



Pinnacle Curriculum

Overview of Faith-Based Monthly and Unit Themes

January – “Winter Wonders”

With snow, ice, and frosty weather everywhere, winter is a magical time of year! Whether your snowflakes are made from ice, glitter, or just paper, the winter can be fun wherever you are. This month, as the children get started in a brand-new year, we’ll take a look at the wonders of winter. We’ll start off with a chance to make New Year’s resolutions and then explore the beauty (and science!) of snow. Then we’ll look at other winter wonders, from the winter wear we don to the winter animals that thrive in the cold.

Week One

Unit Theme – Snow, Snowflakes, and Ice
Bible Focus – The Beatitudes

Week Four

Unit Theme – Winter Animals: Polar Bears
Bible Focus – The Beatitudes – Matthew 5:8

Week Two

Unit Theme – Winter Wear
Bible Focus – The Beatitudes – Matthew 5:5-6

Week Five

Unit Theme – Igloos and Eskimos
Bible Focus – The Beatitudes – Matthew 5:10-12

Week Three

Unit Theme – Winter Animals: Penguins and Seals
Bible Focus – The Beatitudes – Matthew 5:7

February – “Matters of the Heart”

February is filled with thoughts of love, appreciation, and special people. These are definitely matters of the heart! We’ll begin the month by honoring past American presidents and leaders of our country during Week 1 with “We Love America.” In Week 2, Valentine’s Day gets full focus as it takes center stage on the calendar and in students’ minds. February is also Dental Health and Heart Health month. During the last two weeks, we’ll take a look at healthy habits including dental health. It’s never too early to begin healthy habits that will last a lifetime.

Week One

Unit Theme – We Love America
Bible Focus – Jesus is our Leader

Week Three

Unit Theme – Healthy Habits
Bible Focus – Jesus Calms the Storm

Week Two

Unit Theme – Be My Valentine
Bible Focus – Jesus Heals Us

Week Four

Unit Theme – Healthy Habits
Bible Focus – Jesus Gives Us Life



March – “Marching Into Spring”

Warmer weather, butterflies, and flowers! Yes, spring is just around the corner, and your children can hardly wait to play outdoors. Before warmer weather arrives, we'll begin the month with lots of indoor activities based on books by our great friend, Dr. Seuss. As the weather warms up, we'll move into fun activities with wind, butterflies, plants, and insects. Spring is truly a time of new beginnings.

Week One

Unit Theme – A Tribute to Dr. Seuss
Bible Focus – Jesus Teaches Us to Love

Week Two

Unit Theme – March Winds
Bible Focus – Jesus Teaches Us to Pray

Week Three

Unit Theme – Birds and Butterflies
Bible Focus – Jesus Seeks Us

Week Four

Unit Theme – Spring Things
Bible Focus – Jesus Wants Us to Seek Him

Week Five

Unit Theme – Interesting Insects
Bible Focus – Jesus Lives

April – “Spring Fever”

April showers bring May flowers, green grass, budding trees, and warmer weather, making everything seem brand-new! As the environment changes with the warming weather, animal life changes, too. Baby animals appear, pond animals emerge, and tadpoles turn into frogs. This month we will continue to explore the wonders of spring. In Week One, we'll focus on baby animals, from chicks and bunnies to kittens and puppies. In Week Two, we'll learn about turtles. Then in Week Three, we'll be ready to see how tadpoles turn into frogs! Week Four gives children a look at plant life through “Great Gardens.” And in Week Five, we'll feature outdoor dining with a focus on “Picnics.”

Week One

Unit Theme – Baby Animals
Bible Focus – The Easter Story

Week Two

Unit Theme – Turtles
Bible Focus – Sharing the Good News

Week Three

Unit Theme – Tadpoles and Frogs
Bible Focus – Paul Follows Jesus

Week Four

Unit Theme – Great Gardens
Bible Focus – Doing What is Right

Week Five

Unit Theme – Picnics
Bible Focus – Just Say “No” to Satan



May – “Marvelous May”

Spring has sprung, and the world is alive with color! The flowers are in bloom, the days are warmer, and the springtime animals are frolicking in the grass. We begin this month with a focus on the colors of spring, as we celebrate the season with pastels. A special week of fun is in store during Week Two as we celebrate “Magical Moms.” Week Three will bring the zoo to your classroom as we talk about lions, tigers, bears, and other animals. Week Four brings us back to the animals in our own gardens as we learn about those “Lovely Ladybugs” that make their appearance during May. A countdown to summer kicks off during Week Five’s “Wacky Week.”

Week One

Unit Theme – Shades of Spring
Bible Focus – It’s All Good

Week Two

Unit Theme – Magical Moms
Bible Focus – Think on Good Things

Week Three

Unit Theme – Lions, Tigers, and Bears
Bible Focus – Telling the Truth

Week Four

Unit Theme – Lovely Ladybugs
Bible Focus – Encourage One Another

Week Five

Unit Theme – Wacky Week
Bible Focus – Rejoice!

June – “From Sea to Shining Sea”

Summer is finally upon us! It’s time for some summer fun, and that includes lots of water! This month your little ones will have fun “From Sea to Shining Sea.” They’ll explore “Oceans and Water Fun” in Week One. Week Two finds your children diving right in for a whale of a time discovering “Ocean Life.” Then they’ll sail the seven seas in Week Three’s “Boats and Ships.” Join in the celebration as we pay tribute to our “Fabulous Fathers” in Week Four. And we’ll end the month talking about those people who take the extra step to help others in need – truly all-American heroes.

Week One

Unit Theme – Oceans and Water Fun
Bible Focus – In the Beginning

Week Two

Unit Theme – Ocean Life
Bible Focus – Adam and Eve Disobey

Week Three

Unit Theme – Boats and Ships
Bible Focus – Noah Listens and Obeys

Week Four

Unit Theme – Fabulous Fathers
Bible Focus – Abraham Believes

Week Five

Unit Theme – American Heroes
Bible Focus – God Chooses Moses



July – “All-American Spirit”

It's July and the long, hazy days of summer are here! My how time flies when you're having fun! Children will catch the “All-American Spirit” this month as they look at the people, places, and things that define our country! As we celebrate the independence of our nation this month, create an atmosphere of patriotism and thankfulness for the great country we live in. This month's curriculum will definitely help you do just that!

Week One

Unit Theme – Land of the Free, Home of the Brave
Bible Focus – Moses Leads God's People

Week Two

Unit Theme – The Wild, Wild West
Bible Focus – God Gives us Rules to Live By

Week Three

Unit Theme – The Ball Game
Bible Focus – God Gives Us Rules to Live BY – The Ten Commandments

Week Four

Unit Theme – Flying High
Bible Focus – Joshua and the Battle at Jericho

Week Five

Unit Theme – All-American Space Adventures
Bible Focus – David and Goliath

August – “All-American Fun”

This summer, we've traveled by land, by air, and by sea. We've explored the people, places, and monuments that make up this great country called America. This month, we'll sit back, relax, and enjoy some all-American fun! Students will try out their athletic abilities and tickle their funny bones during Week One as they participate in the “Wacky Olympics.” All right sports fans! It's a week of “Sportsmania” during Week Two. Grab your tents and hiking gear, it's “Camping Time” in Week Three. Look out Tinseltown, here we come! We're “Hollywood Bound” in Week Four. Week Five gives your little ones new things to see, smell, and taste as the center's focus turns to “All-American Foods,” celebrating the foods we love in our country.

Week One

Unit Theme – Wacky Olympics
Bible Focus – Elijah's Faith

Week Two

Unit Theme – Sportsmania
Bible Focus – God Shows His Power

Week Three

Unit Theme – Camping Time
Bible Focus – Daniel's Faith

Week Four

Unit Theme – Hollywood Bound
Bible Focus – Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego

Week Five

Unit Theme – All-American Foods
Bible Focus – Jonah Runs from God



September – “My Wonderful World”

Children are very interested in learning about their environment and the people around them, so this month we will explore their “Wonderful World!” Each weekly theme in September emphasizes a specific area of a child’s life. During Week One your children will learn how special and unique they are. Be sure to tell them this often since fostering a healthy self-image is important for all children, whether they are infants, three-year-olds, or school-agers! We’ll take a look at a very important part of a child’s world – the family – in Week Two. Week Three finds us talking about those special people they see everyday – “My Friends.” Since children spend a significant portion of their day in care with you, we’ll focus on “My School” in Week Four. And finally, it’s a journey to a place close to home – “My Neighborhood” as you talk about important people and places in their community during Week Five.

Week One

Unit Theme – I am Special

Bible Focus – Jesus Loves Me

Week Two

Unit Theme – My Family

Bible Focus – God Cares About Us

Week Three

Unit Theme – My Friends

Bible Focus – Godly Friends are the Best Friends

Week Four

Unit Theme – My School

Bible Focus – God’s Word Teaches Us

Week Five

Unit Theme – My Neighborhood

Bible Focus – God Wants Us to Love Each Other

October – “Fall Fun”

Leaves have begun to change colors, the trees are full of apples, and yards and porches are adorned with pumpkins and gourds. The signs of fall are all around us! This month your Pinnacle Curriculum will lead you and your school-age children into some fantastic fall fun! Celebrate the “Harvest Happenings” of the season during Week 1. Week 2 will find you exploring “Fall on the Farm,” while “Fall in the City” is the focus of Week 3. During the last two weeks of this month, children will enjoy reading different “Fairy Tales and Fables.” Week 5 calls for a special “Fairy Tale Day” when the older children will host their very own “fairy tale theatre” for the younger children. Older kids will feel good about themselves for putting on a great performance, and the little ones will feel special for having a show done just for them!

Week One

Unit Theme – Harvest Happenings

Bible Focus – Be Kind to One Another

Week Two

Unit Theme – Fall on the Farm

Bible Focus – The Bible Shows Me the Way

Week Three

Unit Theme – Fall in the City

Bible Focus – Jesus is the Light of the World

Week Four

Unit Theme – Fairy Tales and Fables

Bible Focus – Jesus is the Good Shepherd

Week Five

Unit Theme – Fairy Tales and Fables

Bible Focus – Jesus Looks for the Lost Sheep



November – “We Are Thankful”

November means feasts, family, and Thanksgiving fun! It's a time for remembering, giving thanks, and spending time with families. Concepts about early America, such as the Mayflower and the Pilgrims, are the focus of Week 1. Week 2 finds your children exploring the rich and diverse culture of “Native Americans.” It's a look at the “First Thanksgiving” during Weeks 3 and 4. And after eating lots of turkey and stuffing, Week 5's “Healthy Foods” will get your children back into shape!

Week One

Unit Theme – Early Settlers
Bible Focus – It's Good to Live in Harmony

Week Two

Unit Theme – Native Americans
Bible Focus – God Gives Us What We Need

Week Three

Unit Theme – The First Thanksgiving
Bible Focus – We Are Thankful

Week Four

Unit Theme – The First Thanksgiving
Bible Focus – We Are Thankful

Week Five

Unit Theme – Healthy Foods
Bible Focus – Giving and Sharing

December – “Deck the Halls”

The holiday season is here, and our focus changes to celebrations, shopping, family gatherings, giving, and sharing. Our curriculum this month kicks off with a look at holiday celebrations from around the world and then moves to specific weeks that focus on the sights, sounds, tastes, smells, and feelings of the holidays. Check your calendar and holiday plans and choose the weeks that best meet the needs of your group and best match the holiday schedule of your school. You'll find more activities and ideas than you can possibly implement, so choose the ones that match the needs and interests of your children.

Week One

Unit Theme – Holidays Around the World
Bible Focus – Happy Birthday, Jesus

Week Two

Unit Theme – The Sights of the Holidays
Bible Focus – The Angels Speak

Week Three

Unit Theme – The Sounds of the Holidays
Bible Focus – Away in a Manger

Week Four

Unit Theme – Tastes and Smells of the Holidays
Bible Focus – The Wise Men Worship Jesus

Week Five

Unit Theme – The Feelings of the Holidays
Bible Focus – Jesus Grew as a Little Boy