



2025-26 Gopher Buddies Bible Study

The Gopher Buddies curriculum is a Bible study program for early learners ages 4-6. The curriculum has 48 lessons that are divided into several two- and four-lesson modules. In addition, there are four holiday-themed stand-alone lessons.

Foundational Truth Lessons



THE BIBLE – The Bible is about Jesus

A Precious Treasure: Children will discover that the Bible is a valuable treasure because each part teaches us about Jesus.

Jonah Tells about God's Forgiveness: Through the narrative of Jonah, children will see that the whole Bible—even the story of Jonah—helps us understand Who Jesus is.

Saul Learns About Jesus: Children will learn that true faith isn't about following rules but trusting in Jesus, Who can transform their life just like He did Saul's.

Module Review Lesson (Puppets): Using the Gopher Buddies' Puppets, this lesson will reinforce and review that the Bible's metanarrative teaches the Good News about Jesus.



CHRISTIAN GROWTH – God Teaches Me About Love

God's Love for Me: Using John 3:16, Children will know that God loves them so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to pay the penalty for their sin.

My Love for God: Children will review God's love for them and begin to understand that they can show God that they love Him by showing love to other people.

Jesus Wants Me to Love Others: Children will know that God not only wants them to love those people who love them, but He also wants them to love people who are hard to love.

Module Review Lesson (Puppets): Using the Gopher Buddies' Puppets, this lesson will reinforce and review how God loves them and wants them to love others.



GOD – God Cares For Me

God Cares for Elijah: Children will learn that God took care of Elijah's needs and that He also takes care of what we need, so we don't need to worry.

God Cares for Elisha: Children will learn that God cared for Elisha by giving him good friends, and they will be encouraged to thank God for caring for them by giving people who help them.

God Cares for Naaman: Children will learn that God healed Naaman as a free gift, and they will understand that God offers to forgive our sin in the same way.

Module Review Lesson (Puppets): Using the Gopher Buddies' Puppets, this lesson will reinforce and review how God cares for us, as taught in the first three lessons of this module.



SIN – God Sees Our Sin

Moses Sins: Children will learn that Moses disobeyed God. They will begin to understand what sin is and that there is a price to pay for their sin.

Ananias and Sapphira Try to Hide Their Sin: Children will learn how Ananias and Sapphira lied to Peter and tried to hide their sin from God. They will be encouraged to be honest with God about their sin.

Jesus Wants to Take Away My Sin: Children will learn that sin separates them from God. From Acts 3:19 children will learn that God wants them to turn to Him so that He can wipe away their sin.

Module Review Lesson (Puppets): Using the Gopher Buddies' Puppets, this lesson will reinforce and review what sin is and that Jesus made a way for our sin to be forgiven.



JESUS – Friends of Jesus

Jesus' Friend, Lazarus: Children will learn that Jesus loved His friend Lazarus and felt sadness when he died. They will be encouraged to show sympathy like Jesus.

Jesus' Friend, Matthew: Children will learn that, even though most people didn't like Matthew, Jesus chose to be his friend. They will be encouraged to befriend others with Jesus' help.

Jesus' Friend, Mary: Children will learn that Mary showed her love for Jesus by pouring perfume on His head. They will talk about different ways they can show their love to Jesus.

Module Review Lesson (Puppets): Using the Gopher Buddies' Puppets, this lesson will reinforce and review how Jesus' love for His friends should change how we treat others.



THE CHURCH – I Learn About God's Plan For the Church

The Church Learns to Share: Children will learn how people in the early church shared with each other. They will begin to understand that they can show Jesus' love by sharing.

The Church Grows: Children will learn that the Thessalonians imitated and acted like Jesus. They will understand that because the Thessalonians acted like Jesus, other people wanted to know Jesus, and the church grew.

The Church Learns to Serve: Children will learn that the church needs many kinds of helpers. They will be encouraged to use the things God has given them to serve others.

Module Review Lesson (Puppets): This lesson will reinforce and review God's plan for the church as taught in the first three lessons of this module.

Themed Lessons

Parent Night

Jairus Cares for His Daughter: This lesson is designed to inform parents about what happens at Gopher Buddies. The Bible lesson shares how Jairus loved his daughter and trusted Jesus to make her well.

Friend Night

Jesus Wants to Be Our Friend: This lesson is designed to be a night when children invite their friends. Children will know that God's Word says Jesus wants to be their friend. They will begin to understand that Jesus loves them so much that He gave His life for them.



Christmas

The Wise Men Worship Jesus: Children will know that the wise men wanted to find Jesus so they could worship Him. The children will begin to understand what it means to worship Jesus.

Easter

Thomas Believes in Jesus: Children will understand that Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection were real. They will learn that Thomas believed Jesus was alive when he was able to touch the nail prints in Jesus' hands and put his hand in Jesus' side.

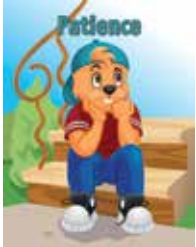
Character Trait Lessons



Love

Love Your Neighbor: Children will know that God commands us to love others. They will begin to understand what loving others as themselves means.

Module Review Lesson (Puppets): Using the Gopher Buddies' Puppets, this lesson will reinforce and review ways children can love others as themselves.



Patience

Joseph is Patient: Children will learn how Joseph was imprisoned. They will learn that Joseph had to be patient and wait in prison to find out what God's plans were for him.

Module Review Lesson (Puppets): Using the Gopher Buddies' Puppets, this lesson will reinforce and review how children can demonstrate patience.



Courage

Courage in the Flames: Children will learn how Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego courageously faced the flames of the fiery furnace rather than compromise their faith.

Module Review Lesson (Puppets): Using the Gopher Buddies' Puppets, this lesson will reinforce and review how children can show courage.



Giving

A Widow Gives to God: The children will know that when the widow gave all she had, she showed her love for God. Children will be asked to consider what they could give to show they love God.

Module Review Lesson (Puppets): Using the Gopher Buddies' Puppets, this lesson will reinforce and review how children can be generous.

Summer Modules

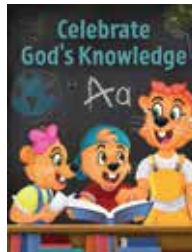
While most churches choose to run a nine-month program using 36 lessons, there are some who prefer to meet throughout the summer months. For those groups, there are an additional twelve summer series lessons provided in each year's Gopher Buddies Bible study. These lessons are grouped into six two-lesson modules. Because attendance in the summer months may be somewhat irregular, each summer lesson is designed to stand on its own.



Celebrate God's Goodness

Naomi's Special Family: Children will learn that even through hard things, God had a good plan for Ruth and Naomi. Children will be asked to identify how they see God's goodness in their life.

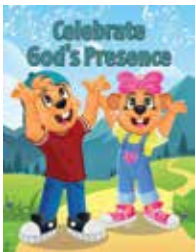
God's Good Plan: Children will learn that God showed His goodness to Naomi and Ruth by providing them with a family and by providing a way for them to be forgiven for their sin. Children will be given an opportunity to respond to the Gospel.



Celebrate God's Knowledge

A Hole in the Roof: The children will learn that some men brought their friend who could not walk to see Jesus. They will begin to understand that they can also help their friends know about Jesus.

Jesus Knows Nathanael: The children will learn that Jesus saw Nathanael when Nathanael was under the fig tree, some distance away from Jesus. Jesus knows about them the same way he knew Nathanael.



Celebrate God's Presence

The Good Shepherd: Children will learn that just as a shepherd watches over the sheep, God watches over them.

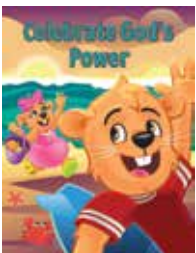
God Knows Me: Children will learn that God is near enough to know everything about them. They will also understand that God made each one of them wonderful and amazing.



Celebrate: God Keeps His Promises

A Baby for Sarah: The children will also learn that even though Sarah and Abraham were old, God kept His promise and gave them a baby boy. The children will begin to understand that they can trust God to keep His promises.

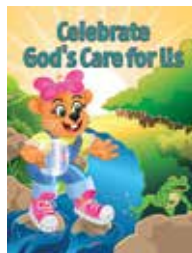
Simeon Sees the Savior: The children will learn that God promised Simeon that he would not die until he had seen Jesus. They will begin to understand that the most wonderful promise God ever kept was sending Jesus to make a way for us to go to Heaven.



Celebrate God's Power

The Sun Stands Still: Children will learn that God used His power to stop the sun in the middle of the day to help Israel win a great battle. They will begin to understand that God will help them just as He helped the Israelites.

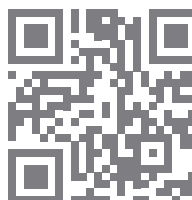
Jars and Jugs: The children will learn that God showed His power by providing flour and oil for the widow and her son. The children will begin to understand that just as God took care of the widow, He will take care of them, too.



Celebrate God's Care for Us

Water from a Rock: The children will begin to understand that just as God took care of the Israelites and gave them water to drink, He will take care of them and give them what they need.

Flowers and Birds: Using Matthew 6, the children will begin to understand that just as God takes care of the birds and flowers, He will take care of them, too.



You can access all these lessons and more at **Multiply.life**.