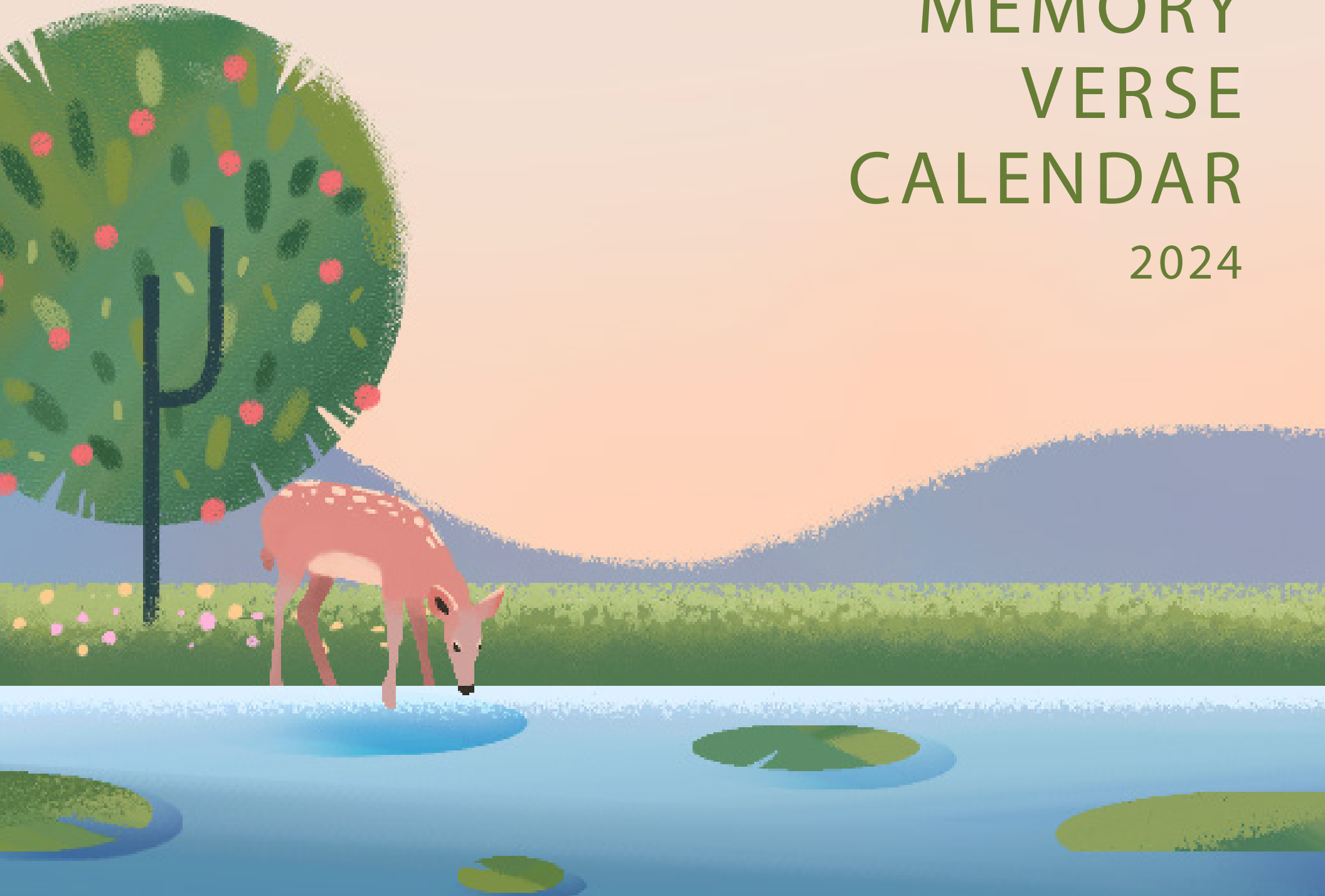


MEMORY VERSE CALENDAR

2024



Psalm 119:11-13

I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes! With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth.

HEY PARENTS!

Welcome to the Citizens Kids Memory Verse Calendar! In both KidCity and LittleCity (starting in our 3-year-old classes), we focus on memorizing one verse each month to help center your family around God's Word, regardless of the ages of your children! In this calendar we have emphasized three things to help your family learn from and about God's Word in the home:

1. MEMORY VERSES

This year our theme is "Prayers from the Psalms." Each verse was intentionally chosen to teach your family one of the five types of prayer: praise, thanksgiving, lament, confession and request. We also have included a prayer from the Psalms that points to Jesus' death on the cross for Easter and His birth for Advent. Our hope is that your children would not only memorize 12 more verses from God's true Word this year, but that in doing so they would also grow more confident in talking to God! God Wants to Talk With Us! He is attentive — He hears and responds to the prayers of His children! We pray these verses and the songs that go with them would produce much fruit in your home and in the hearts of your children.

2. CHURCH CALENDAR

Practiced for over 1,500 years, the Church calendar serves as a way to order our lives around the Christian story. Inspired by the annual feasts and celebrations of God's people throughout the Old Testament, the calendar can be traced all the way back to the early Church, when Christians began establishing rhythms and rituals based on the one story of Scripture. The gatherings, practices and traditions of the seasons help us remember who God is and what He has done in Jesus Christ and help us to live in that story every day as the people of God.

3. LANGUAGE

In LittleCity we teach about who God is and what He has done by highlighting one of five Foundational Truths each week — God Made Everything, God Is in Charge of Everything, God Is Good, Jesus Came to Save Sinners and God Wants to Talk With Us. In KidCity, we focus on teaching the character of God through 21 different attributes. In addition to our definitions for the five types of prayer, we have also provided you with a list of terms and definitions to help you talk about the things of God using the same language that we use on Sunday mornings.

Along with the calendar, we will have a song for each verse that we use in our classrooms. You will be able to find these songs and accompanying coloring pages on our website each month!

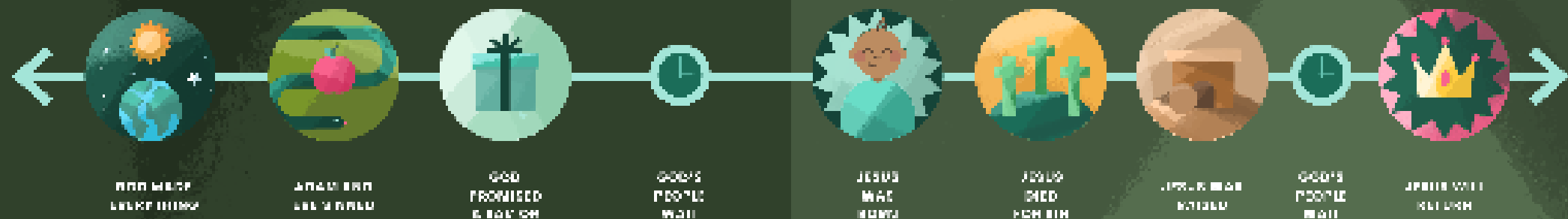
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Old Testament

GOD'S BIG STORY

New Testament



Throughout the Bible, we see an overarching timeline of God's work, sometimes referred to as the metanarrative. During the course of the year, we refer back to this

timeline at various points to help your child gain an understanding of how each narrative fits into God's Big Story. We hope that by providing a copy for you to use at home, you can continue to help your child grow

in their understanding of not only when things happened but also how we are still waiting with hope for Christ's promised return.

GLOSSARY

TERMS FOR TEACHING

ADOPTION – Chosen to become part of a new family.

ANGEL – A mighty warrior and messenger from God.

BAPTISM – To dip someone under some water and bring them back up – like Jesus died and was raised back to life – to show everyone that God has given them a new, healthy heart like Jesus.

BIBLE – God’s true Word. It is from God and about God.

A CHURCH – A group of people who love and trust Jesus.

THE CHURCH – Everyone who loves and trusts Jesus.

COMMUNION – When God’s children eat and drink together to remember His death on the cross, how Jesus’ body was broken like bread and His blood was poured out like wine for sin.

CRUCIFY – To die on a cross.

DISCIPLE – A friend and follower of Jesus.

GOD – God the Father is God. Jesus the Son is God. The Holy Spirit is God. There is only one God who is three different persons. God Made Everything. God Is in Charge of Everything. God Is Good!

GOD’S CHILDREN – Those who love and trust Jesus.

GOSPEL – The good news that Jesus Came to Save Sinners and the whole world from sin.

HEAVEN – The place where God lives.

IDOL – Anything we love and trust more than God.

ISRAELITES – God’s special, chosen people.

MIRACLE – Something amazing and special that shows God’s power.

PROMISED LAND – The place God promised to give to the Israelites that was full of good things.

PROPHET – Someone who hears from God and tells His people what He has said, like a messenger.

SACRIFICE – Giving something special and valuable to God to show Him that He is better.

SAVES – Rescues.

SIN (SICK HEART) – Anything we do or think that is different from what God wants. Sin starts in our hearts and comes out in our actions. Everyone sins. Sin separates us from God, and we die.

TEMPLE – The place where God’s people worshiped God together a long time ago.

TEMPTATION – When our hearts or other people tell us that sinning is better than obeying God.

WORSHIP – How we show that God is most valuable. Only God deserves our worship. We use our voices, minds and bodies to worship God.

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

ALMIGHTY – Nothing is too hard for God.

ATTENTIVE – God hears and responds to the prayers of His children.

CREATOR – God made everything.

COMPASSIONATE – God sees, cares and acts when His children are in need.

DELIVERER – God rescues His children.

FAITHFUL – God always does what He says He will do.

GENEROUS – God gives what is best.

GLORIOUS – God shows His greatness and worth.

GOOD – God is what is best.

HOLY – God is completely perfect and separate from sin.

INCOMPREHENSIBLE – God is bigger than we can understand.

JUST – God is right to punish sin.

LOVING – God does what is best.

MERCIFUL – God does not give His children the punishment they deserve.

PATIENT – God is slow to anger.

PROVIDER – God meets the needs of His children.

REFUGE – God is a place of safety and protection for His children.

SOVEREIGN – God has the right, wisdom and power to do all that He pleases.

UNCHANGING – God never changes.

WISE – God knows what is best.

WORTHY – Only God deserves all glory.

KNOW, LOVE, TRUST AND OBEY

KNOW – Not just knowing about God, but being in relationship with Him.

LOVE – Seeing God as most valuable.

TRUST – Having confidence in God even when our circumstances don't feel good, and even when we wouldn't pick what is happening to us.

OBEY – Knowing, loving and trusting God enough to do what He says.



JANUARY

Psalm 145:3

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

PRAISE

One of the five types of prayer is PRAISE! Praising God means we tell God how great He is! Spend this month focusing on praising God as often as you can! Only God deserves all praise! Prayers of praise can sound like, “God, you are...” or, “God, I praise you for...” And since the Psalms were written to be sung, you can say or sing your prayers of praise!

EPIPHANY

Epiphany means “to show” or “make known” and is a time when we celebrate that Jesus is the Son of God and the Savior God promised to His people. During Epiphany, we also celebrate that Jesus came to live with His people. During the season of Epiphany, we will learn stories about Jesus being with His people and living a perfect life.

JANUARY

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FEBRUARY

Psalm 92:1-2

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.

THANKSGIVING

One of the five types of prayer is THANKSGIVING! Thanksgiving means thanking God for what He does and gives! Spend this month finding all the things you can thank God for! We can thank Him for big things and for small things! Prayers of thanksgiving can sound like, “God, I thank you for...”

LENT

Lent is the time leading up to Jesus’ death on the cross for our sin. It is 40 days long to remind us of when Jesus went into the wilderness and Satan tempted Him to sin. Not once did Jesus sin! He is the only person who has lived a perfect life! This season reminds us that Jesus gave His life on the cross to save sinners.

FEBRUARY

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MARCH

Psalm 86:15

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

HOLY WEEK

During the last week of Lent, we celebrate Holy Week and we reflect on the final days of Jesus’ life. On Palm Sunday, we celebrate Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey. The rest of the week includes the last supper Jesus had with His disciples, His death on the cross for our sin, and His burial in a tomb.

EASTER

Easter is a time we celebrate that Jesus is no longer dead — He is alive! He was buried in a tomb, and on the third day, He rose from the grave! Jesus Came to Save Sinners! This month spend time praising and thanking God that He sent His one and only Son to die on a cross so that sinners could be forgiven! The cross shows us that God is merciful, gracious, loving and faithful to His children! What a sacrifice! What a Savior!

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APRIL

Psalm 77:1-2a

I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, and he will hear me.
In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord.

LAMENT

One of the five types of prayer is LAMENT. Lament is very different from praise and thanksgiving. Lament means we talk to God about what feels hard, hurtful or wrong. We live in a broken world. Sin broke everything! Sin can make us sad, mad and confused! The best news is, God wants us to talk to Him about what hurts our heart and what hurts His! Prayers of lament can sound like, “God, I am sad about...” or, “God, _____ doesn’t make sense!”

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MAY

Psalm 116:1

I love the LORD, because he has heard my
voice and my pleas for mercy.

CONFESSION

One of the five types of prayer is CONFESSION. Confession means telling God the truth about your sin. We can tell God that we have sinned, or we can tell God that someone sinned against us and we need His help to forgive. When we tell God about our sins, He is faithful to forgive! Prayers of confession can sound like, “God, forgive me for...” or, “God, help me forgive...”

PENTECOST

During Pentecost, we celebrate that God has given the Holy Spirit as a gift to those who love and trust Jesus. Jesus went back to heaven, but He did not leave His people alone; He sent a Helper, the Holy Spirit. We celebrate how God’s children, led by the Helper, began to tell others about how Jesus Came to Save Sinners! As more and more people heard about Jesus, the Church grew. The Church is a group of people who love and trust Jesus and spend time learning about, worshiping and telling others about Him. God’s children are all over the world and are all a part of His Church. During Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the Church.

MAY

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Ordinary Time 26	27	28	29	30	31	

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JUNE

Psalm 27:4

One thing I have asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

REQUEST

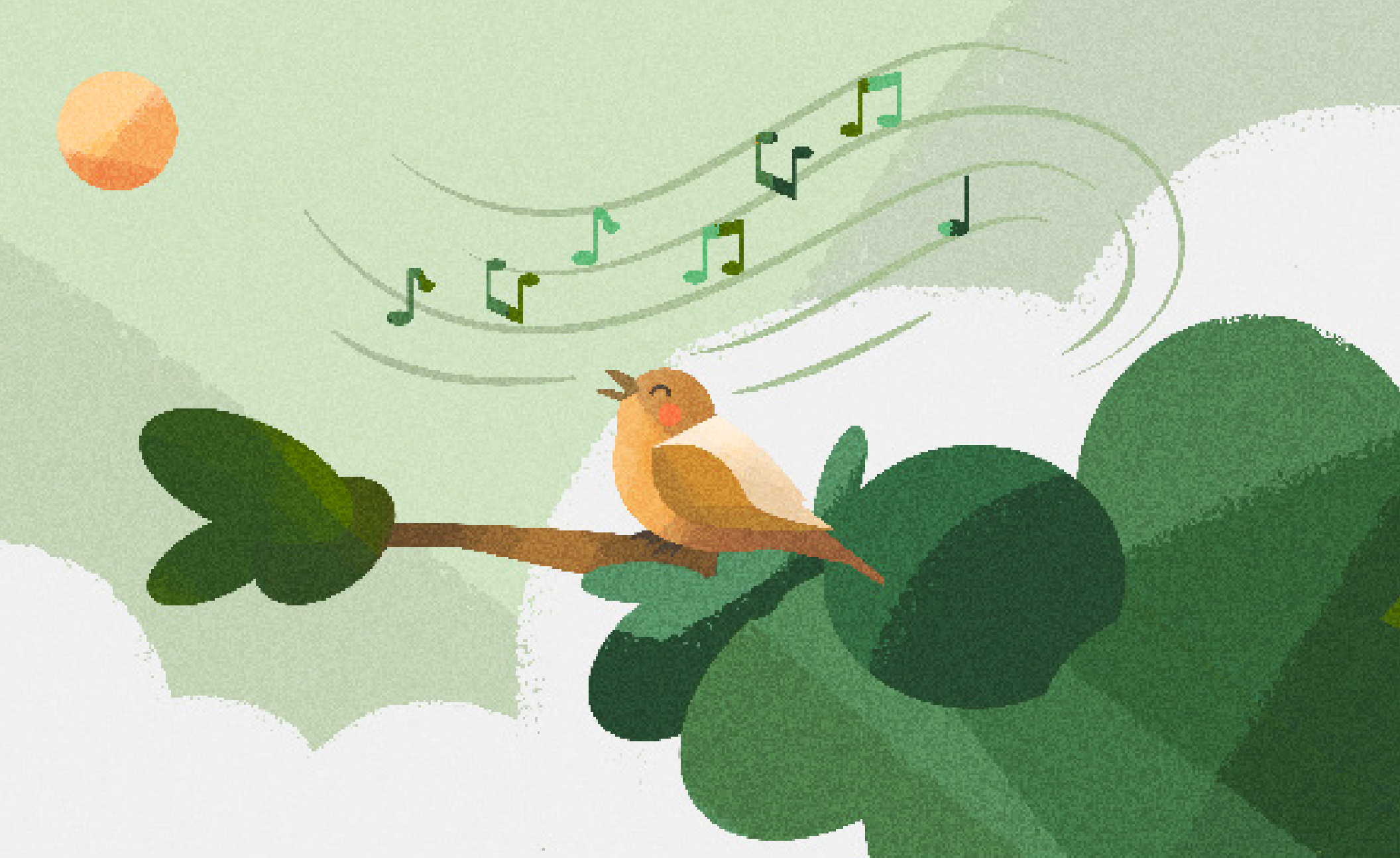
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ORDINARY TIME

During the season of Ordinary Time, we celebrate what Jesus told His disciples to do — go around the whole world telling others about Him! We celebrate what the Holy Spirit, the Helper, is doing in the Church to make disciples. We call this “Ordinary Time” because we tell others about Jesus in the places that we are — in our homes, neighborhoods and schools — until the whole world knows Him!

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JULY

Psalm 34:1

I will bless the LORD at all times; his
praise shall continually be in my mouth.

PRAISE

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AUGUST

Psalm 9:1

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I
will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

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SEPTEMBER

Psalm 9:10

And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

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OCTOBER

Psalm 51:10

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

CONFESSION

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NOVEMBER

Psalm 119:10-11

With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

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DECEMBER

Psalm 130:5-6

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

ADVENT

Advent means “coming” or “arrival.” God’s people waited and waited and waited for the Savior to come — and one day, He did! Jesus was born as a little baby in a manger! When we celebrate Advent, we remind ourselves that all people have hearts that are sick with sin. Nobody can make their own heart healthy. But Jesus Came to Save Sinners! And now we wait for Him to return and make all things new. He came once before, and He will be faithful to come again! Spend time requesting (or asking) God to come again and make all things new!

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