GOALS

LIFE CONCEPT: GOD HELPS PEOPLE BY HIS WORD

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FAITH STATEMENT 1. GOD REVEALS HIMSELF TO PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

To help students hear, explore, and reflect on this faith statement, teachers will provide opportunities for students to:

1a explore Bible stories in which God reveals himself as a loving God	1a investigate Bible stories of ways God revealed himself to people	1a investigate what Christians believe God reveals about himself through the written (Bible) and living word (Jesus)	1a explore what Christians believe about God's self-revelation
1b investigate the importance of the Bible to Christians	1b explore the Christian belief that through the Bible God communicates with people	1b investigate the key messages of the Bible: God's warnings and promises (law and gospel)	1b examine the Christian understanding that God speaks to people through the law and the gospel
	1c explore ways Christians respond to the Bible	1c investigate the impact of the Bible in the lives of people	1c investigate the Christian understanding of the authority of the Bible

FAITH STATEMENT 2: THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD, WRITTEN BY PEOPLE WHOM GOD INSPIRED

To help students hear, explore, and reflect on this faith statement, teachers will provide opportunities for students to:

2a investigate the structure of the Bible as a collection of stories	2a investigate the people whom Christians believe God inspired to write the Bible	2a investigate the Christian belief that the Bible is God's word inspired by the Holy Spirit	2a investigate questions in relation to the origin, reliability and authenticity of the Bible
2b investigate different types of writing in the Bible	2b identify and explore different genres in the Bible, eg. history, psalms, parables	2b explore the historical development of the Bible into its present form	2b explore the contribution of the Bible's authors, context, purpose, form to understanding the words of the Bible
2c investigate the cultural context of the Bible	2c explore the structure and features of the Bible, eg books of the Bible, Old Testament, New Testament, chapter, verse, index	2c develop strategies for working with the Bible, eg using cross references and concordances.	2c explore the basic principles Christians use to interpret the Bible

FAITH STATEMENT 3: THE BIBLE TELLS THE STORY OF GOD'S PLAN FOR THE SALVATION OF ALL PEOPLE THROUGH JESUS

To help students hear, explore, and reflect on this faith statement, teachers will provide opportunities for students to:

3a investigate stories of God's chosen people in the Old Testament	3a explore Old Testament stories which tell of God's promises to his people	3a investigate the important people and events in the salvation plan in the Old Testament	3a explore the theme of salvation from the Old through to the New Testament
3b investigate New Testament stories about Jesus as Saviour	3b explore the Christian belief that Jesus fulfilled God's promises	3b explore the New Testament teaching that Jesus completed God's plan of salvation	3b investigate the Christian belief regarding the purpose of the Bible

Items in the LIFE Menus which follow are grouped according to Faith Statements and coded to Band-specific Goals, eg (2a) indicates an item related to Band-specific Goal a, under Faith Statement 2.