

STARFISH

2026 Parent Guide

God's Big Story, My Identity

Welcome to your CoastKids guide-your behind-the-scenes look at the faith-filled journey your child will take this year. First you will discover our heart and objective for the year, followed by an overview of how each kids service is designed to support consistent, meaningful learning. We'll walk through each term's big themes, Bible stories, and guiding questions as children journey through God's big story. Along the way, you'll find clear explanations of what your child is learning, and simple conversation starters to help you continue faith discussions at home and grow together as a family.

Objective of the Year: To help children understand God's big story - from creation to Jesus - and discover their true identity in Him: that they are made by God, loved by Him, rescued by Jesus, and able to trust Him, belong to His family, live His way, and have hope in every season.

Outlook of the year: In Term 1, children learn that God made them, they can trust Him, and they celebrate Easter as they discover why Jesus came. In Term 2, children learn that Jesus rescues them and they can have faith and hope. In Term 3, children learn that Jesus is the truth who shows them who they truly are. In Term 4, children learn that they can live like Jesus, love others, belong to God's family, and celebrate Christmas as they remember that Jesus is our greatest hope.

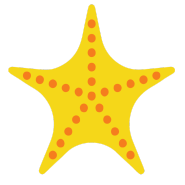
By the end of the year, children will learn to:

- Name some things that God made
- Recognise some good choices and practise them during free play
- Participate in activities that show loving others
- Start to recall simple ideas such as 'Jesus loves me' 'Jesus died for me'
- Join in singing songs about Jesus
- Begin to pray simple prayers 'Thank you God' 'help me God'
- Start to follow simple instructions to show obedience and listening
- Start to Identify ways they can be kind, honest and loving like Jesus



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Connections between Church and Home:

- Children who choose to make Jesus their saviour and Lord over their life will receive 'A Book of Hope' which leads them through Key Biblical stories that they can explore at their own pace
- Parents will be equipped to foster meaningful discussions about all topics at home using the provided questions and accessing the Parent Guides.

Lesson Structure:

Each lesson is structured in the same way to create a safe and secure environment for the children.

The 5 parts to each lesson includes:

Free Play: The children will engage in a range of activities - including a themed craft that aid in building friendships between the children and foster connections with the leaders.

Praise & Worship: All children gather together for an age-appropriate time of praise and worship.

Prop Talk: The children are introduced to the focus for the week and reintroduced to the core concept of the series (different prop talks for each week)

Storycards: The teacher re-reads the bible story so they remember the main point.

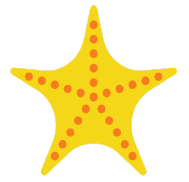
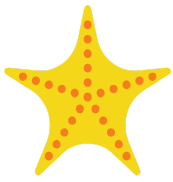
Video: The main segment of the learning is dedicated to comprehensive teaching. The 10-minute video re-introduces the core concept, animates the bible story, explains and recites the working word as well (same video played 4-5 times over the series).

Clean-up: Children clean up the toys ready to be picked up.



Term 1

Weeks	Lesson Title/topic	Description	Parent Discussion Questions	Events
Week 1 1st February	In The Beginning God Creates - Lesson 1	What did God make? God made everything good! That includes things we can see and things we can't see. People are God's most special creation of all, and He created us to do good things, too!	Questions you can ask your kids over the series: 1. What did God make? 2. Did God make people? 3. Are people special to God? 4. Can we do good things for God?	
Week 2 8th February	In The Beginning God Creates - Lesson 2			
Week 3 15th February	In The Beginning God Creates - Lesson 3			
Week 4 22nd February	In The Beginning God Creates - Lesson 4			
Week 5 1st March	The Beloved Son - Lesson 1	What is special about me? I can ask Jesus! I am who Jesus says I am.	Questions you can ask your kids over the series: 1. Who does Jesus say you are? 2. Who is the son of God? 3. What is something you are good at?	
Week 6 8th March	The Beloved Son - Lesson 2			
Week 7 15th March	The Beloved Son - Lesson 3			
Week 8 22nd March	The Beloved Son - Lesson 4			
Lesson 9 29th March	A Happy Sunday: Jesus is King - Lesson 1	People sin and make lots of wrong choices. That hurts our friendship with God. Jesus never made any wrong choices, but He chose to die on the cross to take away our sin and wrong choices. Jesus came back to life after He died. Now we can be close friends with God when we choose to follow Jesus as our King!	Questions you can ask your kids over the series: 1. What is sin? 2. Have you made a wrong choice? 3. What does a good choice look like? Sound like? 4. Why did Jesus die?	Palm Sunday
Lesson 10 3rd April	A Happy Sunday: Jesus is King - Lesson 2			Good Friday
Lesson 11 5th April	A Happy Sunday: Jesus is King - Lesson 3			Easter Sunday/ WK 1 SH
Lesson 12 12th April	A Happy Sunday: Jesus is King - Lesson 4			WK 2 SH
Lesson 13 19th April	God's Amazing Promise - Lesson 1		Questions you can ask your kids over the series	



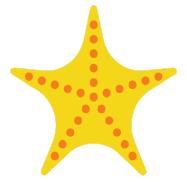
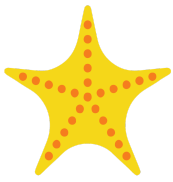
Term 2

Weeks	Lesson Title	Description	Parent Discussion Questions	Events
Week 1 26th April	God's Amazing Promise - Lesson 2	Faith is choosing to trust in God, believe what He says, and live His way. Our faith seed grows when we remember the great things God has done before and wait patiently to see His promises come true.	1. Can you trust God? 2. Does God always do what He says he will do? 3. What is something good you can do today?	
Week 2 3rd May	God's Amazing Promise - Lesson 3			
Week 3 10th May	God's Amazing Promise - Lesson 4			Mothers Day
Week 4 17th May	Forever Promise - Lesson 1	When things go wrong, we have hope because we always have something good to look forward to. God promises to help the people who love Him. And He is working all things together for our good.	Questions you can ask your kids over the series 1. When we feel sad, does God still love us? 2. How does God take care of us? 3. Will God keep his promises? 4. Should we keep promises? Why/Why not?	
Week 5 24th May	Forever Promise - Lesson 2			Pentecost Sunday
Week 6 31st May	Forever Promise - Week 3			
Week 7 7th June	Forever Promise - Week 4			Long WKND
Week 8 14th June	Coming Home - Lesson 1	You can always trust Jesus when you're looking for the truth because He is the truth!	Questions you can ask your kids over the series 1. Who can we trust? 2. Does Jesus love us when we come to him? 3. Is Jesus happy when we come to Him?	
Week 9 21st June	Coming Home - Lesson 2			
Week 10 28th June	Coming Home - Lesson 3			
Week 11 5th July	Coming Home - Lesson 4			
Week 12 12th July	The Walls Go Up – Lesson 1	When you see something sad, you can make a difference! Show you care and build people up. Help your friends and ask them for help, too! We're living like Jesus when we make a difference, together!	Questions you can ask your kids over the series 1. How can you help your friend who is sad?	
Lesson 13 19th July	The Walls Go Up - Lesson 2			



Term 3

Weeks	Lesson Title	Description	Parent Discussion Questions	Events
Lesson 1 26th July	The Walls Go Up - Lesson 3	When you see something sad, you can make a difference! Show you care and build people up. Help your friends and ask them for help, too! We're living like Jesus when we make a difference, together!	2. Who can you ask for help? 3. How can we show love?	
Lesson 2 2nd August	The Walls Go Up - Lesson 4			
Lesson 3 9th August	No Silver, No Gold - Lesson 1	God made us to honor Him, and we honor God when we live like Jesus! Jesus helps us live like Him and follow His example, so we can set a good example for others!	1. How can we honour God? 2. How can we be kind like Jesus? 3. Who helps us do the right thing?	
Lesson 4 16th August	No Silver, No Gold - Lesson 2			
Lesson 5 23rd August	No Silver, No Gold - Lesson 3			
Lesson 6 30th August	No Silver, No Gold - Lesson 4			
Lesson 7 6th September	From Enemy to Friend - Lesson 1	When we choose to follow Jesus, He gives us a special gift - peace! If we start feeling like we want to fight, we can ask Jesus to help us remember His peace. We can stick together with Jesus' peace when we work together, take turns, share, listen, love, and learn.	1. What can we do when we feel angry? 2. Who helps our hearts be kind and loving? 3. How can we show peace? 4. How can I be a nice friend?	Father's Day
Lesson 8 13th September	From Enemy to Friend - Lesson 2			
Lesson 9 20th September	From Enemy to Friend - Lesson 3			
Lesson 10 27th September	From Enemy to Friend - Lesson 4			
Lesson 11 4th October	Waters Part and Walls Fall - Lesson 1	No matter what time it is or how long it takes, Jesus helps His followers see what's good and do what's good. When you get tired, hungry, or need help, ask a trusted adult and ask Jesus to help you keep doing what's good!	1. Who is a grown up you can ask for help? 2. Can we ask Jesus for help anytime - day or night?	LONG WKND/ SH WK 1
Lesson 12 11th October	Waters Part and Walls Fall - Lesson 2			SH WK 2



Term Outlooks

Term 4

Weeks	Lesson Title/topic	Description	Parent Discussion Questions	Events
Lesson 1 18th October	Waters Part and Walls Fall - Lesson 3	No matter what time it is or how long it takes, Jesus helps His followers see what's good and do what's good. When you get tired, hungry, or need help, ask a trusted adult and ask Jesus to help you keep doing what's good!	3. Who can help us do good things? 4. What can we do when we feel tired or hungry?	
Lesson 2 25th October	Waters Part and Walls Fall - Lesson 4			
Lesson 3 1st November	Wherever You Go - Lesson 1	Every family is special, just the way it is. God wants the people in a family to be kind, to love and take care of each other. You have another family, too! Everyone who trusts and follows Jesus is a part of God's great big family!	1. Who is in our family? 2. Who helps our family love each other? 3. Are we ever alone or is Jesus with us? 4. What is something you would like to do as a family	
Lesson 4 8th November	Wherever You Go - Lesson 2			
Lesson 5 15th November	Wherever You Go - Lesson 3			
Lesson 6 22nd November	Wherever You Go - Lesson 4			
Lesson 7 29th November	The First Christmas Gift: Hope in Jesus - Lesson 1	When Christmas comes around, we might wish for a lot of things. Sometimes we get those things, and sometimes we don't. But no matter what, we have the best hope - Jesus! He's always there for us and never lets us down.	1. Who is the best gift God gave us? 2. Who can we talk to when we feel unsure? 3. Who was born at Christmas time? 4. Where was Jesus born?	
Lesson 8 6th December	The First Christmas Gift: Hope in Jesus - Lesson 2			
Lesson 9 13th December	The First Christmas Gift: Hope in Jesus - Lesson 3			
Lesson 10 20th December	The First Christmas Gift: Hope in Jesus - Lesson 4			CK Christmas party
Lesson 11 25th December	COMBINED PROGRAM			Christmas Day
No service - 27th December				

