

Grade 3 **Growing with God**

Lesson	Sessions	Content Objectives	Learning Objectives	Optional Components
1 The God of the Bible	A What Is God Like?	As our Creator, God is powerful, holy, and loving.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look up passages of Scripture by book, chapter, and verse Use and explain at least one or two words from Scripture to describe God List the three persons of the Trinity Describe one way to reflect God's moral character 	Scripture Memory Romans 15:4a Character Trait Love Hymn Blessed Assurance
	B The Trinity	The Trinity exists in three persons: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.		
	C Reflecting God's Love	To follow God, we should reflect His love.		
2 The Message of the Bible	A Creation and Sin	Adam and Eve brought sin into the world by disobeying God.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define <i>sin</i> as it relates to God's law Recall how Adam and Eve first disobeyed God List two or three ways that God showed love through Jesus 	Scripture Memory Romans 15:4b Character Trait Faith Hymn Blessed Assurance
	B The Work of Jesus	Jesus came to Earth to show people the path back to God.		
	C The Promise of Jesus	Jesus died and rose again to give us life.		
3 The Parts of the Bible	A The Old Testament	The Old Testament records how God interacted with the nation of Israel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall several terms for important divisions and genres in the Bible, like <i>testament</i>, <i>gospel</i>, and <i>epistle</i> List several differences between the Old and New Testaments Recognize Scripture as God's explicit self-revelation 	Scripture Memory Review Romans 15:4 Character Trait Attentiveness Hymn Blessed Assurance
	B The New Testament	The New Testament reveals the work of Jesus and the beginnings of the Christian church.		
	C Learning from the Word	God gave us Scripture to reveal Himself to us.		
4 A New Nation	A A New World	God protected Noah from the Flood but spread his descendants away from the city of Babel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summarize the way God protected Noah Recall how God divided the people at Babel Define <i>covenant</i> as a binding promise or agreement Give an example of a promise that follows a command in Scripture 	Scripture Memory Hebrews 11:8a Character Trait Submission Hymn Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
	B A Chosen People	God promised to make a great nation from the descendants of Abraham and Sarah.		
	C Commands and Promises	God's commands help us do right and show love.		

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5 A New Home	A The Lands of the Bible	Abraham, Sarah, and Lot traveled around lands that are today called the Middle East.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locate the land of Canaan on a basic map of the Middle East • Recognize several major geographical features around Canaan • Recall major events surrounding Lot’s escape from Sodom • Explain the general consequences of seeking good or bad friends 	Scripture Memory Hebrews 11:8b Character Trait Integrity Hymn Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
	B The Fall of Lot	Lot made several foolish choices, which resulted in terrible consequences.		
	C Good Friends and Bad Friends	Friends can influence us to do right or wrong.		
6 The Promised Son	A Promises and Laughter	God promised that Abraham and Sarah would have a son together, despite their old age.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recall at least one way that God reminded Abraham and Sarah of His promises • Explain why the birth of Isaac could be called a miracle • Recognize important members of Abraham’s family tree • Discuss the connection between patience and trust 	Scripture Memory Hebrews 11:11a Character Trait Patience Hymn Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
	B The Birth of Isaac	Sarah gave birth to her promised son, Isaac.		
	C Waiting on God	By waiting and trusting in God, we learn patience.		
7 Abraham’s Test	A Sacrifices to God	In Scripture, people offered many kinds of sacrifices to worship God.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List one or two examples of sacrifice, as depicted in Scripture • Recall the key events surrounding Abraham’s sacrifice of Isaac • Recognize acts of sharing, service, and love as spiritual sacrifices to God 	Scripture Memory Hebrews 11:11b Character Trait Devotion Hymn Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
	B Sacrificing Isaac	God tested Abraham by commanding him to sacrifice Isaac.		
	C A Living Sacrifice	Christians today can make sacrifices of love and service.		
8 Review	Review Activities	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sort a handful of biblical books into the Old or New Testament • Recognize several major biblical figures studied thus far • Recall some of the biblical vocabulary studied thus far 	Scripture Memory Review Hebrews 11:8, 11 Character Trait None Hymn Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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9 Jacob and Esau	A Two Promised Sons	God gave Rebekah two sons, Jacob and Esau, who would one day found two nations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List several differences between Jacob and Esau Describe the general significance of a birthright in ancient times Recall how Esau lost his birthright and the special blessing of his father Distinguish whole truths from partial truths intended for deceit 	Scripture Memory Romans 8:26a Character Trait Honesty Hymn Come, Christians, Join to Sing
	B Jacob's Trickery	Jacob purchased Esau's birthright and then cheated him out of his blessing.		
	C Telling the Truth	To reflect God's character, we must seek and tell the truth.		
10 Jacob's Dream	A God's Faithfulness	While Jacob was fleeing to Haran, God renewed His covenant.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall key elements of Jacob's dream at Bethel List two or three ways that believers have worshiped God Distinguish between self-centered activities and those that reflect God's goodness 	Scripture Memory Romans 8:26b Character Trait Worship Hymn Come, Christians, Join to Sing
	B Worship in the Bible	Scripture includes many examples of worship, some of which Christians practice today.		
	C Giving God Glory	Christians can give God glory by reflecting His goodness.		
11 Sowing and Reaping	A Laban's Trickery	After Laban tricked him, Jacob married both Leah and Rachel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain the general meaning behind the proverb, "You reap what you sow" Recall key events leading up to Jacob's first two marriages Describe the origin of Jacob's new name, <i>Israel</i> Discuss possible consequences to examples of sin 	Scripture Memory Romans 8:28 Character Trait Repentance Hymn Come, Christians, Join to Sing
	B Wrestling with God	Jacob wrestled with God and received the name <i>Israel</i> .		
	C Sin and Consequences	Sin always results in bad consequences, even if we do not see them right away.		
12 Jacob's Return	A Esau Forgives Jacob	Instead of attacking Jacob, Esau welcomed him back home to Canaan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall key events surrounding Jacob's return to Canaan Summarize the story of the unforgiving servant from Matthew 18 Demonstrate how to show forgiveness for everyday offenses 	Scripture Memory Romans 8:31 Character Trait Forgiveness Hymn Fairest Lord Jesus
	B The Unforgiving Servant	In Matthew 18, Jesus told a story about a king who showed mercy to a servant who proved ungrateful.		
	C Forgiving Like God Does	Scripture encourages us to forgive others like God has forgiven us.		

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13 Review	Review Activities	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Order major events from the life of Jacob Recall some of Jacob's important family members Recognize key vocabulary introduced in Unit 3 Discuss ways to glorify God with gifts or talents 	<p>Scripture Memory Review Romans 8:26, 28, 31</p> <p>Character Trait None</p> <p>Hymn Fairest Lord Jesus</p>
14 The Favorite Son	A Jacob's Family	As Jacob settled back in Canaan, he had four wives and twelve sons.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize the names of several of Jacob's wives and sons Summarize the meaning of Joseph's early dreams Explain how envy can lead to conflict between people 	<p>Scripture Memory Psalm 36:5</p> <p>Character Trait Unity</p> <p>Hymn Fairest Lord Jesus</p>
	B Joseph's Dreams	Joseph's dreams angered his brothers.		
	C Envy and Conflict	Envy often leads to conflict, while contentment can give us peace.		
15 Betrayed by His Brothers	A Sold as a Slave	Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall the events surrounding the betrayal of Joseph Recognize important geographical features along the route from Canaan to Egypt Define <i>courage</i> as the choice to do right despite our fears Discuss the relationship between courage and trust in God 	<p>Scripture Memory Psalm 36:6</p> <p>Character Trait Courage</p> <p>Hymn Fairest Lord Jesus</p>
	B From Canaan to Egypt	As a slave, Joseph traveled hundreds of miles from Canaan to Egypt.		
	C Fear and Courage	As we grow in knowledge and faith, we will show more courage.		
16 Serving Potiphar	A Potiphar's House	Joseph succeeded in Potiphar's house because the Lord continued to bless him.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain the reasons for Joseph's successes in Egypt Summarize the events that led to Joseph's imprisonment Recognize that good choices are not always rewarded immediately 	<p>Scripture Memory Review Psalm 36:5–6</p> <p>Character Trait Discipline</p> <p>Hymn Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</p>
	B Falsely Accused	Because of false accusations, Joseph was thrown into prison.		
	C Right No Matter What	We need discipline to do right despite injustice or opposition.		

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17 Waiting in Prison	A Facing Injustice	Joseph responded to his unjust situation by helping others.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize how God continued to bless Joseph in prison Summarize the meaning of the dreams of the baker and cupbearer Discuss ways to show godly patience during hardship 	<p>Scripture Memory Psalm 36:7</p> <p>Character Trait Patience</p> <p>Hymn Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</p>
	B Two Dreams	While in prison, Joseph shared the interpretation of two prophetic dreams.		
	C Patience During Trouble	Hardship requires patience, which can grow as we trust God.		
18 Ruling Egypt	A Pharaoh's Dreams	Pharaoh's two dreams prompted the cupbearer to remember Joseph.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summarize the meaning of Pharaoh's two dreams Recall the events that led to Joseph's appointment as second-in-command of Egypt Recognize that God can help us even when He doesn't remove problems right away 	<p>Scripture Memory Review Psalm 36:5–7</p> <p>Character Trait Dependence</p> <p>Hymn Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</p>
	B A New Challenge	After telling Pharaoh the meaning of the dreams, Joseph became second-in-command of all Egypt.		
	C Depending on God	As we depend on God, He will help us overcome or endure our problems.		
19 Testing His Brothers	A Food in Egypt	Joseph successfully prepared Egypt for the famine predicted by Pharaoh's dreams.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall how Joseph prepared Egypt for the famine Summarize how Joseph first tested his brothers Discuss the effects of sin and guilt, as described in Psalm 32 	<p>Scripture Memory Psalm 36:8</p> <p>Character Trait Trustworthiness</p> <p>Hymn Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</p>
	B The First Test	When Joseph's brothers arrived in Egypt, he decided to test their character.		
	C Guilt Over Sin	Repentance is the only true path out of sin and guilt.		
20 Reuniting His Family	A Back to Egypt	Jacob finally allowed Benjamin to go to Egypt, where Joseph prepared a final test for the brothers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain why Joseph's brothers were scared to return to Egypt Recall how Judah responded to Joseph's test Recognize ways that God can turn bad situations toward good 	<p>Scripture Memory Review Psalm 36:5–8</p> <p>Character Trait Hope</p> <p>Hymn My Jesus, I Love Thee</p>
	B The Final Test	When Judah offered his life in exchange for Benjamin's, Joseph finally revealed himself to his brothers.		
	C God's Protection	Joseph believed that God had sent him to Egypt to save his entire family.		

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21 Seeking God	A Praying to God	Jesus gave His followers a model for prayer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize the general meaning of statements and requests from the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9–11 Summarize the events and message of the Parable of the Persistent Widow and the Parable of the Two Prayers Discuss modern applications of the principles in the Lord's Prayer 	<p>Scripture Memory Psalm 36:9</p> <p>Character Trait Prayer</p> <p>Hymn My Jesus, I Love Thee</p>
	B Parables on Prayer	Jesus' parables about prayer encouraged both persistence and humility.		
	C Our Prayer	Our prayers can reflect the principles of the Lord's Prayer.		
22 Review	Review Activities	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize important figures from Joseph's life Order and connect important events from Joseph's life Associate character qualities with moments in Joseph's life 	<p>Scripture Memory Review Psalm 36:5–9</p> <p>Character Trait None</p> <p>Hymn My Jesus, I Love Thee</p>
23 True Loyalty	A Trouble in a New Land	Naomi spent 10 years living in Moab until her husband and two sons died.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall most of the people in Naomi's immediate family Recognize the general position of Moab relative to Judah Summarize the events surrounding Naomi's journey from Moab to Judah Discuss familial loyalty and support as expressions of godly love 	<p>Scripture Memory Colossians 3:13a</p> <p>Character Trait Loyalty</p> <p>Hymn My Jesus, I Love Thee</p>
	B Ruth and Orpah	Ruth chose to follow Naomi back to Judah.		
	C Supporting Family	God can use each of us to support our families.		
24 Compassion	A Ruth Cares for Naomi	Ruth cared for Naomi by gleaning grain in the fields.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain why Ruth gleaned in Boaz's field Recall how God worked through Boaz to show kindness to Ruth Summarize the events of the Parable of the Good Samaritan 	<p>Scripture Memory Colossians 3:13b</p> <p>Character Trait Compassion</p> <p>Hymn Nearer My God to Thee</p>
	B The Kindness of Boaz	Boaz heard about Ruth's kindness and showed compassion to her.		
	C Showing Compassion	Jesus told the Parable of the Good Samaritan to illustrate selfless love and compassion.		

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25 Ruth's Redeemer	A Ruth's Request	Ruth visited Boaz at a threshing floor, effectively asking him to marry her.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summarize the significance of Ruth's request to Boaz Describe the concept of redemption as used in Scripture Recall key events leading to the marriage of Ruth and Boaz Define <i>Messiah</i> and <i>Christ</i> as someone chosen for a special role, specifically Jesus 	<p>Scripture Memory Colossians 3:14</p> <p>Character Trait Gratitude</p> <p>Hymn Nearer My God to Thee</p>
	B The Marriage of Ruth and Boaz	Boaz served as a redeemer for Ruth and Naomi.		
	C The Future Redeemer	Boaz and Ruth became part of the line of Christ.		
26 Review	Review Activities	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize important figures from the life of Ruth Order events from the perspective of Naomi Recall details from various events in the life of Ruth 	<p>Scripture Memory Review Colossians 3:13–14</p> <p>Character Trait None</p> <p>Hymn Nearer My God to Thee</p>
27 Captive in Babylon	A The Babylonian Exile	During the Babylonian Exile, Daniel and his three friends were taken from Judah to serve in Babylon.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall why Daniel and his friends came to Babylon Summarize how Daniel avoided eating the king's food Discuss New Testament teaching on honoring human authorities 	<p>Scripture Memory Hebrews 12:1a</p> <p>Character Trait Respect</p> <p>Hymn Nearer My God to Thee</p>
	B The King's Food	God blessed Daniel's effort to avoid eating the king's food.		
	C Wisdom and Respect	We can show respect to human authorities while still serving God.		
28 The God of History	A The Forgotten Dream	Nebuchadnezzar threatened to kill his advisors unless they could help him remember and understand a dream.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall the problem created by Nebuchadnezzar's dream and subsequent decree Summarize the general meaning of Nebuchadnezzar's dream about the giant statue Recognize several titles or pictures used in Scripture to describe God 	<p>Scripture Memory Hebrews 12:1b</p> <p>Character Trait Trust</p> <p>Hymn What a Friend We Have in Jesus</p>
	B The Statue of Kingdoms	Through Daniel, God revealed Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the giant statue.		
	C The God of Gods	Nebuchadnezzar learned that God controls all the forces of history.		

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29 The Fiery Furnace	A Nebuchadnezzar's Idol	Nebuchadnezzar built a golden idol of himself and commanded his people to worship it.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summarize the events surrounding the attempted execution of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego Discuss modern expressions of idolatry 	Scripture Memory Review Hebrews 12:1 Character Trait Courage Hymn What a Friend We Have in Jesus
	B A Miraculous Rescue	Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to worship the king's image, and God protected them from execution.		
	C Idols and the True God	Anyone can be tempted to value things more than God.		
30 Humbling a King	A Nebuchadnezzar's Second Dream	In a dream, God revealed that He would humble Nebuchadnezzar.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summarize the imagery and meaning in Nebuchadnezzar's second dream Explain how and why God humbled Nebuchadnezzar Discuss expressions of sinful pride and godly humility 	Scripture Memory Hebrews 12:2a Character Trait Humility Hymn What a Friend We Have in Jesus
	B A Lesson in Humility	Nebuchadnezzar took credit for his kingdom's power, and God humbled him by taking away his senses.		
	C Pride and Humility	God blesses humble people but opposes the proud.		
31 Writing on the Wall	A Belshazzar's Feast	After feasting with vessels stolen from the Temple, Belshazzar saw a message from God on the palace wall.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain why Belshazzar's feast disrespected God Recall key events surrounding the fall of Belshazzar Define <i>maturity</i> broadly as an effort to grow and prepare for the future 	Scripture Memory Hebrews 12:2b Character Trait Maturity Hymn What a Friend We Have in Jesus
	B Belshazzar's Fall	Daniel interpreted God's message and explained that Belshazzar's rule had come to an end.		
	C Ready to Grow	To show maturity, we must be ready and willing to grow.		

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32 Leading by Example	A Another Empire	During a time of shifting power in the Middle East, Daniel served at least four kings and emperors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize the names of key rulers in power around the time of Daniel Summarize the plot against Daniel by the other rulers in Darius' kingdom Discuss a concept of <i>leadership</i> as exemplary service 	Scripture Memory Review Hebrews 12:1–2 Character Trait Leadership Hymn Nothing but the Blood
	B A Wicked Plot	Daniel's enemies could only fault him for obeying God's Law, so they planned a way to punish him for praying.		
	C A Good Example	Jesus called His followers to point others to the Father, no matter the persecution they might face.		
33 A Den of Lions	A God Protects Daniel	God protected Daniel by sending an angel to shut the mouths of the lions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summarize key events around Daniel's night in the lions' den Recall Darius' general response to the miracle in the lions' den Recognize the association between Jesus and the "Son of Man" in Christian doctrine Define <i>devotion</i> broadly as commitment and loyalty 	Scripture Memory Hebrews 12:3 Character Trait Devotion Hymn Nothing but the Blood
	B A New Decree	Darius recognized God's power, and God continued offering visions to Daniel.		
	C Devotion and Protection	As Daniel and his friends devoted themselves to God, He protected them.		
34 Review	Review Activities	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Order key events within the narratives of Daniel 1–6 Recall general facts about major figures in the life Daniel Recognize imagery from some of the visions in Daniel 1–7 	Scripture Memory Review Hebrews 12:1–3 Character Trait None Hymn Nothing but the Blood
35 Final Review	Review Activities	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Match important figures from this study to simple descriptions Recall major events covered in this study Recognize key vocabulary from this study 	Scripture Memory None Character Trait None Hymn Nothing but the Blood