### GOD HELPS PEOPLE BY HIS WORD

#### 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

1b investigate the importance of the Bible to Christians

1c explore ways Christians respond to the Bible

1a investigate Bible stories of ways God revealed himself to people

1b explore the Christian belief that through the Bible God communicates with people

1c investigate the impact of the Bible in the lives of people

1a investigate what Christians believe God reveals about himself through the written (Bible) and living word (Jesus)

1b investigate the key messages of the Bible: God’s warnings and promises (law and gospel)

1c investigate the Christian understanding that God speaks to people through the law and the gospel

#### 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

2b investigate different types of writing in the Bible

2c investigate the cultural context of the Bible

2a investigate the people whom Christians believe God inspired to write the Bible

2b identify and explore different genres in the Bible, eg history, psalms, parables

2c explore the structure and features of the Bible, eg books of the Bible, Old Testament, New Testament, chapter, verse, index

2a investigate the Christian belief that the Bible is God’s word inspired by the Holy Spirit

2b explore the historical development of the Bible into its present form

2c develop strategies for working with the Bible, eg using cross-references and concordances.

2a investigate questions in relation to the origin, reliability and authenticity of the Bible

2b explore the importance of knowing the authors, context, form and purpose of books of the Bible

2c explore the basic principles Christians use to interpret the Bible

1a explore what Christians believe about God’s self-revelation

1b examine the Christian understanding that God speaks to people through the law and the gospel

1c investigate the Christian understanding of the authority of 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:

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<td>investigate stories of God’s chosen people in the Old Testament</td>
<td>explore Old Testament stories which tell of God’s promises to his people</td>
<td>investigate the important people and events in the salvation plan in the Old Testament</td>
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<td>investigate New Testament stories about Jesus as Saviour</td>
<td>explore the Christian belief that Jesus fulfilled God’s promises</td>
<td>explore the New Testament teaching that Jesus completed God’s plan of salvation</td>
<td>investigate the Christian belief regarding the purpose of the Bible</td>
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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.