

# STAY CONNECTED TO JESUS

## LEADER GUIDE



## 2022-2023—SEASON 28

We made it to the last three months of the season and school year, but they are packed! Pastor Tony Schultz highlights our church seasons of Lent and Easter as he continues his messages from Psalms. And we hit PE class, some music lessons, and reading, all with a special *Kids Connection* twist. It has come to our attention that some of your emails to [kidsconnection@wels.net](mailto:kidsconnection@wels.net) were not delivered to us. That is why you did not hear back from us, and we truly apologize! WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! Please 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. If you do not receive a response, please email me directly: [kris.snyder@wels.net](mailto:kris.snyder@wels.net).

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## MARCH 2023

Often we think of praising God as going to church. But we can praise God in our everyday lives, too: at home, outside, in school. This month we consider 1 Corinthians 10:31. Call it PE, phy ed, or gym class, we meet some kids who are learning about praising God by taking care of the bodies he's given us.

Next we check in with a group of young girls who are learning life skills,

making friends, and seeing Jesus in every part of their lives through Lutheran Girl Pioneers.

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

**"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 examples of "whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God"? At the store, at recess, at the dinner table, in the library?
2. How can you help at church: cleaning, making music, folding bulletins, moving chairs?

## APRIL 2023

God created our bodies in amazing ways. We can see, smell, and taste. And we can hear: teachers, friends, sirens, music. This month we explore music in the Bible and music at our fingertips. Think of the instances of singing in the Bible. You can find a song of Moses and Miriam in Exodus 15 after God parted the Red Sea for them. How about Mary's song when the angel Gabriel visited her with some amazing news? We read that Jesus sang with his disciples in the Upper Room the night before he died.

Singing isn't the only music mentioned in the Bible. David played a stringed instrument for King Saul. We catch up with some musicians at Shoreland Lutheran High School and learn quite a bit about stringed instruments.

Finally, Pastor Tony Schultz celebrates Easter with us.

**"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts" (Colossians 3:16).**

### QUESTIONS TO SPARK DISCUSSION

1. What are other examples of singing and/or musical instruments in the Bible?
2. Name some instruments and how you make different notes with them.

## MAY 2023

Do you know an animal who has a job? Think about dogs. Some help people in wheelchairs, while others are the ears or eyes of people who can't hear or see. Police dogs help keep people safe or find them when they are trapped. This month we meet a therapy dog who comforts people when they feel sad or are in stressful situations.

Next, we meet Olivia's pet . . . cow?? Olivia and Fancy spend a lot of time

together and went to the county fair last summer.

Finally, a message from Pastor Tony Schultz on Psalm 23.

**"The LORD is my shepherd. I lack nothing. He causes me to lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake" (Psalm 23:1-3).**

### QUESTIONS TO SPARK DISCUSSION

1. Name some animals and their jobs in Bible times. How about now?
2. What kind of pet would you like and why?