

STAY CONNECTED TO JESUS

LEADER GUIDE



2022-2023—SEASON 28

We are one-third of the way through the school year and our season. These middle three months are packed full of fun, faith-filled stories. Several are MY SCHOOL stories suggested or sent in 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 2022

Christmas, Galatians 4: "When the time had FULLY come, God sent his Son." The time was right for Jesus to be born. What about now? The time is right for US to live HERE and NOW in this place, at this time. This past summer, 2200 teens and adults gathered to dig deep into the Bible book of Esther, learning how she served God in a specific time and a special way. What's it like to attend a WELS International Youth Rally? You'll find out.

Next, we head to Intown Lutheran Church in Atlanta where they hosted a Christmas store for the community.

Finally, Pastor Tony Schultz has a Christmas message for us.

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9).

QUESTIONS TO SPARK DISCUSSION

1. What can you do today to serve the people around you: your family, friends, teacher?
2. What is your favorite Christmas hymn and why?

JANUARY 2023

Happy 2023! Do you ever think about how people lived 100 years ago? No cell phones, no internet. What about 2000 years ago? Definitely no electricity and no cars! This month our stories take us back in time to learn lessons for our faith today.

First, preschoolers and seventh graders team up to bake some unleavened bread and learn some solid Bible truths about sin and our Savior Jesus.

Next, two sent-in MY SCHOOL stories take us back in time to meet Elijah, Esther, and David as well as passengers on the Titanic.

Finally, Pastor Tony Schultz has an Epiphany message for us.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

QUESTIONS TO SPARK DISCUSSION

1. Think about all of the foods in the Bible. Which ones would you like to try? (Olives, figs, honey?)
2. How can looking back in history help us learn lessons today?

FEBRUARY 2023

In February we celebrate love on Valentine's Day. This year, Ash Wednesday is February 22 when we celebrate **God's** love that sent Jesus to be our Savior. Knowing God's love is the MOST important love we can know.

This month we head to Grandparents' Day where students and their grandparents not only have fun, but also see what's most important in our lives as God's children.

Next, we join some (we think) pretty special "celebrity" readers at a Read-a-Thon kick-off party. You might recognize them as they read *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* and play games based off the book.

Finally, an Ash Wednesday message from Pastor Tony Schultz.

"Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68).

QUESTIONS TO SPARK DISCUSSION

1. Why is Ash Wednesday an important day? And what season begins after it?
2. What is your favorite book to hear or read?