



## Leader Guide

### 2020-2021—Season 26

We made it through the first three months of the school year. In the middle three months of the school year we head inside church, go to Africa, and play games. We also have several MY SCHOOL stories (some sent in by viewers—thank you!) Continue to send us your MY SCHOOL ideas and/or sent-in stories and pictures! Tell us what is unique about your grade school, Sunday school, early childhood education center, etc. Send MY SCHOOL emails to [kidsconnection@wels.net](mailto:kidsconnection@wels.net).

This year Pastor Tony Schultz is answering kids' questions. Do any of your students have questions for him? Take a video on your phone or tablet and sent it to [kidsconnection@wels.net](mailto:kidsconnection@wels.net).

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## DECEMBER 2020

Remember when we talked with Dr. Joel Pless in September about how and why churches are the way they are? This month we go inside and get more answers to more questions!

Next, we have a sent-in MY SCHOOL story from Plymouth, Nebraska where second graders learned how businesses work, put that into practice, and donated their profits to the WELS Apache Mission in Arizona.

Finally, Pastor Tony Schultz shares his latest art project as he answers the question: what do you want for Christmas?

**I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD" (Psalm 122:1).**

### QUESTIONS TO SPARK DISCUSSION

**What "new" things do you notice in your church now?**

**How can you share the story of Jesus' birth this Christmas?**

## JANUARY 2021

In the Bible God tells us about real people with real personalities and real challenges, just like you and me. Remember Jonah, who didn't do what God told him to do? Or, Noah who did do what God told him to do, even though people made fun of him for building a huge ark with no water nearby?

Sometimes God sets things in front of us that we need to do. This month we meet Beth Evans. She's a nurse who recently moved with her husband to Africa to do some challenging work that God set before them.

Our second story is a MY SCHOOL story about . . . trash. We meet some kids and adults who showed their love for Jesus by helping their neighbors and cleaning up litter.

Finally, Pastor Tony Schultz shares his new year's resolutions.

**"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:11-13).**

### QUESTIONS TO SPARK DISCUSSION

**What does God set before you to do? What does he set before your parents or grandparents to do? Is it all easy stuff to do?**

**Can you think of ways you could serve the people who live around your church? What kind of help do they need? And how could helping them give you a chance to talk about Jesus?**

## FEBRUARY 2021

Have you ever received a real "clunker" of a gift? Maybe the opposite of what you hoped for? This month we see how God is the perfect gift-giver. He gives us all gifts like serving, teaching, encouraging, giving, and leading—just the right gifts to serve his kingdom. This month we meet some kids who are learning how to put those gifts into practice.

Next, we have a MY SCHOOL story sent to us from West Bend, Wisconsin where eighth graders take on their teachers in a basketball game. Last year they raised money to help a student battling leukemia.

Finally, Pastor Tony Schultz tackles the question: what is Lent?

**[I]f it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully (Romans 12:7,8).**

### QUESTIONS TO SPARK DISCUSSION

**What are some "clunker" gifts you've received? Can you identify a gift God has given to you (or to the person sitting next to you)?**

**Where have you seen a cross on a wall or around someone's neck?**