### GOALS

**LIFE CONCEPT: GOD SAVES PEOPLE FROM SIN AND EVIL**

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* **FAITH STATEMENT 1: SIN AND EVIL RUIN GOD’S CREATION**

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

1a hear the biblical account of Adam and Eve turning away from God

1a explore how sin entered God’s creation

1a explore the concept of original sin and what it means for all people

1a explore how the biblical account of the fall explains the existence of evil in the world today

1b explore the concept of sin

1b investigate ways sin breaks relationships

1b explore the impact of sin on people’s relationship with God

1b explore Christian beliefs concerning human nature and compare them with non-Christian beliefs

1c investigate the way sin and its consequences affect feelings

1c explore evidence and effects of sin and evil in the world

1c investigate biblical teaching about the ongoing struggle against sin and evil

1c explore ways in which human beings attempt to overcome evil and its consequences

* **FAITH STATEMENT 2: GOD RESCUES PEOPLE FROM SIN AND ITS CONSEQUENCES**

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

2a explore Bible stories of rescue

2a explore God’s promises of rescue to his people

2a investigate the recurring theme of God’s rescue of his people in the Old Testament

2a investigate Israel’s exile and return as an example of God’s gracious rescue

2b consider the Bible’s teaching that God sent Jesus to make people friends with God

2b investigate how Jesus fulfilled God’s promise to rescue people

2b explore biblical descriptions of God’s unconditional love and forgiveness for all people

2b explore the Christian understanding that Jesus is the divine response to the problem of sin and evil

2c explore the impact of God’s saving action for all people

2c explore people’s relationship with God in the light of Jesus’ rescue

2c explore the Christian concept of reconciliation between God and human beings
**FAITH STATEMENT 3: GOD OFFERS ETERNAL LIFE TO ALL PEOPLE**

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<td>consider that God gives his friends the gift of heaven</td>
<td>investigate biblical teachings about eternal life</td>
<td>investigate Christian beliefs about death and eternal life</td>
<td>compare Christian beliefs on death and life beyond death with what other religions teach</td>
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<td>consider that Jesus’ friends look forward to being in heaven with him</td>
<td>explore Jesus’ promise to be with people always</td>
<td>explore how the certainty and reality of eternal life affects the lives of Christians</td>
<td>explore the Christian concept of renewal and freedom</td>
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<td>explore biblical examples of trusting Jesus’ promises</td>
<td>investigate the Christian teaching that faith in Jesus is crucial for salvation</td>
<td>contrast with other teachings about salvation the Lutheran understanding that there is nothing that humans can do to rescue themselves</td>
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* In this concept, FAITH STATEMENT 2 is the overarching Faith Statement.

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.