

VCELS Curriculum 2009-2010

	BIBLE FOCUS	WEEKLY THEMES	CULTURAL CELEBRATION	AUTHOR OF THE MONTH	WOVEN WORD (Preschool Only)
SEPTEMBER	God is Great	Week 1 - Apples Week 2 - All About Me Week 3 - Families Week 4 - Friends Week 5 - Homes	Vietnam - Mid-Autumn Festival	Tomie dePaola	*****
OCTOBER	God is Love	Week 1 - Leaves Week 2 - Pumpkins Week 3 - Grocery Store Week 4 - Halloween	Ireland - All Hallowed Eve	Bill Martin Jr	<i>The Friendship Alphabet</i>
NOVEMBER	God is Good	Week 1 - Space Week 2 - Hats Week 3 - Thanksgiving Week 4 - We are Grateful	Scotland - St Andrew's Day	Mem Fox	<i>Gloria's First Day & The Long Wait</i>
DECEMBER	God Sends His Son Jesus	Week 1 - Trains Week 2 - Gingerbread Week 3 - Christmas Week 4 - Special Programming	Sweden - St Lucia Day	Lois Ehlert	<i>Rhymitis</i>
JANUARY	God's Son Jesus Grows Up	Week 1 - Snow Week 2 - Mittens Week 3 - Community Helpers Week 4 - Dinosaurs	India - Republic Day	Audrey Wood	<i>Swimmy & Dear Juno</i>
FEBRUARY	God's Son Jesus	Week 1 - Catholic Schools Week Week 2 - Valentine's Day Week 3 - Post Office Week 4 - Whales & Oregon Coast	Japan - Sapporo Snow Festival	Ezra Jack Keats	<i>Corduroy & Stلالuna</i>
MARCH	We Can Know Jesus is our Friend	Week 1 - Spring Week 2 - Rainbows Week 3 - St Patrick's Day Week 4 - Special Programming Week 5 - Nature's Music	Germany - Holy Week	Dr. Seuss	<i>A House for Hermit Crab & Where the Wild Things Are</i>
APRIL	We Can Know Jesus is Close to Us	Week 1 - Easter Week 2 - Week of the Young Child Week 3 - Seeds & Rain Week 4 - Transportation	Italy - The Day Rome was Founded	Eric Carle	<i>Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel & Wemberly Worried</i>
MAY	We Can Be Jesus' Helpers	Week 1 - Teddy Bears Week 2 - Butterflies & Bugs Week 3 - African Animals Week 4 - Flowers	Mexico - Cinco de Mayo	Leo Lionni	<i>Alexander and the Wind-up Mouse & Frederick</i>
JUNE	We Can Learn to Help	Week 1 - Summer Nights & Camping Week 2 - Farm	China - Dragon Boat Festival	Laura Numeroff	*****

Each classroom incorporates blocks, dramatic play, toys and games, art, books, discovery, sand and water, music and movement, and outdoors into their curriculum.

During Christmas break, spring break, and the summer months we have special programming including weekly themes and activities.