

BIG PICTURE OVERVIEW

3 Basic Truths + 150 Bible Stories + 30 Life Apps = 252 Basics

3 Basic Truths

"Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men" (Luke 2:52, NIV). We want every kid to know and understand these three basic, but powerful, truths modeled by Jesus: **I need to make the wise choice** (wisdom); **I can trust God no matter what** (faith); and **I should treat others the way I want to be treated** (friendship). All 252 Basics lessons focus on at least one of the three basic concept areas from this verse to help kids grow in wisdom, faith and friendship.

150 Bible Stories

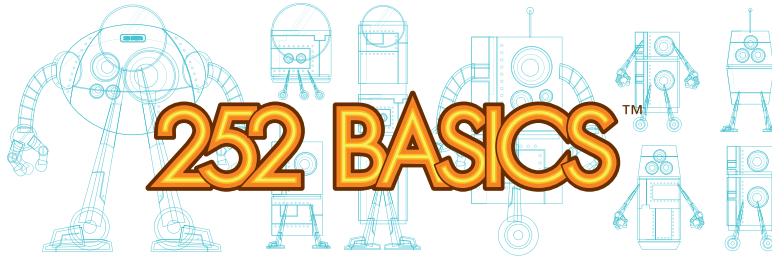
"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 16-17, NIV). All Scripture is equally inspired, but not equally applicable. (For example, you probably wouldn't tell first graders about David and Bathsheba!) Each lesson in 252 Basics revolves around one of about 150 Bible stories in a three-year span—what we consider the most relevant Bible stories for kindergarten through fifth grade.

30 Life Apps

"His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness ... For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:3,8, NIV). A life app is simply a practical application of truth that helps kids win at every phase in their everyday lives. Kids need to know how it matters before it will matter. That's why we connect insights and principles to a kid's real world. They need to know what it looks like when someone reflects God's image and follows Jesus. 252 Basics content is organized into a different biblical life application each month, a quality of God's nature that He instills in His followers.

About God's plan for our salvation

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16, NIV). A simple explanation of the salvation message, based on John 3:16, is included in 252 Basics about every other month. It is presented in a clear, non-threatening way that fits naturally with the lesson.



FAITH SKILLS

Growing in faith takes time and effort. We have highlighted four faith skills to help kids grow in their relationship with God, and reflect how kids and families talk about faith.

HEAR

**LISTEN TO
GOD'S WORDS**

When we read the Bible, and listen to what God has to tell us through His Word, we learn we can trust God no matter what.

PRAY

**DIALOGUE
WITH GOD**

Through prayer we connect with God. We show gratitude, say we're sorry, and express our feelings to God.

TALK

**ARTICULATE
YOUR FAITH**

When we talk about our faith, we learn more about God and can tell others about Jesus.

LIVE

**WORSHIP WITH
YOUR LIFE**

Worshipping God is more than just singing songs. Worship is about living life in a way that honors God.

* Faith Skills are part of 252 Basics Curriculum, Get Reel 2.0 DVD product, and the Know God devotional journal.