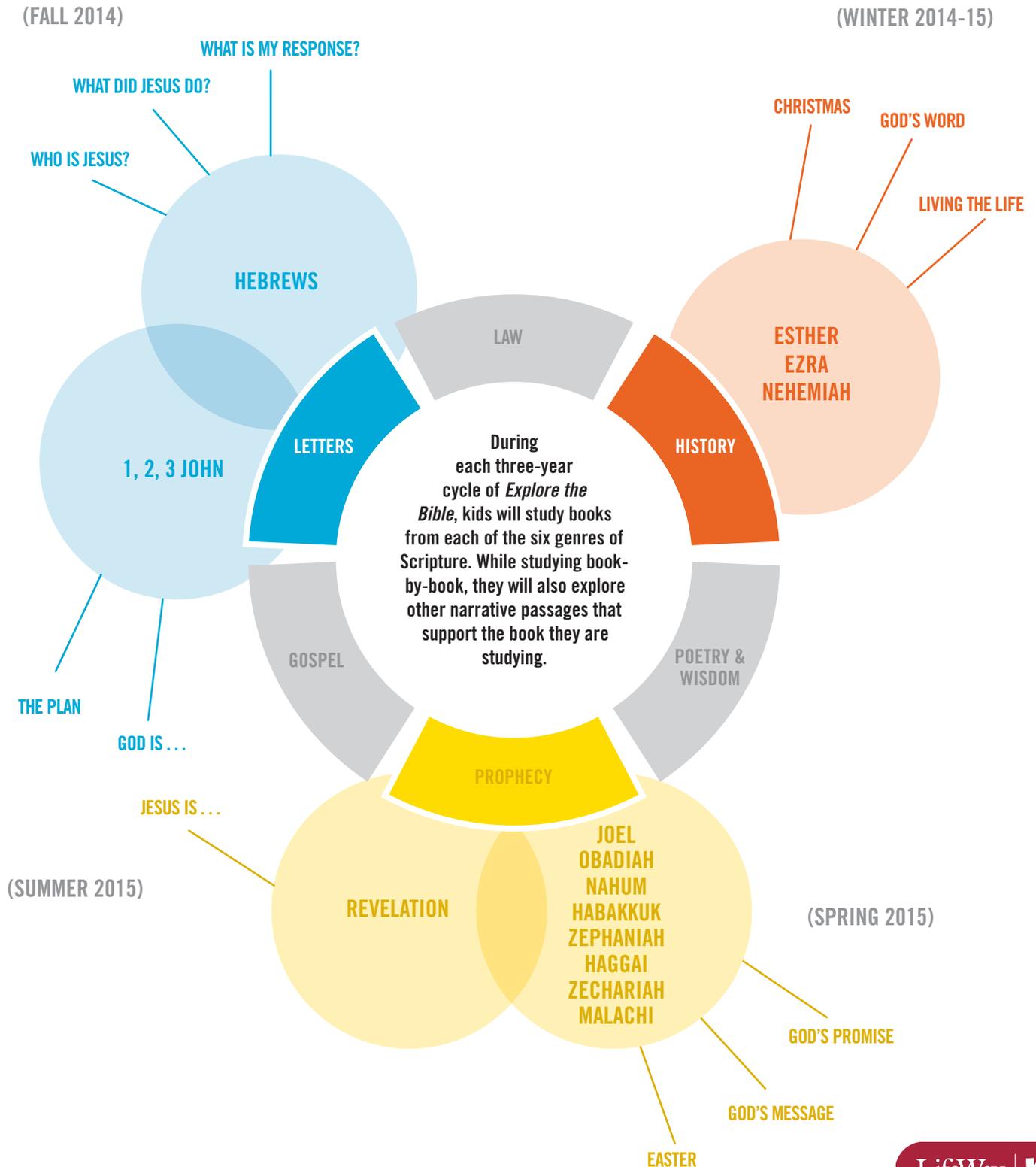


## STUDY PLAN Year 1



FALL 2014

### WHO IS JESUS?

By connecting stories in Genesis, Exodus, the Gospels and Acts, kids will discover Jesus as God's Son, our Savior, our great High Priest, and our perfect sacrifice.

## HEBREWS

Studies in the Book of Hebrews will lead kids to discover who Jesus is, what Jesus did while on earth, and how they should respond in light of Jesus' sacrifice.

### WHAT IS MY RESPONSE?

These stories will help kids understand how they should respond to Jesus. Kids will be challenged to encourage others, focus on Jesus, have faith, endure through adversity, be a part of a faith community, and live out their faith.

### WHAT DID JESUS DO?

While studying what Jesus did while on earth, kids will discover Jesus became human like us, He became the mediator between God and people and our perfect sacrifice.



WINTER 2014-15

### CHRISTMAS

Through Esther, Isaiah, and Luke, kids will discover the Bible teaches that people needed a Savior and God promised and ultimately provided that Savior.

## ESTHER, EZRA NEHEMIAH

As kids study these books, they will connect stories about the birth of the Messiah, discover the importance of God's Word and why we have it, and learn essential truths about Christian living.

### LIVING THE LIFE

The Book of Nehemiah teaches many truths that will help boys and girls know what a Christian life looks like and how to live one. Christians should trust God, meet the needs of others, honor God, be encouraged, work together, and worship God honestly.

### GOD'S WORD

Kids will discover important truths about God's Word as they study the Books of Nehemiah and Ezra. Kids will learn they should listen to God's Word, obey it, and honor its teaching.

SPRING 2015

### EASTER

God's promise of a future hope is fulfilled through Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection. Through the Easter season, kids will learn of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem; His death, burial, and resurrection; and evidence of His resurrection by those to whom He appeared.

## MINOR PROPHETS

The books of the Minor Prophets tell of God's warning to sinful nations and His promise of restoration. Kids will hear stories of God's message through the prophets and His promise of a bright future.

### GOD'S PROMISE

God didn't leave His people without a plan. Through His prophets, God sent messages of hope to Israel and Judah. God said, "Turn to Me and I will restore you."  
Kids will hear stories of promise!

### GOD'S MESSAGE

Through prophets, God sent His message to people who did not live according to His plan. God sent warnings to Israel, Judah, Edom, and Nineveh through His prophets.

SUMMER 2015

### THE PLAN

Many people wonder about God's plan for their lives. The Book of 1 John will help kids understand that God plans for Christians to share the joy He gives, keep His commands, trust God's plan, and love everyone.

## 1, 2, 3, JOHN; REVELATION

The three letters of John and the Book of Revelation will give boys and girls an understanding of who God is, who Jesus is, and what God expects His followers to do. Kids will learn that God has a plan for them and a hope for their future.

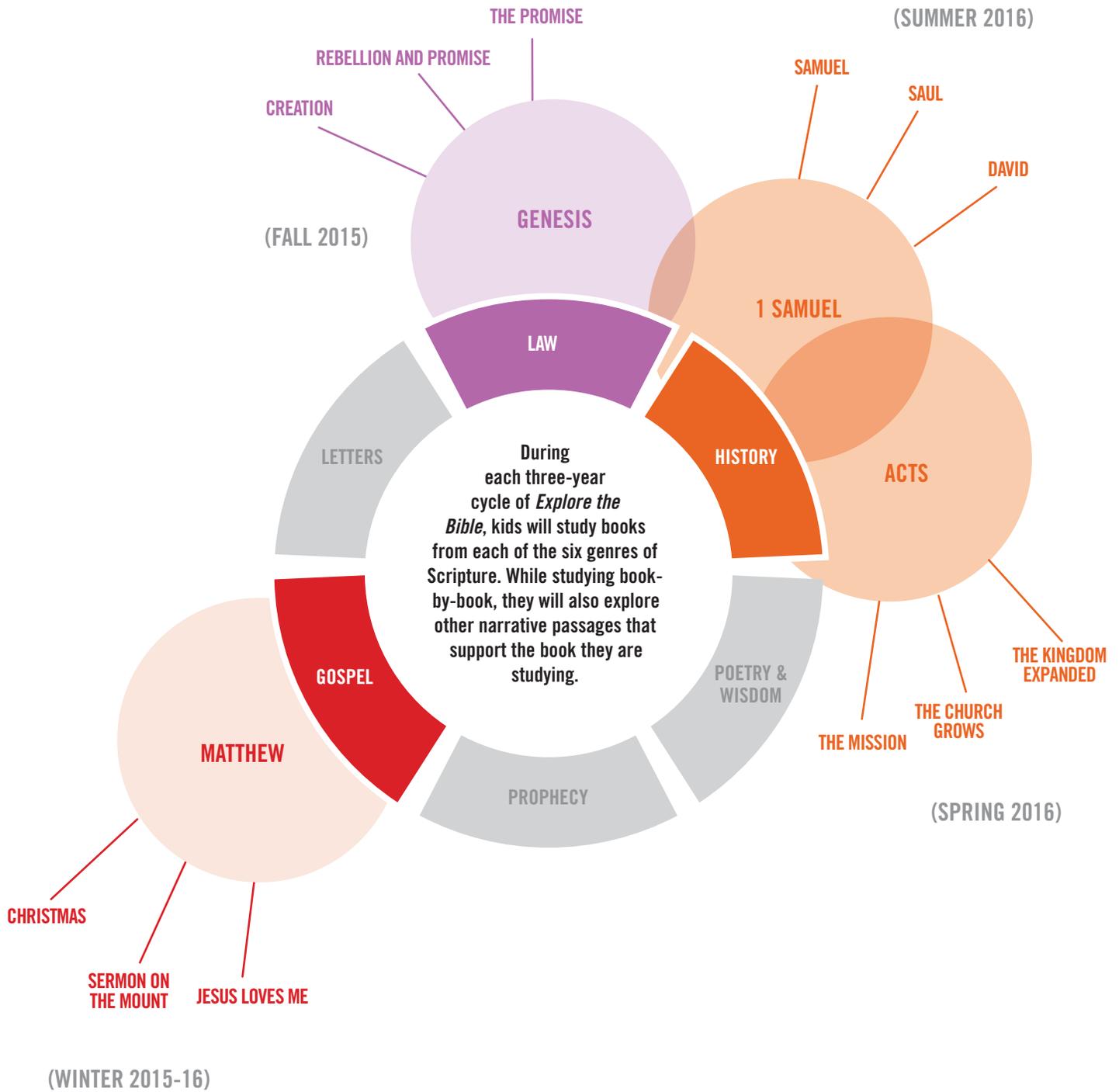
### JESUS IS ...

The Bible gives many examples of who Jesus is. Many of these descriptions can be found in the Book of Revelation. Jesus is worthy, our Savior, the Good Shepherd, and our hope for a future with God.

### GOD IS ...

The Bible contains descriptions of who God is. The Books of 1, 2, 3 John and Revelation give a glimpse of His character. Kids will discover that God is truthful, the giver of life, eternal, victorious, and holy.

## STUDY PLAN Year 2



FALL 2015

### CREATION

God showed His love to us in that He created us, gave us work to do, corrects us when we make mistakes, provides rescue in trouble, and gives us second chances.

## GENESIS (PART 1)

The Book of Genesis begins God's love letter to His people. Through the study of creation and the rebellion of people, God's story of redemption and promise becomes clear.

Boys and girls will see creation from a new perspective and discover God's ultimate plan for people.

### PROMISE

The son God promised to Abraham was born. Isaac fulfilled God's promise and as Abraham was tested, God showed Himself faithful and trustworthy. He always provides for His people.

### REBELLION AND PROMISE

God is faithful to humans as they continually rebel against Him. God in His goodness offers a promise of deliverance. Following the flood, sin continued and God confused languages. Through Abraham, God sent a promise of a future hope for His people.

## CHRISTMAS

The birth of Jesus is the cornerstone of God's redemptive plan. We will trace Jesus' genealogy from Abraham, learn of Jesus' birth, the visit from the wise men, and John's testimony about the Savior.

## MATTHEW (PART 1)

Through studies in the first part of Matthew, boys and girls will learn about the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The birth of Christ brought with it God's fulfillment of many Old Testament prophecies. As Jesus grew, He taught with authority and showed His love to many.

## JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves people and provided healing for many as He taught. Jesus chose 12 special helpers, revealed Himself as Lord of all, and taught His followers about the Kingdom of God using parables.

## SERMON ON THE MOUNT

At the beginning of Jesus' public ministry He was led into the wilderness to be tempted. After examining His temptation kids will study Jesus' longest recorded sermon to His followers and discover what God asks of His people.



SPRING 2016

### THE MISSION

Following Christ's crucifixion and resurrection, He charged His disciples to meet Him in Galilee. There, Jesus gave orders to spread the news about Him. Jesus promised to send a helper. He then ascended into heaven. Stories in this unit also include a focus on Easter.

## ACTS (PART 1)

The Book of Acts guides kids on a journey through the beginning of the church. The first part of Acts helps kids see what God had planned for the church's mission, how the church grew, and how it expanded beyond the city of Jerusalem.

### THE KINGDOM EXPANDED

As the church in Jerusalem grew, God's Spirit guided certain men to witness to those who were not of Jewish descent. Kids will hear stories of an Ethiopian eunuch, a woman raised to life, a Roman centurion, the miraculous conversion of Saul, and Peter's rescue from prison.

### THE CHURCH GROWS

During the early days of the church, growth happened exponentially. The church met together and shared with one another, prayed for its leaders, collected offerings for those in need, and endured hardship. However, they were greatly persecuted because of their beliefs.

SUMMER 2016

### **SAMUEL**

Through the life of Samuel, God ended the line of judges as the people begged for a king. Samuel served faithfully and was known for his honesty. Girls and boys will hear of Samuel's birth, calling, and his ministry with Eli the priest.

## **1 SAMUEL**

The Book of 1 Samuel guides boys and girls on an adventure through three prominent lives in a pivotal transition point for the Israelite nation. Kids will learn stories of Samuel (the final judge of Israel), Saul (the first king of Israel), and David (Saul's successor).

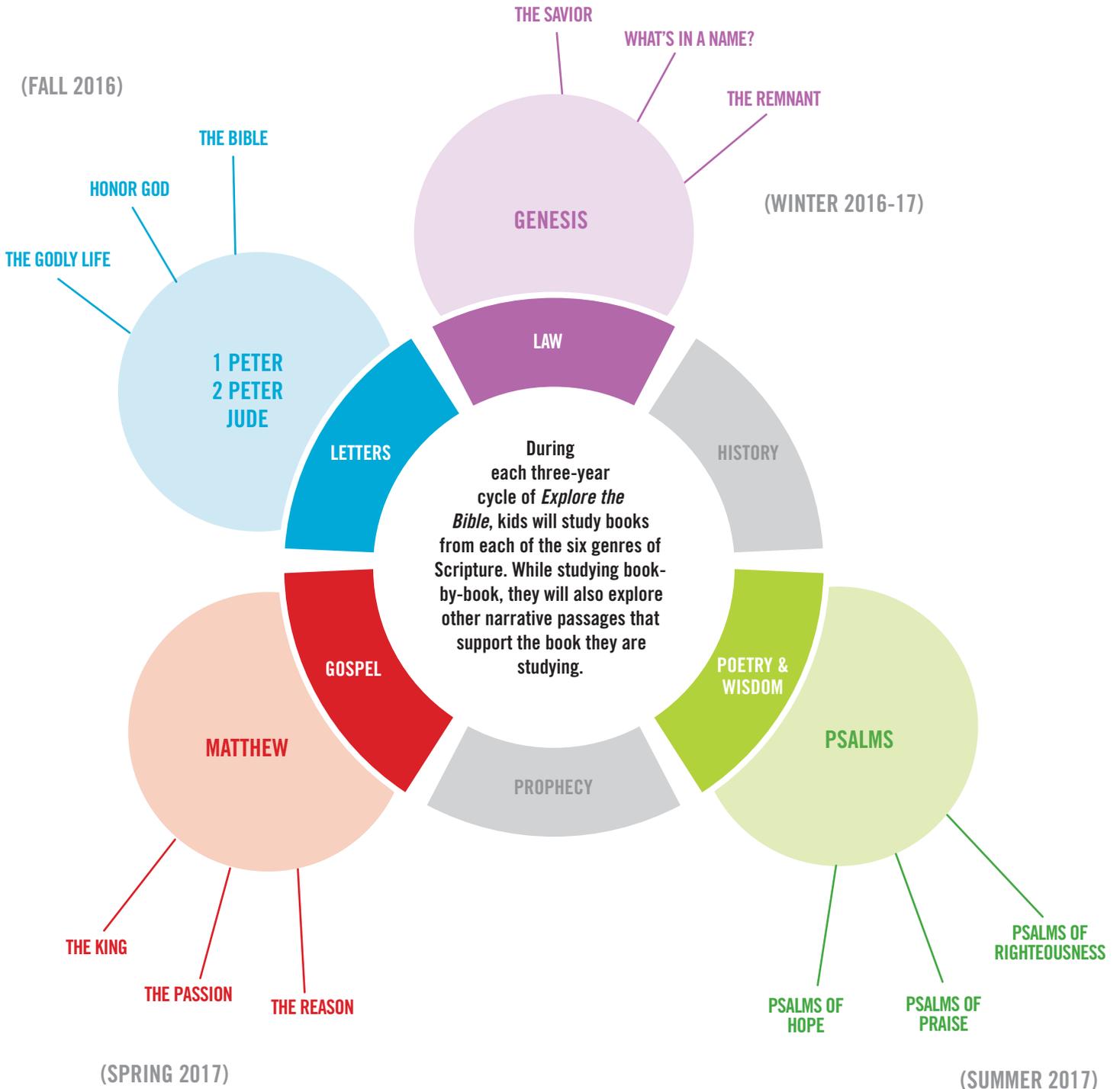
### **DAVID**

David followed Saul as the second king of Israel. Kids will hear of David's anointing, his battle with a giant, his success as a soldier, his gracious spirit in preserving life, and his military victories.

### **SAUL**

The people asked for a king and God gave them Saul. Saul was anointed and crowned king of Israel. Samuel prayed for Saul and the people but Saul was ultimately rejected as king because of his sin.

## STUDY PLAN Year 3





FALL 2016

### THE GODLY LIFE

Girls and boys will learn in 1 Peter how they can live a godly life. A godly life is one that honors God, is holy, mature, and respectful of others.

## 1, 2 PETER; JUDE

The letters of Peter and Jude encourage believers to remain strong in the Word. God's Word is valuable and kids will learn through this study how to live godly lives and show honor to God.

### THE BIBLE

The Bible is God's revelation of Himself to people. The Bible is useful for many things and through this study, kids will learn to depend on the Bible, learn from the Bible, and use its teaching to stay firm when false teachers appear.

### HONOR GOD

Kids will learn that God desires our honor. God is honored by people who rejoice in the hope of a future promise, talk about their faith, show love to others, remain faithful during persecution, are humble, and continue to grow in their relationships with God.

WINTER 2016-17

### THE SAVIOR

God promised to send a Savior to the people. By exploring Jacob's life, kids will discover that God used people who were imperfect to fulfill His plan, God keeps His covenant promises, provides for His people, and sent His Son to be the perfect Savior.

## GENESIS (PART 2)

The second half of the Book of Genesis follows the family of Isaac until they move to Egypt, where God saves a remnant of the people for Himself. Boys and girls will learn about the Savior who was to come, the importance of names in Scripture, and the remnant that was saved.

### THE REMNANT

God preserved His covenant people by saving a remnant of them in Egypt. Joseph was mistreated by his brothers and sold as a slave but was ultimately used by God to bring the remnant to Egypt.

### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Although Jacob's story began with struggle and strife with his brother, kids will learn that Jacob's life and attitude changed. Jacob separated from his father-in-law and returned to his home to meet his brother. Along the way, Jacob wrestled with God, and God changed Jacob's name to *Israel*, the name of God's covenant people.

SPRING 2017

### THE KING

Jesus is the King that God promised to send. People recognized Jesus as someone special, but many failed to realize His true identity. Kids will hear of Peter's confession, learn about the transfiguration, hear a story of how Jesus wants people to respond to Him, and learn of His entry into Jerusalem as He was praised as king.

## MATTHEW (PART 2)

Since the end of the Book of Matthew deals primarily with the end of Jesus' life, girls and boys will dive deep into Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and the events which led up to and surrounded it.

### THE REASON

Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for the sins of all people.

Kids will learn that Judas agreed to betray Jesus for a small sum of money, Jesus prayed in the garden for His disciples, Peter denied Jesus, and Jesus rose from the dead and gave His disciples and all people a commission to fulfill.

### THE PASSION

After Jesus entered Jerusalem, He told parables to the people that identified what He would accomplish. Girls and boys will hear the parables of the vineyard owner and the banquet. Kids will also learn of Jesus' death and resurrection and His promise to return.

SUMMER 2017

### PSALMS OF HOPE

Psalms of hope introduce kids to psalms that were used as prayers of repentance for sin and expressions of deep emotions that look forward to God's fulfillment of prophecy.

## PSALMS

The Book of Psalms is known as the song book of the Bible. The 150 psalms listed cover a wide variety of genres and themes. The kids will study three genres: psalms of hope, psalms of praise, and psalms of righteousness.

### PSALMS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

God alone is righteous. God, through the sacrifice of His Son, made us righteous if we believe in Him. Prayers through these psalms are an intercession for the earthly king, a request for God's presence, a petition for God's Word to guide our lives, and a call to remain faithful to Him.

### PSALMS OF PRAISE

Many of the psalms give praise to God for who He is and what He has done. Kids will examine psalms that describe God as the Good Shepherd, reflect our thankful hearts, reveal God and His love, and recognize that God alone is worthy of worship.