

Overview of the Year 1, Fall Quarter

Session Dates, Titles, Scriptures, and Goals

The complete scope and sequence for Year 1 can be found at www.pcusastore.com/GGGdownloads.

The fall quarter typically begins with the first Sunday in September but occasionally is the last Sunday in August. It ends with Christ the King Sunday, the Sunday before Advent begins.

Since the date of Easter changes every year, the number of Sundays after Epiphany and before Lent and after Easter will fluctuate from year to year. Additional sessions are provided, but check your calendar and plan accordingly. You may not use one or more sessions in one year, and you may use extra sessions in another year.

Year 1, Fall 1

God Makes a Home

Genesis 2:4b–9, 15–23

Goal: To show gratitude to God for the gracious gifts of creation.

Year 1, Fall 2

God Makes a Promise

Genesis 12:1–9; 15:2–6

Goal: To mark the holy places in our lives.

Year 1, Fall 3

God Blesses Ishmael and Isaac

Genesis 16; 21:1–7, 9–13

Goal: To celebrate the grace of God by being kind to people who are outsiders.

Year 1, Fall 4

God Gives Joseph Dreams

Genesis 37:1–11

Goal: To consider the hopes and dreams God gives each of us.

Year 1, Fall 5

God Saves the People

Exodus 12:31–42

Goal: To trust that God works for people who struggle for freedom and justice.

Year 1, Fall 6

God Provides Food and Water

Exodus 16:1–8, 13–15; 17:1–7

Goal: To experience the grace and faithfulness of God.

Year 1, Fall 7

God Proclaims Jubilee

Leviticus 25:1–12, 25–28, 35–42

Goal: To celebrate God's call to all creation for rest, renewal, and restoration.

Year 1, Fall 8

God Chooses Deborah as a Leader

Judges 4:1–10

Goal: To affirm the leadership of women in God's plan.

Year 1, Fall 9

God Sends Elijah to Help

1 Kings 17:8–16

Goal: To recognize God's provision through acts of kindness.

Year 1, Fall 10

God Speaks in Stillness

1 Kings 19:1–18

Goal: To practice attentiveness to God.

Year 1, Fall 11

God Calls Jeremiah

Jeremiah 1:4–10

Goal: To wonder how God might be calling us.

Year 1, Fall 12

God Calls for Justice

Amos 1:1; 5:6–8, 10–15, 21–24

Goal: To explore simple and positive ways to challenge unfairness.

Year 1, Fall 13

God Hears Daniel's Prayers

Daniel 6:6–23

Goal: To know that trust in God is an important element of growing in faith.

Overview of the Year 1, Winter Quarter

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The winter quarter begins with Advent 1 and goes through Transfiguration Sunday, the Sunday before Lent begins.

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Year 1, Winter 1

God's Promise of Peace

Micah 5:2–5

Goal: To commit to be God's peacemakers.

Year 1, Winter 2

Surprised by Grace

Luke 1:5–25, 57–66

Goal: To recognize moments of God's surprising grace and share it with others.

Year 1, Winter 3

God's Gift of Love

Luke 2:1–7

Goal: To recognize God's surprising love in Jesus Christ.

Year 1, Winter 4

Rejoice and Ponder

Luke 2:8–20

Goal: To ponder and rejoice in the good news of Jesus' birth.

Year 1, Winter 5

Simeon and Anna Rejoice

Luke 2:22–40

Goal: To rejoice, like Simeon and Anna did, as we recognize God's promise in Jesus.

Year 1, Winter 6

It's Epiphany! Let's Worship Jesus!

Matthew 2:1–12

Goal: To explore Epiphany as a way to worship Jesus with the wise men.

Year 1, Winter 7

You Are My Beloved

Luke 3:1–22

Goal: To explore baptism as the beginning of our lives of faith.

Year 1, Winter 8

It's Tempting!

Luke 4:1–13

Goal: To learn that we can put our trust in God even when we are tested.

Year 1, Winter 9

Good News!

Luke 4:14–21

Goal: To reflect on the good news of Jesus' ministry and our call as disciples of Christ.

Year 1, Winter 10

Spreading the Good News

Luke 4:16–30

Goal: To discover ways that God's love turns expectations upside down.

Year 1, Winter 11

Follow Me

Luke 5:1–11, 27–28; 8:1–3

Goal: To identify ways God has called us to follow.

Year 1, Winter 12

Blessed Are . . .

Luke 6:17–26

Goal: To practice being a blessing by helping others.

Year 1, Winter 13

God's Way to Live

Luke 6:27–38

Goal: To practice God's way to live: loving, giving, and forgiving.

Year 1, Winter 14

Listen to Him

Luke 9:28–36

Goal: To listen to Jesus and to shine with his light.

Overview of the Year 1, Spring Quarter

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The spring quarter begins with Lent 1 and goes through Pentecost Sunday.

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Year 1, Spring 1

Who Is My Neighbor?

Luke 10:25–37

Goal: To explore what it means to be a good neighbor.

Year 1, Spring 2

Little to Big

Luke 13:18–21

Goal: To explore how the kingdom of God can grow.

Year 1, Spring 3

Party Time!

Luke 14:15–24

Goal: To imagine God's gracious kingdom as a party.

Year 1, Spring 4

Lost and Found

Luke 15:1–10

Goal: To know grace in being found.

Year 1, Spring 5

Welcome Home

Luke 15:1–2, 11–24

Goal: To rejoice that God forgives and welcomes us.

Year 1, Spring 6

The King of Glory Comes

Luke 19:28–40; 23:32–47

Goal: To recognize Jesus' sacrificial love.

Year 1, Spring 7

He Is Risen!

Luke 24:1–12

Goal: To find joy in the surprises of Easter and share that joy with others.

Year 1, Spring 8

Our Eyes Were Opened

Luke 24:13–35

Goal: To recognize the gracious presence of Jesus.

Year 1, Spring 9

Forgiveness

Luke 7:36–50

Goal: To express gratitude for God's love and forgiveness.

Year 1, Spring 10

Martha and Mary

Luke 10:38–42

Goal: To express gratitude for God's love by putting God first in our lives.

Year 1, Spring 11

Return with Thanks

Luke 17:11–19

Goal: To express gratitude for God's grace by praising and thanking God.

Year 1, Spring 12

Welcoming Zacchaeus

Luke 19:1–10

Goal: To express gratitude for God's grace by welcoming others.

Year 1, Spring 13

A New Disciple

Acts 1:12–14, 21–26

Goal: To imagine what it means to be a church leader.

Year 1, Spring 14

The Spirit Unleashed

Acts 2:1–13

Goal: To celebrate the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church.