

# Purple 2017

## Unit 1 In The Beginning

**Mega Theme:** God's Way

**Overview:** It's important to establish a good foundation on which to build future lessons. In this unit we will look at who God is and the creation of everything, including humans. Even though we can have everything God's perfect way, we will look at how humans don't always make the best choices.

**Aim:** To give an overview of why God created everything and to raise the children's awareness that we all have choices about following God's plan.

### Lessons

- 1 God (Genesis 1 – 2:4)  
**Highlighted Value - Significance**
- 2 Caring For God's World (Genesis 1:26-30, 2:15. Psalm 8:3-9)  
**Highlighted Value - Responsibility**
- 3 God and People (Genesis 2:15-17, 3)  
**Highlighted Value - Choices**

## Unit 2 The Power of Jesus

**Mega Theme:** Jesus' Life and Lessons

**Overview:** Jesus' words and works prove that he is truly God the son. This unit explores Jesus' identity in terms of his power over the created order.

As we approach Easter we want to encourage the children to understand the power of Jesus' love for us all.

**Aim:** To discover that Jesus' actions show that he is God and has power over everything including death and that we can have hope knowing Jesus is alive.

### Lessons

- 4 Jesus Calms a Storm (Luke 8:22-25)  
**Highlighted Value – Trust**
- 5 Jesus Heals (John 5:1-16)  
**Highlighted Value - Compassion**
- 6 Jesus Gives Life (Luke 7:11-17)  
**Highlighted Value - Hope**
- 7 Jesus' Love (Matthew 27:27-54, 28:1-10)  
**Highlighted Value – Easter:**  
Christian Cultural Heritage

## Unit 3 Leaders to Learn From

**Mega Theme:** God's People

**Overview:** Being a leader is challenging and carries a lot of responsibility. Those who keep their focus on God's plan and obey his instructions will find God will give them wisdom and strength to do their job. This unit looks at great leaders who followed God and experienced success.

It is also a reminder of how important it is to pray for our leaders.

**Aim:** To illustrate the importance of being a leader who puts God first and follows his plan.

### Lessons

- 8 David – An Unlikely Leader (1 Samuel 16:1-13)  
**Highlighted Value - Character**
- 9 David Follows God's Way (1 Samuel 24:1-22; 1 Chronicles 11:1-3)  
**Highlighted Value – Integrity & Respect**
- 10 Solomon – True Wisdom From God (1 Chronicles 29:22b-25; 2 Chronicles 1:1-17)  
**Highlighted Value – Good Choices**
- 11 Solomon – Living Wisely (Proverbs 9:10; 1 Kings 4:29-34; 2 Chronicles 2-4)  
**Highlighted Value - Excellence**

## Unit 4 Jesus Changes Lives

**Mega Theme:** Followers of Jesus

**Overview:** Wherever Jesus went lives were changed. People were challenged by the influence of his love and challenged about the way they lived their lives.

In this unit we will meet people whose lives were changed in such dramatic ways by meeting Jesus.

**Aim:** To illustrate the impact that Jesus had on the lives of people who witnessed his power and love and that he is interested in the real experiences and struggles that people have.

### Lessons

- 12 Jesus Accepts (John 4:3-30, 39-42)  
**Highlighted Value - Acceptance**
- 13 Jesus Includes (Luke 19:1-10)  
**Highlighted Value - Inclusiveness**
- 14 Jesus Lets Us Choose (Luke 10:38-42)  
**Highlighted Value – Good Choices**
- 15 Jesus Gives a Fresh Start (John 21:1-19)  
**Highlighted Value - Forgiveness**



## Purple 2017

### Unit 5 People Using Their Skills

**Mega Theme:** Followers of Jesus

**Overview:** As followers of Jesus, people like Paul, Barnabas, Timothy, Paul's nephew, Apollos, Priscilla and Aquila were all members of the early church and good examples of people who used their skills to help develop and build up the church.

**Aim:** Using modern stories and examples of followers of Jesus to encourage the children that God wants to use their skills to help others too.

### Unit 6 Dare to Live Like Daniel

**Mega Theme:** God's People

**Overview:** What does it mean to live daringly? Daniel and friends were prepared to risk their lives in order to not disobey God. Without compromising what they believed, they experienced God's control of events and showed that victory belongs to those who follow God's way.

**Aim:** To introduce Daniel and friends as models of courage and faith.

### Unit 7 Making a Difference

**Mega Theme:** God's Way

**Overview:** Jesus was always concerned about those who suffered: the poor, the orphans, the widows, the sick etc. His teaching reflected this. Using biblical foundations and contemporary examples this unit looks at ways that we help others as Jesus instructs us to.

**Aim:** To explore how God works in practical ways and to encourage the children to consider responding to a need beyond their own experience.

### Unit 8 Come and See

**Mega Theme:** Jesus' Life and Lessons

**Overview:** Through the events of Christmas, people see God coming to earth. The baby Jesus was 'God with skin on'. Along with the shepherds, Simeon and Anna, and the wise men, we are all invited to come and see the newborn king.

**Aim:** To extend an invitation to the children to come and see what is so exciting about the Christmas story, to come and meet the one who came to save them.

#### Lessons

- 16** Barnabas Encourages Others  
(Acts 4:31-37, 11:20-30)  
**Highlighted Value - Encouragement**
- 17** Timothy Helps Others  
(Acts 16:1-5, 19:21-22)  
**Highlighted Value - Selflessness**
- 18** Priscilla and Aquila Work as a Team  
(Acts 18:1-3, 18-21, 24-28)  
**Highlighted Value - Getting Along**
- 19** Paul's Nephew Shares Information  
(Acts 23:12-24)  
**Highlighted Value - Responsibility**

#### Lessons

- 20** Have Courage and Faith (Daniel 1:1-21)  
**Highlighted Value - Doing Your Best**
- 21** Trust God and Stand Firm (Daniel 3:1-30)  
**Highlighted Value - Confidence**
- 22** Know the Ultimate Power (Daniel 5:1-31)  
**Highlighted Value - Honesty**
- 23** Stick With God No Matter What  
(Daniel 6:1-28)  
**Highlighted Value - Courage**

#### Lessons

- 24** The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)  
**Highlighted Value - Consideration**
- 25** Caring For the Poor  
(Matthew 25:34-40; Proverbs 29:7)  
**Highlighted Value - Care & Compassion**
- 26** Being Generous (2 Corinthians 8:1-5)  
**Highlighted Value - Generosity**
- 27** Being a Quiet Giver (Matthew 6:1-4)  
**Highlighted Value - Consistence**

#### Lessons

- 28** The Shepherds Come and See Jesus  
(Luke 2:8-20)  
**Highlighted Value - Significance**
- 29** Simeon and Anna Come and See Jesus  
(Luke 2:22-40)  
**Highlighted Value - Patience**
- 30** The Wise Men Come and See Jesus  
(Matthew 2:1-12)  
**Highlighted Value - Worship**

