

# COASTKIDS



## 2024 Starfish Parent Guide and Yearly Outlook

### Theme: Foundations

**Objective of the Year:** The primary goal for this year is to establish a solid Christian discipleship foundation for children by helping them understand the character and nature of God, as well as recognise the significance of His word and prayer in living a Christian life.

**Outlook of the year:** In Term 1, children will explore God's creativity evident in creation, experience His caring and compassionate nature through prayer and continue to discover the depth of His love demonstrated in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. In Term 2, the focus shifts to the significance of God's word and the practicality of following Him by obeying His teachings. In Term 3, children learn about God's heart and His desire for believers to form a community through the establishment of His church. Finally, Term 4 centres on understanding God as our comforter, acknowledging His strength and greatness and culminating in a joyous celebration of His birth.

### By the end of the year, children will:

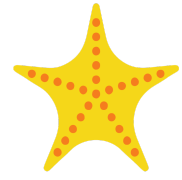
- Gain a deep understanding of the nature of God.
- Recognise that the Bible is God's true story and that they can pray at any time of the day.
- Explore the stories of influential leaders from the bible and recognise how they can influence our lives.

### How can parents help bridge the gap between church and home?

- Ask children a question that matches the lesson and discuss what they learnt after church.
- Re-introduce the story through dramatic and imaginative-based play —> for example: introducing Noah's ark with toy animals and a toy boat.
- Set up your routine. For example, read the bible story at home with your child, organise regular prayer times, have regular praise parties and singing of worship, talk about God and practise working words.
- Connect with church families and friends, have a meal with them and create deep-spirited friendships with fellow Christians.
- Keep in regular contact with Zoe and other CoastKids leaders about your child
- Check your emails for CoastKids updates and regular Church updates.



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## **Lesson Structure:**

Each lesson is structured in the same way to create a safe and secure environment for the children.

The 5 parts to each lesson include:

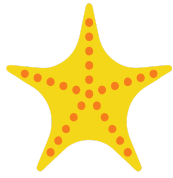
*Free Play:* The children will engage in a range of activities that aid in building friendships between the children and foster connections with the leaders.

*Prop Talk:* The children are introduced to the focus for the week and reintroduced to the core concept.

*Music & Video:* The main learning segment is dedicated to comprehensive teaching. The 10-minute video re-introduces the core concept, animates the bible story, explains and recites the working word as well and plays praise and worship music.

*Storycards:* The teacher re-reads the bible story so they remember the main point.

*Free Play & Clean-up:* Children clean up the toys ready to be picked up.



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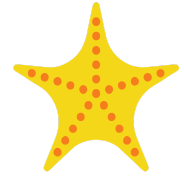
## Term 1

Week	Lesson Title/topic	Description	Parent Questions	Events
Lesson 1 4th Feb	In the Beginning Week 1	God is AMAZING! He made the sun in the sky, animals, and the world—they're all His creations. But do you know what God's most amazing creation is? It's you and me! God made people to be like Him so we can trust and follow Jesus and be His special friends!  <b>Working Word</b> Psalm 139:14 NIRV How you made me is amazing and wonderful....	1. What are some amazing things about you?  2. God made all the animals in the water. What's your favourite animal?  3. Name all the amazing people you know  4. God made all the people. Who is your favourite person?	
Lesson 2 11th Feb	In the Beginning Week 2			
Lesson 3 18th Feb	In the Beginning Week 3			
Lesson 4 25th Feb	In the Beginning Week 4			
Lesson 5 3rd March	A Voice in the Night Week 1	Start your day by praying to God, and talk and listen to Him All day long! Even if you go really far away or visit other places, He's always listening. This unit is about the prophet Samuel and will teach kids that God is always ready to talk with us.  <b>Working Word</b> Psalm 55:17 NLT Morning, noon and night... The Lord hears my voice.	1. What is it called when you talk to God?  2. Will God listen when you pray?  3. What can you talk about with God at night?	
Lesson 6 10th March	A Voice in the Night Week 2			
Lesson 7 17th March	A Voice in the Night Week 3			
Lesson 8 24th March	It is Finished Week 1	Jesus gave us exactly what we needed. He showed love for everyone when He died on the cross for everyone's sins. Three days later, He came back to life! When we choose to follow Jesus, He takes the sin right out of our hearts, so we can love others the way He loves us.	1. Jesus loves everyone! Name some of the people Jesus loves  2. How did Jesus show love?  3. What's good about loving people?	
Lesson 8b 29th March	It is Finished Week 2			Good Friday
Lesson 9	It is Finished			Easter Sunday

31st March	Week 3	<b>Working Word</b> John 13:34 '....Just as I have loved you, you should love each other'	4. Jesus gave us what we needed. Who can you give something to?
Lesson 10 7th April	It is Finished Week 4		
HOLIDAYS- 14th and 21st April			



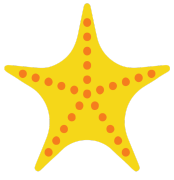
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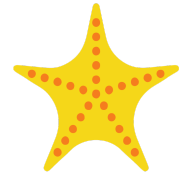
## Term 2

Weeks	Lesson Title	Description	Parent Question	Events
Lesson 1 28th April	God's Good News Week 1	God gave us the Bible so we can learn this truth: God made us to be His friends! The Bible is God's true story. It tells us God made you and me to be His friends! Feed the Bible's truth to your heart so you can learn from it. It will turn the lights on for your heart so you know who God is and what He's done for you!  <b>Working Word</b> 2 Timothy 3:16 NIRV '...it is useful for teaching us what is true...'	1. God wants to be our friend. Who else is your friend?	
Lesson 2 5th May	God's Good News Week 2		2. Talk about all the people who can help you read the bible.	
Lesson 3 12th May	God's Good News Week 3		3. What true things does the Bible say?	Mother's Day
Lesson 4 19th May	God's Good News Week 4		4. We can live with God forever! Who do you live with now?	
Lesson 5 26th May	The King and the Kingdom Week 1	In this unit, kids will learn that Jesus is the best teacher because He teaches us how to live God's way. When we obey Jesus, it's like building a house on a super strong rock. Look in the Bible to find out what Jesus teaches!	1. What are some things that can make your life stronger?	
Lesson 6 2nd June	The King and the Kingdom Week 2		2. The wise man built his house on a rock. Where can you see rocks?	
Lesson 7 9th June	The King and the Kingdom Week 3		<b>Working Word</b> John 13:13 "You call me 'Teacher' and	3. What are some things you can do to obey Jesus?

Lesson 8 16th June	The King and the Kingdom Week 4	'Lord'... That is what I am...'	4. What do you think is good about listening to Jesus and doing what he says?	
Lesson 9 23rd June	The Brave and Beautiful Queen Week 1	In "The Brave and Beautiful Queen," kids learn the story of Esther, the beautiful queen who saves her people. Kids will learn lessons about being brave in this colourful unit.	1. What do brave people do?	
Lesson 10 30th June	The Brave and Beautiful Queen Week 2		2. Queen Esther was strong and brave. What helps you feel strong and brave?	
HOLIDAYS- 7th and 14th July				



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## Term 3

Weeks	Lesson Title	Description	Parent Questions	Events
Lesson 1 21st July	The Brave and Beautiful Queen Week 3	<p>In "The Brave and Beautiful Queen," kids learn the story of Esther, the beautiful queen who saves her people. Kids will learn lessons about being brave in this colourful unit.</p> <p><b>Working Word</b> Joshua 1:9 '...Be strong and brave... I will be with you everywhere you go.'</p>	<p>1. If you feel afraid to try something new, what can you do?</p> <p>2. Queen Esther helped her people. Who do you like to help?</p>	
Lesson 2 28th July	The Brave and Beautiful Queen Week 4			
Lesson 3 4th August	Stones, Slings and Giant Things Week 1	<p>A heart that matches God's heart is ready to do what is good! But how do you know if your heart matches God's heart? Get to know God by through the Bible, singing to God, and praying. In this unit, we'll look at the story of David and Goliath.</p> <p><b>Working Word</b> Titus 3:1 '...Be ready to do what is good.'</p>	<p>1. How did David get ready to do good?</p> <p>2. The Bible helps you to get to know God. Who can read the Bible with you?</p> <p>3. What can you do to get to know God better?</p> <p>4. What are some good choices that match God's heart?</p>	
Lesson 4 11th August	Stones, Slings and Giant Things Week 2			
Lesson 5 18th August	Stones, Slings and Giant Things Week 3			
Lesson 6 25th August	Stones, Slings and Giant things Week 4			
Lesson 7 1st September	Everybody's Welcome Week 1	<p>God's Church isn't just a building where we learn about God. God's Church is God's family! Everybody is welcome in God's family when they trust and follow Jesus. This lesson about Peter and the centurion Cornelius teaches your little ones that God has a special place for them in His Church! We all fit in God's family.</p>	<p>1. Peter prayed to God. What do you like to say to God?</p> <p>2. What is the church?</p> <p>3. God loves everybody. Who are the people you love a lot?</p> <p>4. How many people do you think are in God's</p>	
Lesson 8 8th September	Everybody's Welcome Week 2			
Lesson 9 15th September	Everybody's Welcome Week 3			

Lesson 10 22nd September	Everybody's Welcome Week 4	<b>Working Word</b> 1 Timothy 3:15 '...The family of God is the church...'	family?	
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HOLIDAYS- 29th September & 6th October



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## Term 4

Weeks	Lesson Title/topic	Description	Parent Questions	Events
Lesson 1 13th October	A Roaring Rescue Week 1	God is bigger and stronger than any scary thing. Our big, strong God is always with us. God promises to help you when you're afraid. This story of Daniel in the lion's den will teach kids about trusting in God in the face of any fear!  <b>Working Word</b> Isaiah 41:13 NIV '...the Lord your God... says to you. Do not fear; I will help you.'	1. The lions' den was scary! What do you do when something is scary?  2. God helped Daniel. What do you need help to do?  3. Who can you talk to when you feel scared?  4. Say some things that make you feel afraid. Who is stronger: those scary things or God?	
Lesson 2 20th October	A Roaring Rescue Week 2			
Lesson 3 27th October	A Roaring Rescue Week 3			
Lesson 4 3rd November	A Roaring Rescue Week 4			
Lesson 5 10th November	Through the Roof Week 1	This three-part lesson walks your preschoolers through the story of the sick man lowered through the ceiling by his friends so that Jesus could heal him. 'Through the Roof' teaches about the love and healing power of Jesus and the faith we can have in Him.  <b>Working Word</b> Romans 12:3: 'Share with God's people who are in need.'	1. What are some things you can do to help someone?  2. How does God help you be a good friend?  3. What can you do when you don't feel like sharing?	
Lesson 6 17th November	Through the Roof Week 2			
Lesson 7 24th November	Through the Roof Week 3			
Lesson 8 1st December	Always with us- Week 1	Join Emily, Shine, Mr. Music, and all their Bible Adventure friends for a bright, fun lesson about the very best Christmas gift the world has ever known: Jesus!!	1. What are some fun ways to celebrate Jesus' birthday?  2. Jesus was born in a stable with the animals.	
Lesson 9 15th	Always with us- Week 2			CoastKids Christmas Party



December		<b>Working Word</b> Matthew 1:23 NLT “....they will call him Immanuel which means ‘God is with us.’”	What’s your favourite animal?  3. What is the best present you can give?  4. What good things does God give to you?	
Lesson 10 22nd December	Always with us- week 3			
Lesson 11 25th Dec	Always with us- week 4			Christmas Day