

STAY CONNECTED TO JESUS

LEADER GUIDE



2021-2022—SEASON 27

We are one-third of the way through the school year and our season. These middle three months are packed full of great examples of faith. Several are MY SCHOOL stories suggested by you—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.

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DECEMBER 2021

In November we talked about how staying connected to Jesus produces fruit—fruit of faith. This month we get to see some of that fruit in the everyday lives of Christians.

In our first story we visit Dime and Dollar, a shop that sells gently-used items and gives away the joy of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation that's free from Jesus.

Next, we have a MY SCHOOL story from St. Paul's in Lake Mills,

Wisconsin, where students gather to thank their longtime school secretary.

Finally, Pastor Tony Schultz gives us a little more on the fruit of the Spirit.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Galatians 5:22,23).

QUESTIONS TO SPARK DISCUSSION

1. What is your favorite kind of fruit?
2. We listed off the fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5. Can you give examples of each fruit?

JANUARY 2022

It's a new year. Did you try any new food on Christmas or New Year's Eve? Do you have any new pj's or socks from Christmas? New stuff. God tells us his mercy and compassion are new every morning. Wow! That makes us want to "Sing to the LORD a new song"! In our first story we talk about singing and hymns and worship. They are important to our faith and our churches.

Remember when we introduced you to Mary Schmal and Leanne Ross in

2018? They were working on a book series called Children of the Light. All six books are done, and they even have a theme song. Take a listen!

Finally, Pastor Tony Schultz has a lesson on seeds.

"Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things" (Psalm 98:1).

QUESTIONS TO SPARK DISCUSSION

1. What "new" things do you have for 2022? How can you use your "new" things to God's glory?
2. Ask your grandparents for a favorite hymn. What did they say?

FEBRUARY 2022

Do you like bugs? This month students are taking a closer look at what is going on in the grass underneath their feet. They learn how God created everything with a special purpose.

Eighth graders, listen up! You could attend the 2022 WELS International Youth Rally this summer at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, June 28-July 1. Talk to your pastor or church's youth leader.

In March we begin the season of Lent. In this MY SCHOOL story we'll see how, when many churches were not having indoor worship, Christ Lutheran Church in Pewaukee, Wisconsin, took the story of Jesus to the parking lot.

Finally, Pastor Tony Schultz takes us through the importance of Lent.

"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31).

QUESTIONS TO SPARK DISCUSSION

1. What are some bugs you may observe during a walk?
2. From Ash Wednesday to Easter we sing a lot of different hymns. Can you name some and describe how you feel when you are singing them?