



LESSON ONE

BIRTHING WATERS— *Creation*

Scripture: Genesis 1:1–2:4

Lesson Focus: Out of the waters of chaos God created everything. God saw the goodness of creation and gave humans responsibility for caring for it. The seventh day, a day of rest, is part of creation, too.



LESSON TWO

LIFE-GIVING WATERS— *Baptism*

Scripture: Matthew 3:13–17

Lesson Focus: The waters of baptism give life. Lesson Two considers the meaning of baptismal waters—for Jesus, the early church, and for our lives today.



LESSON THREE

ABSENCE OF WATER— *Thirst and Longing*

Scripture: Exodus 17:1–7;
Psalm 42:1–2, 63:1; John 19:28

Lesson Focus: We have dry spells in our lives—our bodies and our souls thirst. How do we survive times of little or no water?



LESSON FOUR

DANGEROUS WATERS— *God's Deliverance*

Scripture: Joshua 3;
Psalm 69:1–3

Lesson Focus: The Israelites need to cross the Jordan River; the psalmist is emotionally and spiritually drowning—everyone needs God's help. God does not disappoint.



LESSON FIVE

STORMY WATER— *Faith*

Scripture: Matthew 14:22–33

Lesson Focus: The disciples encountered stormy times in their faith, and so do we. What does it mean to be people of faith? How does our faith sustain us?



LESSON SIX

WATERS OF JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS— *Justice*

Scripture: Amos 5:21–24

Lesson Focus: Because of their shallow worship and sinful living, Amos calls the waters of justice and righteousness to roll down on the Israelites. What places in our world need the cleansing waters of justice and righteousness?



LESSON SEVEN

STREAMS OF MERCY—

Forgiveness

Scripture: Isaiah 35:1–2, 5–7;
Psalm 51:1–12; Matthew 6:12

Lesson Focus: Christians forgive and are forgiven. What can we learn about forgiveness and streams of mercy from the psalmist and from Jesus?



LESSON EIGHT

THE HOSPITALITY OF LIVING WATER—

Compassion

Scripture: John 4:1–30, 39–42;
Acts 2:44–47

Lesson Focus: Jesus is the living water. The Samaritan woman, and people today, need this water. When we welcome living water into our lives, we learn the importance of hospitality and compassion.



LESSON NINE

RIVER OF LIFE— *Hope*

Scripture: Revelation 21–22

Lesson Focus: In Revelation, we get a picture of the end time, with the fullest revelation of God and God's creation. This becomes a cause of great hope. We learn that we live in between the revelation of Jesus Christ and this final revelation and that we are to witness to this as we live out our faith.