical perspective so young people can see the Bible's relevance in today's world. It also enables churches of all denominations and traditions to integrate the programme with teaching of their own emphases, practices, history and mission.

Selection of Bible passages

The Bible passages offer a balanced view of who God is, what he is like, what he has done, is doing and will do. Everyone will be able to follow the story of salvation that runs though the Bible with its focus clearly on Jesus.

At the beginning of each three-year cycle *Light* begins with Genesis and starts going through the Old Testament. The New Testament, running concurrently, follows the Church year, with Advent, Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost sessions coming at the appropriate times. Between Pentecost and October there are stories about the young Church, and various gospel series are interspersed throughout the year. Each quarter has a balance of Old and New Testament passages.

Each year *Light* offers all-age services for Harvest, Christmas, Mothering Sunday and Good Friday. Even though these events are not celebrated at the same time around the world, churches can keep the services to use whenever appropriate.

Series

Each series lasts between two and five weeks. Each series explores a big theme about God, so leaders are able to drop some sessions from a series if they need to, and group members will still grasp the Bible's message. Scripture Union also recognises that attendance at groups or services may be sporadic, so this approach also helps with this kind of situation.

All age groups stick with the same theme each time, but the Bible passage(s) from which they explore it may differ for children aged 5 and under, for 11 to 14s and in the adult sermons. This occasional variety can add richness and depth to a church's learning, as people see how the same God is faithfully at work through different Bible events.

Syllabus for different age groups

Splash!, *Xstream* and *Light Years* follow the core *Light* syllabus.

Children aged 5 and under usually follow the same syllabus, but diverge occasionally from it to use a Bible passage more appropriate to the age group or when they need to spend more time on a particular subject, such as Christmas.

Bubbles
5s and under

Splash!
5s to 8s

Xstream
8s to 11s

the grid
11s to 14s

Light Years
All ages

The syllabus for *theGRID* (11s to 14s) relates to the core *Light* syllabus, but has a strong link with young people's issues.

For adults, Scripture Union recognises the need to provide breadth and depth in Bible exposition and encourgement to explore the spiritual realities and challenges for people at various stages of their Christian faith. Adults follow the main *Light* syllabus too, but sometimes tackle extra Bible passages.

To help you plan ahead, a three-year syllabus summary appears below. A detailed syllabus for 2004-2005 syllabus (opposite) shows the similarities and variations between the age groups.

Lectionary link

Light Years also provides material for churches using the Revised (or Common Worship) Lectionary. There is a pullout Lectionary section in the centre of the Leaders' guide and extra resources on the CD-ROM.

Bible versions

Bubbles, *Splash!*, *Xstream*, *theGRID* and *Light Years* work with any Bible version. However, the writers have in mind the *Contemporary English Version (CEV)* and *Good News Bible (GNB)* as they write for *Bubbles*, *Splash!* and *Xstream*, the *New Century Version (Youth Bible)* for *theGRID*, and the *New International Version (NIV)* for the *Light Years* sermons.

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Three-Year syllabus summary

Note: These are the main Bible books used in each *Light* series; the syllabus draws on many others that are not noted here. The second cycle of the syllabus - years 2007-2010 - include coverage of further Bible books and events.

	Year 1, 2004-2005	Year 2, 2005-2006	Year 3, 2006-2007
Quarter 1	God's big story (**Bible overview**) Jesus' miracles (**Matthew**) Creation (**Genesis**) Jesus the Messiah (**Matthew**, **Luke**; adults **Micah**)	God's love (**Luke**; adults **Micah**) Desert wanderings (**Exodus**, **Psalms**) God's glory (**Exodus**, **Psalms**, **Isaiah**, **1 Thessalonians**, **Revelation**) Jesus' birth (**Matthew**, **Romans**)	Jesus' healing miracles (**Mark**) Kings and prophets (**1 Kings**, **Habakkuk**; adults **Micah**, **Amos**); Solomon (5s and under, **2 Chronicles**, **1 Kings**); Elijah (5s and under, **1 Kings**) John the Baptist (**Luke**) Jesus' birth (**Matthew**, **Luke**)
Quarter 2	Fall and Noah (**Genesis**; adults **Romans**, **1 John**, **Hebrews**) Prayer (**Matthew**, **Mark**, **Luke**, **John**, **Hebrews**) Jesus, holy God (**Matthew**); sowing and growing God's way (for 5s and under, **Mark**) Jesus' death and resurrection Part 1 (**Luke**)	Joshua and Gideon (**Joshua**, **Judges**; adults **1 Corinthians**) God speaks (**Deuteronomy**, **Psalms**, **Ecclesiastes**, **Isaiah**, **Luke**, **1 and 2 Timothy**) Jesus' encounters with people (**Matthew**, **Luke**; adults **Psalms**, **Romans**, **1 Corinthians**, **Hebrews**)	Jeremiah (**Jeremiah**) Jesus the friend (**John**) Advice for living God's way (**James**); Jonah (5s and under, **Jonah**) Ruth (**Ruth**)
Quarter 3	Jesus' death and resurrection Part 2 (**Luke**) Abraham (**Genesis**) The Holy Spirit and the early church (**Acts**) Joseph (**Genesis**)	Jesus' death and resurrection (**Mark**, **Romans**) Samuel (**1 Samuel**) The Trinity (**John**; adults **Psalms**); meeting Jesus (5s and under, **Luke**) Spread of the gospel (**Acts**; adults **Colossians**)	Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, death and resurrection (**Matthew**) Daniel (**Daniel**) The gift of the Holy Spirit (**Acts**, **1 Corinthians**); followers of Jesus (5s and under, **Acts**, **Philippians**, **Philemon**) Illustrated letters (**1 Corinthians**, **Ephesians**, **Hebrews**, **Philemon**)
Quarter 4	Jesus, truly God (**John**) Stephen, Paul and Barnabas (**Acts**; adults **Philippians**) Rescue from Egypt (**Exodus**)	Jesus' teaching (**Matthew**); what Jesus is like (5s and under, **Matthew**, **Mark**, **Luke**) David (**1 Samuel**, **Psalms**) God's big plan (**John**; adults **1 John**)	Nehemiah (**Nehemiah**) Following Jesus (**Matthew**, **Luke**, **John**); Peter (**Matthew**, **Mark**, **John**) Paul's journey to Rome (**Acts**; **2 Corinthians**, **Ephesians**, **Philippians**, **Colossians**)

Year 1 September 2004 – March 2005

Bubbles (5s and under)

September-December 2004

Session and date	Series title and description	Core Bible passage(s) and session title
1 September 5	**God's big story** A series that gives both a biblical overview of God's plan for salvation	**Psalm 104** God the maker
2 September 12		**Psalm 139** God knows me
3 September 19		**Luke 15:11-24** A loving father
4 September 26		**Luke 14:15-24** With God, for always
5 October 3	**What does Jesus do?** A series from Matthew's gospel exploring Jesus' power to help, to provide and to heal	**Matthew 8:23-27** Jesus stops a storm
6 October 10		**Matthew 15:32-39** Jesus feeds people
7 October 17		**Matthew 8:1-4** Jesus heals a man
8 October 24		**Matthew 8:5-13** Jesus helps a soldier
9 October 31	**God makes the world** Enjoy encountering our wonderful God who has made everything	**Genesis 1:1-8** God makes light and sky
10 November 7		**Genesis 1:9-13** God makes land, sea and plants
11 November 14		**Genesis 1:14-19** God makes stars and planets
12 November 21		**Genesis 1:20 - 2:4** God makes animals
13 November 28 Advent	**Christmas people** Through the very different experiences of the people who were there at the first Christmas, we see how God is in charge and has a plan in all he does	**Luke 1:26-56** Mary
14 December 5		**Luke 2:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25** Joseph
15 December 12		**Luke 2:8-21** The shepherds
16 December 19		**Luke 2:22-38** Simeon and Anna
17 December 26		**Matthew 2:1-12** The wise men

January-March 2005

1 January 2	**God does what's right** God has made a good world for us to live in and he helps us to know how he wants us to live	**Genesis 2:5-25** The first people
2 January 9		**Genesis 6:9-22** Noah builds a boat
3 January 16		**Genesis 7:1 - 8:12** Noah and the big flood
4 January 23		**Genesis 8:13 - 9:17** Noah and the rainbow
5 January 30	**Talking with God** We can talk and listen to God - and he talks and listens to us!	**Mark 1:35-37; Matthew 6:1-6** On my own
6 February 6		**Matthew 6:7-12** As Jesus did
7 February 13		**Luke 18:9-14** How to pray
8 February 20		**Mark 10:13-16** Jesus prays for us
9 February 27	**Jesus, Son of God** A look at the uniqueness of Jesus	**Matthew 3:13-17** John baptises Jesus
10 March 6 Mothering Sunday	**Sowing and growing God's way** Hear stories of Jesus about God and us, and learn about the kind of sowing and growing that God makes happen	**Mark 4:26-29** Planting and growing
11 March 13		**Mark 4:1-9** Seeds, soil and growth
12 March 20 Palm Sunday	**Jesus is alive!** Easter starts here! Share in the amazing events as Jesus goes to Jerusalem (see April-June 2005 edition of *Bubbles* for further Easter sessions)	**Luke 19:28-40** Jesus rides a donkey
13 March 27 Easter Sunday		**Luke 24:1-12** Jesus is alive today!

Splash! (5-8s), *Xstream* (8-11s), *Light Years* (All ages)

September-December 2004

Session and date	Series title and description	Core Bible passage(s) and session title	Session description	Additional all-age Bible passage(s)	Additional adult passages
1 September 5	**God's big story** An overview of the whole story of the Bible, also used at the end of the previous *New SALT* programme	**Psalm104** Perfect setting	Celebrate the way God creates, and takes care of his creation		
2 September 12		**Mark 12:1-12** Losing the plot	Jesus illustrates God's goodness and judgement in the parable of the tenants in the vineyard		
3 September 19		**Luke 15:11-32** Facing the music?	Jesus illustrates God's forgiveness in the parable of the two sons		
4 September 26		**Luke 14:15-24; Revelation 21:1 - 22:5** Grand finale	The parable of the great banquet gives a picture of God's generosity to sinners and we look forward to a new heaven and a new earth		
5 October 3	**Jesus in command** By performing great miracles Jesus shows God's power	**Matthew 8:23-27; Psalm 107:23-30** Storm stopper	The disciples are amazed that Jesus has power over the elements		
6 October 10		**Matthew 15:32-39** 4000 for lunch	With Jesus, seven loaves and a few small fish are more than enough to feed a crowd		
7 October 17		**Matthew 8:1-4** Power to heal	Jesus has the power to cure a man with leprosy		
8 October 24		**Matthew 8: 5-14** Officer's orders	Jesus gives the command for an officer's servant to be healed	**Mark 11:22-25**	
9 October 31	**And God saw it was good** Learn about God creating an amazing universe	**Genesis 1:1-8; Colossians 1** *Light* and dark, sea and sky	First comes 'light' and then God makes the oceans and the sky		
10 November 7		**Genesis 1:9-13; Psalm 95,96** Fruit of the earth	The earth separated from the sea and different kinds of plants begin to grow		
11 November 14		**Genesis 1:14-19; Psalm 19** Night and day	The sun and the moon are set in place to mark the passing of time		
12 November 21		**Genesis 1:20 - 2:25; Psalm 8,148** In the image of God	God make men and women to be responsible for world and its creatures		
13 November 28 Advent	**The promised Messiah** God reveals the good news that his Son is born	**Luke 1: 26-56** Message for Mary	The angel Gabriel visits Mary with surprising news. Mary sings a song of praise to God		
14 December 5		**Luke 2:1-7** Jesus' birth	The baby is born just as God promised		**Micah 5:2**
15 December 12		**Luke 2:8-21** Good news from the angels	Humble shepherds are the first to hear God's good news		
16 December 19		**Luke 2:22-38** Waiting to see God	Simeon and Anna thank God for letting them see his promise fulfilled		
17 December 26		**Matthew 2:1-23** From distant lands	Wise men from the East come to worship the promised king	**Christmas Day, Matthew 1**	

January-March 2005

1 January 2	**God sets the standard** God responds when people sin	**Genesis 3** Bad fruit	Adam and Eve disobey God, tempted by a cunning snake		**Romans 5:12-21; 1 John 3:5-11**
2 January 9		**Genesis 4** Our choice	Cain denies murdering his brother and takes the consequences	**Hebrews 11:4**	**Hebrews 12:24**
3 January 16		**Genesis 6:1 - 7:10; 7:11 - 8:19** Flood warning	God's judgment rains over a wicked world	**Psalm 14; Hebrews 11:6,7**	
4 January 23		**Genesis 7:11 - 8:20; 8:20 - 9:17;** Rainbow promise	God blesses Noah and promises that he will never destroy all living creatures again	**Psalm 29:10; 65**	
5 January 30	**How should we pray?** God speaks and listens to us	**Matthew 6:1-15; Luke 6:12; Mark 1:35-37** Pray like Jesus	Jesus gives us a pattern for prayer		
6 February 6		**Luke 18:1-8** Never give up	The parable of the widow and the judge reminds us to be persistent in prayer		
7 February 13		**Luke 18:9-14** Smug or sorry?	A Pharisee boasts of his life-style while a tax collector says sorry to God		
8 February 20		**John 17; Hebrews 5:7-10; 7:23-25** Always here for us	Before his arrest Jesus prays for his followers		
9 February 27	**A holy God** Scenes from Jesus' life show he is faultless to the end	**Matthew 3:13-17** 'My own dear Son'	Jesus is baptised		
10 March 6 Mothering Sunday		**Matthew 4:1-11** Don't do it!	Jesus prays and fasts to prepare for his ministry, then resists temptation	**Mothering Sunday Luke 2:41-52**	
11 March 13		**Matthew 26:57-68; 27:1-14; 27:15-26** On trial	No fault is found in Jesus as he stands on trial for his life - and ours		
12 March 20 Palm Sunday	**Victorious love** Jesus completes his work. Death is defeated	**Luke 19:28-40; 22:39-48** The King's decision	Jesus enters Jerusalem a king, but knows the fate that he will soon suffer	**Good Friday Luke 22:54-23:48**	
13 March 27 Easter Sunday		**Luke 24:1-12** Death defeated	The woman discovers the empty tomb		

theGRID (11-14s)

September-December 2004

Session and date	Series title and description	Core Bible passage(s) and session title	Session description
1 September 5	**God's big story** An overview of the whole story of the Bible, also used at the end of the previous *New SALT* programme	**Psalm 104** Club paradise (Perfect setting)	Creation as seen through the eyes of the Psalmist
2 September 12		**Mark 12:1-12** Party poopers (Losing the plot)	Through the parable of the tenants, people's rebellion against God becomes clear
3 September 19		**Luke 15:11-32** The guest list (Facing the music)	The lost son finds that he is not excluded
4 September 26		**Luke 14:15-24; Revelation 21:1 - 22:5** Non-stop party	The great banquet is our setting for God's party
5 October 3	**God in control** From events to people we see a God of compassion in control	**Matthew 8:23-27; Psalm 107:23-30** The supernatural	Jesus shows his power over nature as he stills the storm
6 October 10		**Matthew 15:32-39** Even the hungry	Through his compassion Jesus feeds 4000
7 October 17		**Matthew 8:1-4** The outcasts	The healing of a man with leprosy
8 October 24		**Matthew 8: 5-14** Prejudice	The centurion's servant is healed
9 October 31	**Everything I do, I do it for you** A look at the creation of the universe and our role in it	**Genesis 1:1-8; Colossians 1** Origins - the Genesis	The account of the creation of the heavens and earth
10 November 7		**Genesis 1:9-13; Psalm 95,96** The environment	The account of God's creation of the land, sea and vegetation
11 November 14		**Genesis 1:14-19; Psalm 19** Is there life on Mars?	The creation of the sun, moon and stars
12 November 21		**Genesis 1:20 - 2:25; Psalm 8,148** Meet the ancestors	The creation of all living things, including humanity
13 November 28 Advent	**You can trust in God** Even in tough circumstances God comes to save	**Luke 1: 26-56** Coping with the unexpected	The angel announces to Mary that she is going to have a child
14 December 5		**Luke 2:1-7** Christmas	Immanuel, God with us, is born
15 December 12		**Luke 2: 8-21** 'Celebrity is as celebrity does'	The shepherds are chosen to visit the newborn child
16 December 19		**Luke 2:22-38** Silver surfer	Anna and Simeon thank God for sending Jesus
17 December 26		**Matthew 2: 1-23** Handling the future	The wise men visit and Joseph takes the family to Egypt

January-March 2005

1 January 2	**Truth and justice** A look at what God days and what happens when we respond	**Genesis 3** Did he really say that?	The fall of humanity
2 January 9		**Genesis 4** Anger management	Cain and Abel
3 January 16		**Genesis 6:1 - 8:20** Crime and punishment	People sin but Noah is saved
4 January 23		**Genesis 7:11 - 8:20; 8:20 - 9:17;** Sin and hope	The destruction caused by the flood is followed by a promise from God
5 January 30	**God listens and responds** Prayer and spirituality	**Matthew 6:1-15; Luke 6:12; Mark 1:35-37** Re: God@heaven	The Lord's Prayer, giving and fasting
6 February 6		**Luke 18:1-8** When God seems far away	The parable of the persistent widow
7 February 13		**Luke 18: 9-14** Self-worth	The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector
8 February 20		**John 17; Hebrews 5:7-10; 7:23-25** Re: God@heaven attachment	The cosmic significance of prayer through Jesus' role as the High Priest
9 February 27	**To be holy** What does following Jesus mean for the way we live?	**Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21,22** Deepest clean	A look at baptism through Jesus' baptism
10 March 6 Mothering Sunday		**Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12,13; Luke 4:1-13** You know you want to	Dealing with temptation by following the example of Jesus in the wilderness
11 March 13		**John 18,19** He da man, and that's not all	Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion
12 March 20 Palm Sunday	**God of victory** Easter, including Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday	**Luke 19:28-40; Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 1:1-11; John 12:12-19** Fame idol	The triumphant entry into Jerusalem
13 March 27 Easter Sunday		**Various for Easter overview** Life reloaded	Jesus' resurrection

Year 1 April 2005 - September 2005

Bubbles (5s and under)

April-June 2005

Session and date	Series title and description	Core Bible passage(s) and session title
1 April 3	**Jesus is alive!** Enjoy more amazing stories about Jesus, in the second part of the Easter series (see January-March 2005 for earlier sessions)	**Luke 24:13-35** On the way to Emmaus
2 April 10		**Luke 24:36-49** Jesus meets his friends
4 April 17		**Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-11** Jesus goes to heaven
5 April 24	**Abraham** Join Abraham and his family as they trust God to show them how he wants them to live for him	**Genesis 12:1-9** A new life
6 May 1		**Genesis 13** A new place to live
7 May 8		**Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-8** A new family
8 May 15 Pentecost	**The Holy Spirit** At Pentecost Jesus' followers discover that he has sent them a powerful friend and helper	**Acts 2:1-14,41,42** Wind and fire
9 May 22		**Acts 3:1-10** Walking, leaping and praising
10 May 29		**Acts 4:1-4,23-31** Talking about Jesus
11 June 5	**Joseph** Come with Joseph through many adventures, dangers, good and bad times, and see how God kept him safe	**Genesis 37:1-11** Joseph and his brothers
12 June 12		**Genesis 37:12-36** Joseph goes to Egypt
13 June 19		**Genesis 41** Joseph's important job
14 June 26		**Genesis 42:1-13; 45:1-13** Joseph helps his family

July-September 2005

Session and date	Series title and description	Core Bible passage(s) and session title
1 July 3	**Who is Jesus?** John's gospel gives a unique portrait of Jesus, helping us to encounter and understand how very special he is	**John 2:1-12** Jesus goes to a wedding
2 July 10		**John 6:1-15,25-30** 'I am the bread of life'
3 July 17		**John 8:12-21** 'I am the light'
4 July 24		**John 10:1-21** 'I am the gate'
5 July 31		**John 7:10-39** Water gives life
6 August 7	**The Church grows** The first followers of Jesus find their lives turned upside down, but they know that Jesus is with them always	**Acts 6:1-7** Stephen
7 August 14		**Acts 9:1-19** Paul
8 August 21		**Acts 4:36,37; 9:26-30; 13:1-5** Barnabas
9 August 28		**Acts 16:11-15** Lydia
10 September 4	**Moses in Egypt** Moses and God's people discover that God loves them and will keep them safe, in many different situations	**Exodus 2:1-10** Baby in a basket
11 September 11		**Exodus 3:1-17; 4:18-20** God talks to Moses
12 September 18		**Exodus 12:15-28** A meal to remember
13 September 25		**Exodus 14:1-29** Crossing the Red Sea

Splash! (5-8s), *Xstream* (8-11s), *Light Years* (All ages)

April-June 2005

Session and date	Series title and description	Core Bible passage(s) and session title	Session description	Additional all-age Bible passage(s)	Additional adult passages
1 April 3	**Victorious love** Jesus' work has been completed. Death has been defeated	**Luke 24:13-35; Isaiah 53** Walk to Emmaeus	The risen Jesus is recognised in the breaking of the bread		
2 April 10		**Luke 24:36-49** Flesh and bones	The disciples touch Jesus and see his wounded hands and feet		
4 April 17		**Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-11** Returning king	Jesus is carried up to heaven, and the disciples watch and wait		
5 April 24	**Plan and promise** God calls Abraham to be the founder of a very special nation	**Genesis 12,13** Journey begins	Abram leaves his home and trusts God to lead him to a new land	Hebrews 11:8-12	
6 May 1		**Genesis 17** A name and a promise	God confirms his covenant with Abram and changes his name to Abraham	Genesis 16 (Ishmael)	
7 May 8		**Genesis 18,21** Laughter in the camp	At long last Abraham's promised heir is born	Genesis 22 (Sacrifice)	
8 May 15 Pentecost	**Power in the Spirit** The disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit and equipped for God's service	**Acts 2** Spirit-power	The Holy Spirit brings God's power to the followers of Jesus		
9 May 22		**Acts 3** Beautiful miracle	Peter and John perform a miracle in the name of Jesus		
10 May 29		**Acts 4** God-talk	Peter and John bravely refuse the court's order to stop talking about Jesus		
11 June 5	**God is faithful** Joseph experiences God's faithfulness throughout his life	**Genesis 37** Dreamer for sale	Joseph's dreams are unpopular with his brothers and he is sold to a passing tradesman		
12 June 12		**Genesis 39** Faithful in hard times	God is with Joseph even though a vicious lie lands him in prison		
13 June 19		**Genesis 41** Rags to riches	Joseph is promoted from prison in-mate to a point of power and authority in Egypt		
14 June 26		**Genesis 45:1-13** God at work	Joseph reveals his identity to his brothers. The family are reunited		

July-September 2005

Session and date	Series title and description	Core Bible passage(s) and session title	Session description	Additional all-age Bible passage(s)	Additional adult passages
1 July 3	**God the Son** Jesus shows by his words and actions that he is truly God	**John 2:1-12** Nothing but the best	Jesus shows his divinity by turning water into wine		
2 July 10		**John 6:1-15, 25-30** The bread of life	After feeding 5000 people, Jesus says he is 'the bread of life'		
3 July 17		**John 8:12-21** The light of the world	The Pharisees are unhappy to hear Jesus calling himself 'the light of the world.'		
4 July 24		**John 10:1-21; Psalm 80:1** The good shepherd	Jesus compares his actions to those of a shepherd who loves his sheep		
5 July 31		**John 11:1-44** The resurrection and life	Lazarus is raised to life. Jesus promises eternal life to all who believe		
6 August 7	**Travelling in faith** The early Christian church grows under God's directions. Adults follow the theme through the letter to Philippians	**Acts 6,7** Ever faithful	God's kingdom grows through Stephen's life and death		Philippians 1
7 August 14		**Acts 9:1-31** Stunning vision	Saul sees a vision of Jesus and becomes a Christian		Philippians 2
8 August 21		**Acts 13** Stepping out	Saul and Barnabas are sent on a mission to spread the good news		Philippians 3
9 August 28		**Acts 16:1-15** New horizons	God leads Paul and his companions to Macedonia		Philippians 4
10 September 4	**Birth of a nation** God rescues his people from slavery in Egypt	**Exodus 2:1-15a; Hebrews 11:23,24** Rescue and run	The baby in the bullrushes grows up then leaves Egypt in fear of his life		
11 September 11		**Exodus 3:1 -4:20; Hebrews 11:25,26** Holy ground	Beside the burning bush God calls Moses to be part of his big rescue plan		
12 September 18		**Exodus 11:1 - 12:30; Hebrews 11:27,28; 9:23-28** Sacrificial lamb	God's people follow his instructions for the first Passover and stay alive		
13 September 25		**Exodus 14:1-31; Hebrews 11:29; Psalm 136:10-16** The great escape	The Israelites are rescued from the Egyptian chariots as God parts the Red Sea		

theGRID (11-14s)

April-June 2005

Session and date	Series title and description	Core Bible passage(s) and session title	Session description
1 April 3	**Relationships** Thinking biblically about various relationships that young people have	Exodus 20:12 Family	'Honour your father and your mother'
2 April 10		**Various proverbs** Friends	Divine wisdom to enlighten our relationships with friends
4 April 17		**Song of Songs** And 'just good friends' ;-)	A reflection on love se seen in the emotional Song of songs
5 April 24	**God has a plan** God's faithfulness as seen in the calling of Abraham	**Genesis 12,13** Guidance	The call of Abraham
6 May 1		**Genesis 16,17** Who is in control?	Hagar, Ishmael and God's covenant with Abraham
7 May 8		**Genesis 22** God to give it up	Abraham is tested by God
8 May 15 Pentecost	**Let's do church** The Church is born and immediately experiences God's power	**Acts 2** I've got the power	Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit
9 May 22		**Acts 3** Doctor, doctor	Peter heals a crippled beggar
10 May 29		**Acts 4** Talk to the hand	Peter and John speak to the Sanhedrin
11 June 5	**Faithful through tough times** Joseph holds on to God's plan through tough times	**Genesis 37** Sibling rivalry	Joseph and his dreams
12 June 12		**Genesis 39** Keeping it real	Joseph and Potiphar's wife
13 June 19		**Genesis 41** Fortune telling	Pharaoh and his dreams
14 June 26		**Genesis 45:1-13** Forgiven and forgotten	Joseph and his brothers are reunited

July-September 2005

Session and date	Series title and description	Core Bible passage(s) and session title	Session description
1 July 3	**Jesus is unique** What makes Jesus so different?	**John 2:1-2** No illusions	The wedding at Cana is the scene of Jesus' first miracle
2 July 10		**John 6:1-15, 25-48** Eternal life	The feeding of the 5000 and Jesus' claim to be the bread of life
3 July 17		**John 8:12-21** Other faiths	Jesus is the light of the world
4 July 24		**John 10:1-21; Psalm 80:1** Spiritual impact bars	Jesus is the good shepherd looking after us
5 July 31		**John 11: 1-44** Jesus wept	The death and raising of Lazarus
6 August 7	**Belonging** How to 'belong' in relation to others in our believing community	**Philippians 1** Loneliness	Paul writes from a lonely prison
7 August 14		**Philippians 2** Humility	Imitating Christ's humility
8 August 21		**Philippians 3** Peer pressure	Confidence in Christ not in the flesh
9 August 28		**Philippians 4** Friends	Getting along with Christian friends
10 September 4	Global issues, global warning A look at contemporary global issues through the events of the Exodus	**Exodus 2; Hebrews 11:23,24** Injustice	Moses is born and the Jews cry to God for help
11 September 11		**Exodus 3:1 -4:20; Hebrews 11:25,26** What difference can I make?	Moses is commissioned by God to ask for his people's freedom
12 September 18		**Exodus 11:1 - 12:30; Hebrews 11:27,28; 9:23-28** Why doesn't God do something?	God lets loose the ten plagues on Egypt
13 September 25		**Exodus 14:1-31; Hebrews 11:29; Psalm 136:10-16** Freedom	Israel is released and crosses the Red Sea

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