

Come to the Waters Scope and Sequence

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.

Do: Explore the creation story, God’s goodness, the role of humans, and the place of rest in creation.

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.

Do: Examine baptism and its meaning.

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?

Do: Explore physical and spiritual thirst in the Bible and in the dry times of our lives.

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.

Do: Consider the ways God saved the Israelites and how God saves us today.

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?

Do: Look at the ways Jesus, Peter, and the disciples react to a storm. How does their faith define them? How does our faith define 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?

Do: Explore Amos' calls for justice and righteousness. Where are justice and righteousness needed today?

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?

Do: Explore the need to forgive and to accept forgiveness.

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.

Do: Look at the conversation between the Samaritan woman and Jesus, then consider living water and why hospitality is important.

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 is a cause of great hope. We learn that we live in between the revelation of Jesus Christ and the final revelation, and that we are to witness to this as we live out our faith.

Do: Explore the end times as described in Revelation and our responsibility as people of faith between now and then.