

# **We Believe** Workshop Scope and Sequence, with product numbers

Law, Grace, and Wisdom: Our Faith, God's Faithfulness—Year 1 (2005–2006)

630003 Unit 3: Advent: The Shepherds

**Scripture:** Luke 2:8–20

**Something to Remember: Q. 22.** Who was sent to be the Messiah? God sent Jesus to be the Messiah. Messiah means "anointed one." The New Testament word for Messiah is Christ. Jesus is called the Christ, because God anointed him to be the Savior who would rescue us from sin and death. **Q. 23.** How did God keep the promise to Abraham by sending Jesus? By sending Jesus, God opened up the covenant with Abraham to the whole world. God welcomed all who have faith in Jesus into the blessings of the covenant.

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**Main Idea:** God speaks to the shepherds and announces that God's promise is fulfilled in the Messiah.

## 630004 Unit 4: The "Found" Stories

**Scripture:** Luke 15:1–10

**Something to Remember:** "Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance" (Luke 15:7).

Q. 25. What was Jesus like?

When Jesus spoke, he spoke with God's authority. When he acted, he acted with God's power. The people were amazed. He was also gentle and loving. He cared for us in all our needs as a shepherd cares for the sheep.

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**Main Idea:** In the parables of the lost coin and the lost sheep, Jesus teaches that, even more than the people who search, God relentlessly pursues the lost and rejoices when what was lost is found.

630005 Unit 5: Down Through the Roof

Scripture: Luke 5:17–26

**Something to Remember: Q. 25.** What was Jesus like?

When Jesus spoke, he spoke with God's authority. When he acted, he acted with God's power. The people were amazed. He was also gentle and loving. He cared for us in all our needs as a shepherd cares for the sheep.

Q. 26. What did [Jesus] do during his life on earth?

He called disciples to follow him. He fed the hungry, healed the sick, blessed children, befriended outcasts, required people to repent, and forgave their sins. He taught people not to fear, but to trust always in God. He preached the good news of God's love and gave everyone hope for new life.

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**Main Idea:** Jesus recognizes the faith of four friends. Jesus acts with God's authority and heals their friend.

## 630006 Unit 6: The Last Supper

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:20–24, Luke 22:7–20

**Something to Remember: Q. 45:** What is the Lord's Supper?

In the Lord's Supper I am fed at the table of God's family. Through the bread that I eat and the cup that I drink, the Lord offers me his body and blood. He renews my faith and gives me the gift of eternal life. As I remember that he died for all, and therefore also for me, I feed on him in my heart by faith with thanksgiving.

**Q. 41.** What is a sacrament?

A sacrament is a special act of Christian worship which uses visible signs to present God's grace in Jesus Christ. We believe that two sacraments were given by Jesus: baptism and the Lord's Supper.

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**Main Idea:** Gathered to celebrate the Passover meal, Jesus gives a new promise and institutes a new meal to be shared.

### 630007 Unit 7: Road to Emmaus

**Scripture:** Luke 24:13–35

**Something to Remember:** Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures (Luke 24:27).

Q. 28. How do we know that Jesus is Lord?

After he died and was raised from the dead, he appeared to his disciples, both women and men. He revealed himself to them as our living Lord and Savior. Through the Bible, he continues to reveal himself to us today.

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**Main Idea:** Two disciples walking on a road meet a stranger who teaches them Scripture. They share a meal together and realize that it was Jesus all along.

#### 630008 Unit 8: The Great Commandment

**Scripture:** Deuteronomy 6:4–9; Matthew 22:34–40

**Something to Remember:** [Jesus] said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself' " (Matthew 22:37–39).

Q. 26. What did [Jesus] do during his life on earth?

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**Main Idea:** Jesus tells his followers that they are to love God and love others.

#### 630009 Unit 9: Peter and Cornelius

Scripture: Acts 10:1–48

**Something to Remember:** Peter then said, "Now I am certain that God treats all people alike. God is pleased with everyone who worships God and does right, no matter what nation they come from" (Acts 10:34–35, *Contemporary English Version*).

Q. 42. What is baptism?

Through baptism I am adopted and welcomed into God's family. In the water of baptism I share the dying and rising of Jesus, who washes away my sins. I am made one with him and with all who are joined to him in the church.

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**Main Idea:** Peter dreams of a strange meal and learns that the foods—and the people—he had considered unclean are acceptable to God. Cornelius, although a Gentile, responds in faith to the good news.