

## Day 1

# “Seeing God in Creation”

Romans 1:20

**Bottom Line:** Focus on what you can see.

**Basic Truth:** I can trust God no matter what.

**Faith-Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see**

“Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And he is the one who completes the journey of faith.” *Hebrews 12:2a*

### Take A Closer Look

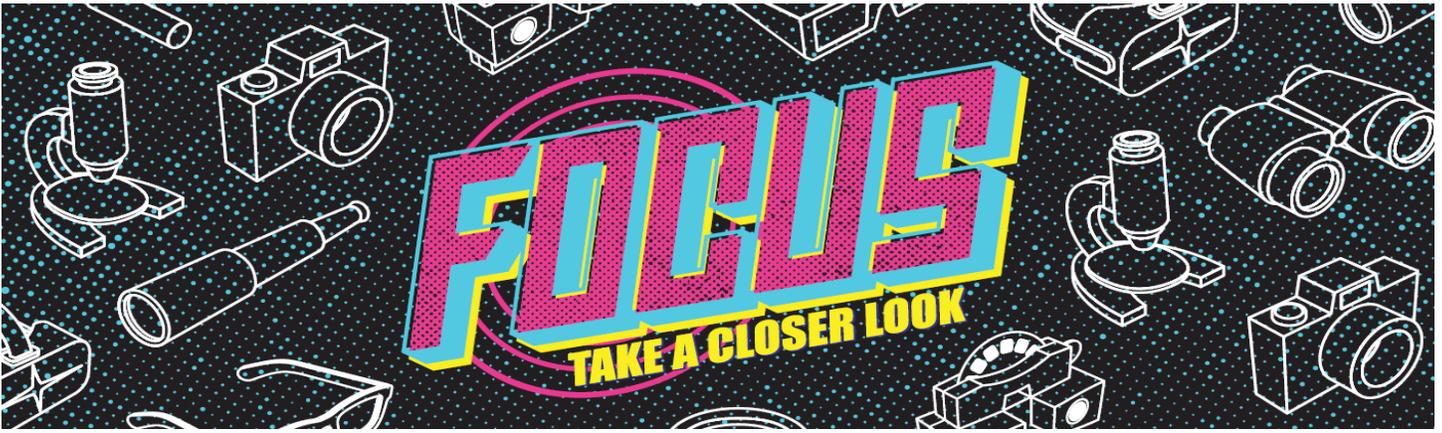
“The world we live in is full of amazing creatures, beautiful places, and interesting things created by a great and powerful God. But all of that wonder and beauty isn’t there simply to give us fun vacation destinations or pretty pictures to take. Everything God created is there to point us to HIM. From the tiniest atom to the largest galaxy, we can see evidence of God—if we look. His fingerprints are everywhere for us to find. The more we LOOK, the more we will discover; and the more we discover, the more proof we’ll find of God’s care, love, and power.”

### Discussion Questions

1. Imagine if all of creation could speak. What might the following tell us about God? Ex: Mountains, Ants
2. What are some important reasons for looking around to find evidence of God?
3. What do you see around you that helps you believe in God even though you can’t actually see Him?
4. If we could SEE God, do you think everyone would believe in Him? Why or why not?
5. Why do you think God made it so that we need faith to believe in Him?

### Pray and Reflect

“Dear God, thank You for the amazing world we live in. Everywhere we look there is evidence of Your love and power. When we focus on what we can see in nature and all of Your creation, we realize that we have no excuse for not believing in You. Help us this week to take a closer look at how we can know and follow You. In Jesus’ name, amen.”



## Day 2

# “The Wise and Foolish Builders”

Matthew 7:24-27

**Bottom Line:** You can HEAR from God.

**Basic Truth:** I need to make the wise choice.

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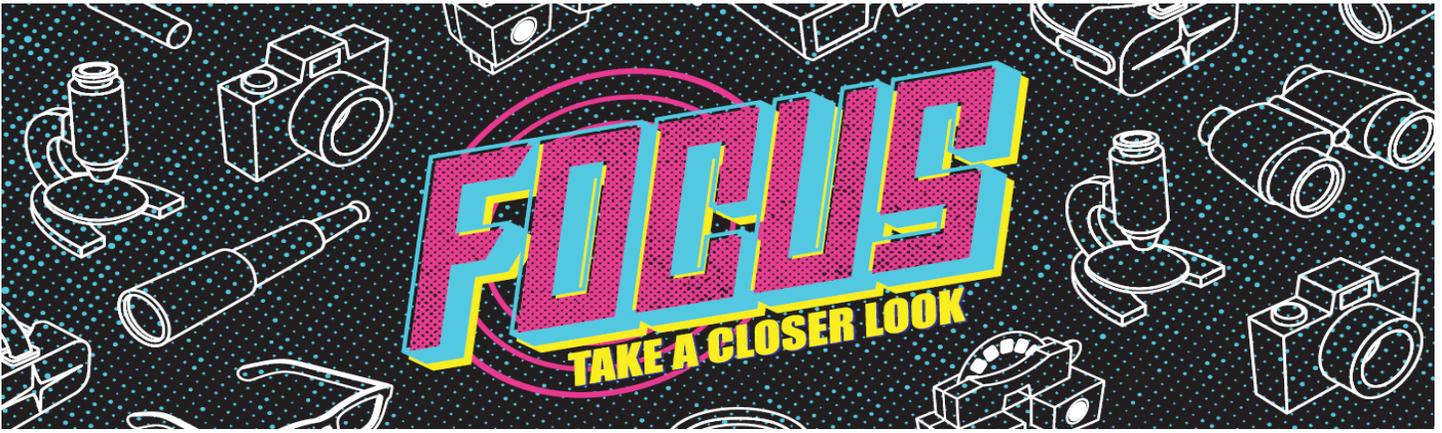
“Instead of speaking to us in clouds, dreams, or a deep voice, God has chosen to give us what He wants us to know in the Bible. When we want to hear from God, that’s the place to go. Reading the Bible and learning from those who follow Jesus are the best ways to find out what God has to say. If you want God’s help in making wise choices, take a closer look at what’s written in the Bible. Ask your church leaders and other adults who follow God to help you understand when something doesn’t make sense. If you listen that way, you’ll hear God’s voice loud and clear.”

### Discussion Questions

1. We believe God speaks through His Word, the Bible. What do you “hear” Him saying to you in the story of the wise and foolish builders?
2. Do you think God communicates with everyone the same way? Why or why not?
3. How can you know for sure when God is speaking to you?
4. What should you do if you’re not sure about something you think God is telling you to do or not do?
5. If God would speak one sentence out loud to you, what do you think He would say?

### Pray and Reflect

“Dear God, we don’t hear Your voice in the same way that we hear our friends or family speaking to us, but we know that You talk to us through the wisdom, stories, promises, and commands in the Bible. Help us take a closer look at the way we pay attention to the things You have told us. Teach us how to be wise and to build our life on Jesus, the solid rock. Amen.”



## Day 3

# “Peter Says That Jesus Is the Messiah”

Matthew 16:13-20

**Bottom Line:** You can TALK with others about what you believe.

**Basic Truth:** I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

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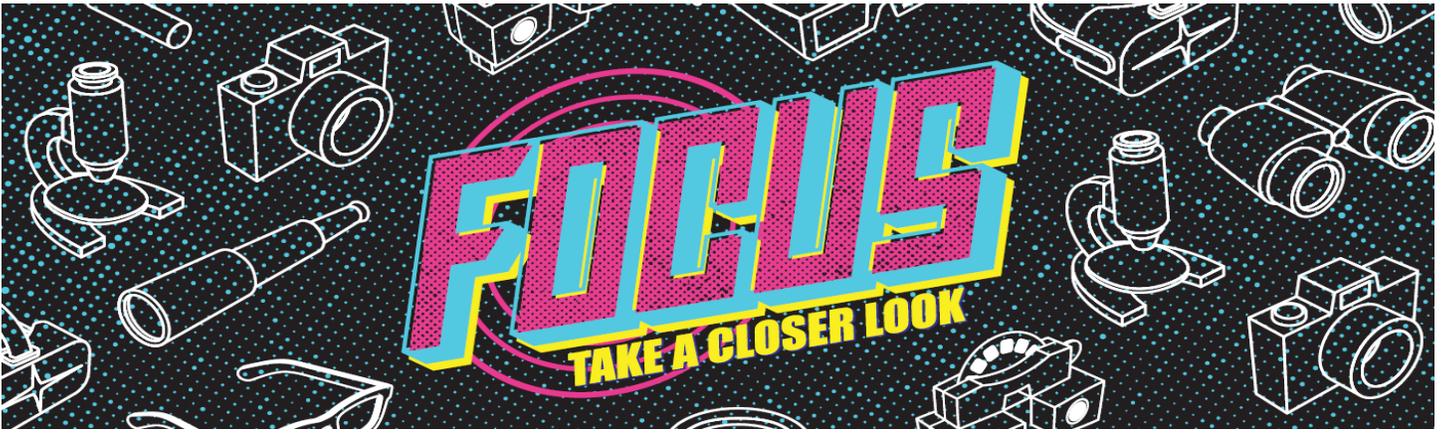
““The most important and life-changing conversations we can have are the ones that help us come to know Jesus as our Savior. God loved us and gave His Son to die on the cross for our sins. Jesus made a way for our sins to be forgiven by taking the punishment we deserve. When we believe that Jesus died in our place, God forgives our sin and gives us the promise of having a relationship with Him forever. Since that’s a decision that lasts FOREVER, it’s easy to understand why talking about our relationship with Jesus is the most important and exciting conversation we may ever have.”

### Discussion Questions

1. Is it easy or hard for you to talk to others about your faith? Explain.
2. Who can you share with about what God is doing in your life?
3. Why is it important to talk about Jesus and what we believe with others who know and love God?
4. What things do you talk about most? How can you bring Jesus and your faith into those conversations?
5. What are some things that keep us from asking questions or talking with others about the things we believe?

### Pray and Reflect

“Dear God, there is so much we can learn about You as we listen to others teach and talk with them about the things we believe. Help us to not be afraid to ask questions and take a closer look at Your Word. Give us an excitement to know You and how we can follow You every day. In Jesus’ name, amen.”



## Day 4

# “The Greatest Commandment”

Matthew 22:36-40; 1 Corinthians 13

**Bottom Line:** You can LIVE for God by loving others.

**Basic Truth:** I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

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### Take A Closer Look

“There is never a day when God doesn’t show His love to us in some way. Most of the time we don’t notice, but if we take a closer look, we’ll spot evidence of His care, protection, and love all around us. If we keep our eyes open for ways to say or do something kind for others, we’re spreading God’s love out into the world.”

### Discussion Questions

1. How can you tell when someone genuinely loves you?
2. How might the world be different if everyone loved God first and showed unselfish love to others?
3. When is it easiest for you to love others? When is it hard?
4. How can you show love to people when it’s difficult?
5. What’s one way you can focus on others this week?

### Pray and Reflect

“Dear God, Your love for us is limitless. It literally never ends. Help us to live out Your love by the way we treat others. We need to be reminded often that You loved us first and best when You sent Jesus to be our Savior. Help us look for ways to share that love with others. Thank You for an amazing week. As VBS ends, help us to remember what we’ve learned and continue to focus on You. In Jesus’ name, amen.”