



## Parent's What to Expect Guide

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in truth." 3 John 1:4

**We want to help your kids have a genuine relationship with God, build a biblical foundation for their lives, grow with friends and leaders, and love being at church.**

We are a church of Small Groups, and this starts with our kids. —

Every weekend, your children in first through fifth grade will come to a New Kids service where they'll experience dynamic worship and biblical teaching. Your child will spend time in their Small Group to give them the benefit of a consistent Group Leaders and interaction with kids their age. Together, they'll learn about the Bible and how to have a relationship with God, memorize Scripture, and have fun developing friendships with each other.

Your kids will also be guided with the New Kids values:

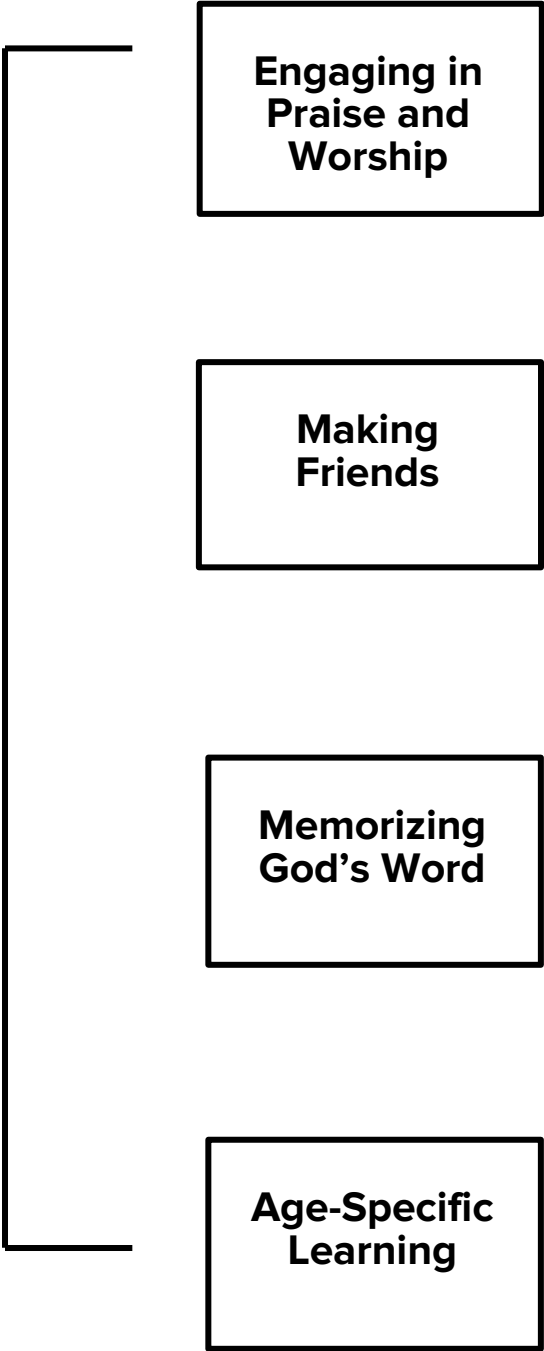
**Love God** because God is love and He first loved us.

**Love People** because God loves all people.

**Do Your Best** and God does the rest.

**Have Fun** because God gives us joy.

# New Kids Service Experience



**Engaging in Praise and Worship**

We invite God's presence into our lives through praise and worship, and we want your children to grow up experiencing the joy and benefit of worshipping Him.

**Making Friends**

God designed us for community, and we want your kids to build healthy relationships. Making friends and growing alongside their peers is an important part of their spiritual growth.

**Memorizing God's Word**

God tells us to hide His Word in our hearts (Psalm 119:11). One of the most important ways we help your children build a biblical foundation for their lives is by filling their minds and hearts with God's truth through Scripture memorization.

**Age-Specific Learning**

Kids need different things at different ages, and we want to help your child understand and learn God's Word at the right pace. Each year, they'll grow by engaging in age-specific learning that is relevant and interesting to them.

## WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US:

Your child's safety is our top priority! We know that you are trusting us with your children and we do not take this lightly. Please know all our volunteers are required to have a background check and they are trained with safety in mind.

Please also know all of our environments are sanitized regularly and toys wiped down.

## PARTNERING WITH YOU!

We believe the best way to help your kids develop a strong spiritual foundation is by partnering with you. Together, we can help encourage, train and pray for them as they grow in their faith.

DOWNLOAD PARENT CUE App



This app partners with our curriculum, Orange, and helps you have simple, meaningful faith-moments with your child that will fit seamlessly into the daily rhythm of your life. Go to [www.theparentcue.org](http://www.theparentcue.org) to learn more.

## LEARNING PLAN

**Your children will be taught biblical truths and practical lessons through a learning focus for their grade level and a collection of series topics throughout the year.**

The curriculum we use is called Orange. It has a simple and fun approach, your kids will thoroughly enjoy. This curriculum has 9 Core insights in which it focuses on during a year. Below you will see those insights listed and briefly defined. Also, check out the monthly guide to see what we are learning right now!

## NINE CORE INSIGHTS:

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**DESIGN:** What I see around me reveals a Creator I cannot see

**IMAGE:** I am created in the image of my perfect, heavenly Father who has an unending love for me.

**CONNECTION:** I live in pursuit of an infinite God who desires an eternal relationship with me.

**FAITH:** I believe in Jesus and will continually trust Him even when life doesn't make sense.

**TRANSFORMATION:** God's Spirit is transforming my unique and imperfect life into the character of Jesus.

**TRUTH:** My response to God's Word shapes how I see God's story of redemption at work in me and around me.

**RESTORATION:** God designed me to participate with Him in restoring a broken world.

**COMPASSION:** My faith in Christ is revealed by my compassion and care for others.

**COMMUNITY:** I choose to live in the complexities of family and community because God values them.

# MONTHLY CURRICULUM GUIDE

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OCTOBER

Theme: OFFSTAGE - DROP THE ACT

## SERIES DESCRIPTION

Because we know that God is good, we can live life with integrity. Who we are in private should match who we are in public. When we trust God, we can be truthful in whatever we say and do.

## CORE INSIGHTS: Transformation, Community

**WEEK ONE:** Daniel's Integrity - Daniel 1  
**BOTTOM LINE:** Be truthful with your whole life.

**WEEK THREE:** Naaman and Elisha's Servant - 2 Kings 5  
**BOTTOM LINE:** When you're not truthful, you lose trust.

**WEEK TWO:** No Secrets with God - 1 John 1:9  
**BOTTOM LINE:** Being truthful with God keeps you close to Him.

**WEEK FOUR:** Think on These Things - Philippians 4:8  
**BOTTOM LINE:** Focus on what's true

"Anyone who lives without blame walks safely. But anyone who takes a crooked path will get caught."  
Proverbs 10:9 NIV

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NOVEMBER

Theme: SHOUT OUT – Let ‘em know You’re Thankful

## SERIES DESCRIPTION

Have you ever thought about everything God has done for you? He made a way to rescue you through Jesus' death and resurrection. When you remember that, you can be thankful – always.

## CORE INSIGHTS: Connection, Truth

**WEEK ONE:** Give thanks no matter what happens- 1 Thessalonians 5:18  
**BOTTOM LINE:** You always have something to be grateful for.

**WEEK FOUR:** The Story of the Workers in the Vineyard – Matthew 20:1-15  
**BOTTOM LINE:** Adjust your attitude

**WEEK TWO:** David Dances – 2 Samuel 6:12-22  
**BOTTOM LINE:** Celebrate what God has done.

**WEEK FIVE:** Lord's Supper / Last Supper – 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Exodus 12  
**BOTTOM LINE:** Get in the habit of being grateful

**WEEK THREE:** Jesus Heals 10 Men, Luke 17:11-19  
**BOTTOM LINE:** Say thank you.

"Give thanks to the Lord, because He is good. His faithful love continues forever." Psalm 136:1  
NIV

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DECEMBER

Theme: SIMPLY CHRISTMAS- No Assembly Required

## SERIES DESCRIPTION

The best gift God ever gave was Jesus. Because of Jesus, it's possible for us to have a relationship with God that will last forever. As we remember the Christmas story, we take time to celebrate the greatest gift the world has ever known.

## CORE INSIGHTS: Restoration, Connection

**WEEK ONE:** Jesus Is Promised – Isaiah 9:6  
**BOTTOM LINE:** We can have hope because God keeps His promises

**WEEK THREE:** Jesus is Born – Luke 2:1-7  
**BOTTOM LINE:** God loved us so much that He gave us a Savior.

**WEEK TWO:** Gabriel appears to Mary – Luke 1:26-56  
**BOTTOM LINE:** You can have joy because God has a plan for you.

**WEEK FOUR:** Shepherds Visit – Luke 2: 8-20  
**BOTTOM LINE:** God's peace is for everyone.

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord." Luke 2:11 NIV

## JANUARY

Theme: RULES FOR LIFE – Play Well. Finish Strong.

### **SERIES DESCRIPTION**

God has given us a responsibility to live His way every day. We can choose to use our stuff the way He wants us to. We can follow through with what we need to do. And we can show others that we can be trusted with anything.

### **CORE INSIGHTS:** Transformation, Truth

**WEEK ONE:** Greatest Commandment - Matthew 22:36-47

**BOTTOM LINE:** Love God. Love others.

**WEEK FOUR:** Parable of the Bags of Gold – Matthew 25:14-30

**BOTTOM LINE:** Make the most of what you've been given.

**WEEK TWO:** Bigger Barns – Luke 12:16-21

**BOTTOM LINE:** Share what you have.

**WEEK FIVE:** Use Words Wisely – Ephesians 4:29

**BOTTOM LINE:** Use your words wisely.

**WEEK THREE:** Ant and Sluggard, Proverbs 6:6-8

**BOTTOM LINE:** Work hard.

"Suppose you can be trusted with something very little. Then you can also be trusted with something very large." Luke 16:10 NIV

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## FEBRUARY

Theme: SUPER FAN – Cheer Each Other On

### **SERIES DESCRIPTION**

God was kind to us even when we didn't deserve it. Because of His love for us, we can be kind to everyone. Jesus modeled kindness, but He also commanded it. He taught us to treat others the way we want to be treated.

### **CORE INSIGHTS:** Compassion, Community

**WEEK ONE:** God was Kind to Us – Ephesians 4:32  
**BOTTOM LINE:** Be kind to others because God is kind to you.

**WEEK THREE:** Go the Extra Mile- Matthew 5:41  
**BOTTOM LINE:** Be kinder than you have to be.

**WEEK TWO:** Ruth and Boaz- Ruth  
**BOTTOM LINE:** Be kind to your family and friends.

**WEEK FOUR:** Good Samaritan – Luke 10:25-37  
**BOTTOM LINE:** Be kind to people who are different from you.

"You are God's chosen people. You are holy and dearly loved. So put on tender mercy and kindness as if they were your clothes. Don't be proud. Be gentle and patient." Colossians 3:12 NIV

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## MARCH

Theme: BAKE OFF – It's Worth the Wait

### **SERIES DESCRIPTION**

God is patient. He is in control. He knows how the story ends. Because of Jesus, we know how the story ends, too. We can be patient when we remember what God has done. We can trust that God is in control.

### **CORE INSIGHTS:** Faith, Transformation

**WEEK ONE:** Simeon Waits for the Messiah – Luke 2:25-35  
**BOTTOM LINE:** When you have to wait, remember God is with you.

**WEEK TWO:** Golden Calf- Exodus 32: 1-35  
**BOTTOM LINE:** When you have to wait, remember what is true.

**WEEK THREE:** Esau's Impatience – Genesis 25:24-34 **BOTTOM LINE:** If you don't wait, it could cost you.

**WEEK FOUR:** Palm Sunday – Matthew 21:1-11 **BOTTOM LINE:** You can celebrate even when you're waiting.

"Wait for the Lord. Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the Lord." Psalm 27:14 NIrV

## APRIL Theme: RECONNECT – Build the Bridge

### **SERIES DESCRIPTION**

When Jesus died on the cross, He made peace between God and us. We can have peace – and we can share His peace with others. We can reflect the character of Christ by caring enough to make peace.

### **CORE INSIGHTS:** Transformation, Community

**WEEK ONE:** Easter – God's Big Story (Supporting Colossians 1:20)  
**BOTTOM LINE:** God made peace with us.

**WEEK THREE:** Isaac's Wells – Genesis 26:16-22, 26-31 **BOTTOM LINE:** Prove you care more about others by walking away from a fight.

**WEEK TWO:** Live in Peace with Others – Colossians 3:15  
**BOTTOM LINE:** We can make peace with others.

**WEEK FOUR:** Abigail Intervenes, 1 Samuel 25  
**BOTTOM LINE:** Prove you care more about others by being a part of the solution.

"So let us do all we can to live in peace. And let us work hard to build up one another."  
Romans 14:19 NIrV

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## MAY Theme: 5K – Run the Race

### **SERIES DESCRIPTION**

God makes plans and follows through with them, including the plan to send Jesus to rescue us! We can show commitment too. The best way? We can work on growing our relationships with Jesus with faith practices.

### **CORE INSIGHTS:** Connection, Faith

**WEEK ONE:** Training to Win the Prize – 1 Corinthians 9:24-27  
**BOTTOM LINE:** Keep practicing what matters most.

**WEEK THREE:** Model Prayer – Luke 11:1-14  
**BOTTOM LINE:** Practice praying to God.

**WEEK TWO:** The Wise and Foolish Builders- Matthew 7:24-29  
**BOTTOM LINE:** Practice hearing what God says.

**WEEK FOUR:** Peter says that Jesus is the Messiah – Matthew 16:13-20  
**BOTTOM LINE:** Practice talking about God.

**WEEK FIVE:** Widow's Mite – Mark 12:41-44  
**BOTTOM LINE:** Practice living for God.

"Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come." 1 Timothy 4:8 NIrV

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## JUNE Theme: PRESS PLAY – Get in the Mix

### **SERIES DESCRIPTION**

God can do things that would be impossible for you. Nowhere is this more evident than in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. And, when you put your confidence in Jesus, you can truly see yourself how God sees you.

### **CORE INSIGHTS:** Faith, Identity

**WEEK ONE:** Nicodemus – John 3:16  
**BOTTOM LINE:** Jesus matters most.

**WEEK TWO:** Israel Captures Jericho – Joshua 5:13- 6:27 **BOTTOM LINE:** God's plan is the best plan.

**WEEK THREE:** Gideon – Judges 6-8 **BOTTOM LINE:** God can use you no matter what.

**WEEK FOUR:** Elijah and the Prophets of Baal – 1 King 18 **BOTTOM LINE:** God can do the impossible.

"I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." Psalm 27:13 NIV

**JULY** Theme: PRESS PLAY – Get in the Mix

**SERIES DESCRIPTION**

Jesus promised that He would always be with us. Because we believe this is true, we can be confident in Him every day. You can have confidence that He's working to transform you into exactly who God created you to be.

**CORE INSIGHTS:** Connection, Faith

**WEEK ONE:** Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego – Daniel 3  
**BOTTOM LINE:** Trust that God is always with you.

**WEEK THREE:** Armor of God – Ephesians 6:10-17  
**BOTTOM LINE:** Use what God has given you to stand strong.

**WEEK TWO:** Peter Walks on Water – Matthew 14:22-33  
**BOTTOM LINE:** Stay focused on Jesus.

**WEEK FOUR:** Nothing can Separate us from God – Romans 8:38-39  
**BOTTOM LINE:** You can trust God no matter what.

"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6 NIV

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## WHAT GOD CAN DO IN YOU TO CHANGE THE WORLD AROUND YOU

**FAMILY CHALLENGE:** Maybe as a family, you are looking for more ways to grow in your faith together. Below is a monthly family attitude challenge that partners with what New Kids is teaching on a Sunday. Have fun, grow together and change the world around you!

\*\*\*The challenge will restart in August.

**OCTOBER: INTEGRITY -** Choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do

**JANUARY: RESPONSIBILITY** – Showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you

**APRIL: PEACE** – Proving you care more about each other than winning an argument

**NOVEMBER: GRATITUDE:** Letting others know you see how they've helped you

**FEBRUARY: KINDNESS:** Showing others they are valuable by how you treat them

**MAY: COMMITMENT:** Making a plan and putting it into practice

**DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS** – Celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift

**MARCH: PATIENCE:** Waiting until later for what you want now

**JUNE: CONFIDENCE** – Learning to see yourself the way God sees you

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