



Leader Guide

2019-2020—Season 25

In the middle three months of the school year we celebrate the birth of Jesus, our 25th season, and God's creation. We have several sent-in stories this round. Keep them coming! And, please continue to send us your MY SCHOOL ideas. We are visiting as many of you as possible. Tell us what is unique about your grade school, Sunday school, early childhood, etc. Send MY SCHOOL emails to kidsconnection@wels.net.

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It is our continued prayer that *Kids Connection* and the gospel it shares will encourage you and your students to stay connected to each other, to others in WELS, and, most importantly, to Jesus.



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DECEMBER 2019

I'm sure we will all say or hear these verses from Luke 2 this month:

But the angel said do them, "Do not be afraid. For behold, I bring you good news of great joy, which will be for all people. Today in the town of David, a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord." In our first story, we see great joy for Jesus on the faces of preschoolers at Faith Fest.

Next, we were invited to experience relief art at St. John's, Two Rivers. It's amazing! You have to see this.

Finally, Pastor Tony Schultz shares his Schultz family day-after-Thanksgiving traditions and a Christmas message rooted in Philipians 2.

"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told" (Luke 2:20).

JANUARY 2020

This month we celebrate the opportunity to share *Kids Connection* for 25 years! We want to help you "stay connected to Jesus" through song and prayer and by hearing, reading, and studying God's Word. Then, as we learn more about our Triune God, we thank him by living lives of faith where and how he places us.

In our first story we visit Zion Lutheran School in Egg Harbor, Wisconsin, after two teachers connected with us via MY SCHOOL. They're a small school doing the huge job of teaching kids about Jesus and preparing them to serve Jesus by serving others. They also have a carpeted gym—now that's unique!

Next, often viewers send us videos and pictures. This month we get to share a couple with you: a hot shot competition in Bremerton, Washington, and the final art project of students at David's Star, Jackson, Wisconsin. This one might look familiar?! We love seeing what you send in!

Finally, Pastor Tony Schultz is trespassing. Well, not exactly. He shares a passage from Colossians on how God made us alive by forgiving our trespasses.

"The Lord is my strength and my shield. In him my heart trusts, and I am helped. My heart also celebrates. With my song I will give thanks to him" (Psalm 28:7).

FEBRUARY 2020

Have you ever watched someone do something and thought, "I can't do that." Well, maybe you can. In our first story we meet some dads and sons who are learning new skills at a Lutheran Pioneer campout. From fishing to cooking and rockets to archery, there are so many things to experience.

Our second story was sent to us by a group of WELS campers who get together every summer to experience God's creation and to encourage each other. They tell it better than I do—something about charcoal and s'mores!?

Finally, Pastor Tony Schultz has a lesson in bees and grace from 1 Thessalonians 5.

"Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have the habit of doing. Rather, let us encourage each other, and all the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25).

QUESTIONS TO SPARK DISCUSSION

What are some of your family's Christmas traditions?

If you were going to create relief art of something from the Bible, what would you choose?

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What is unique about your classroom or school or church?

What are ways you can stay connected to Jesus?

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What is something you would like to try, but are afraid to?

If you had the chance to cook over a campfire what would you make?