



## L5: Lil' K Foundations of Faith

Preschool years are foundation-building years. Parents and Preschool Ministry Leaders work in concert to lay a foundation for a child's fledgling faith. The goal is to build basic understanding of essential Christian principles and a Biblical worldview. This foundation prepares the preschooler for spiritual transformation during the elementary years and beyond. Research affirms that after age twelve most people's beliefs are set for life. Developed in partnership with George Barna, the L5 and K5 are integrated progressive paths to transformation in these formative years.

Lil' K identifies and prioritizes 5 Foundations of Faith.

Lil' K's purpose is to teach these foundational truths to preschoolers:

### Who Am I

**God's Creation:** God made people. God made plants and animals. God made the earth, moon, sun and stars. I can thank God for the things He made. God wants people to care for His creation.

**The Individual:** God made me unique. I am special. God cares for me. I can love God. I can love others just like God loves me. I can learn from the Bible how to live.

### Who Is God

**God:** God loves me. I can love God. God is caring. God made me. God made the World (creation). God can do great things. God hears me when I talk to Him. God has a plan for my life.

**Jesus:** Jesus was born. Jesus grew. Jesus loves me. I can love Jesus. Jesus wants people to love and follow Him. Jesus is God's Son. God sent Jesus to save me. I can learn from Jesus' life and teaching.

**The Bible:** The Bible is a very special book. The Bible is about God and Jesus. I can learn from stories in the Bible. The Bible is God's Word.

### My Family

**Family:** God gave me family to love and care for me. Family members love and help each other. I can obey my parents.

### My Church

**The Church:** People at church learn about God and Jesus. People read the Bible at church. People worship God at church. People at church help other people. People at church tell others about God and Jesus.

**Community:** God made everyone and loves all the people around me. God wants people to be kind to each other. People around me are important to God. I can help others. I can make friends. I can love other people, even if they are different from me. I can tell people about Jesus.

### God's Big World

**World:** God loves people around the world. People around the world are important to God. Missionaries travel to far away places to tell people about God. God wants people around the world to love and help one another. God wants all people in the world to know about Him and Jesus.



## Teaching Foundations of Faith Builds a Biblical Worldview

A worldview is a frame of reference that defines the way a person thinks and acts. Having a Biblical worldview means that a person thinks and acts in a way that is consistent with Biblical principles. Teaching Foundations of Faith helps preschoolers begin to discover who Jesus is, what church means and how much God loves them.

In short, preschoolers begin to understand what the Bible says and how God wants them to live. In Children's Ministry and Church, preschoolers have experiences with the Bible. They turn pages in the Bible, look at pictures in the Bible and even begin to read words. Teachers build the foundation that the Bible is important, true and trustworthy.

Children begin to understand that they can do what the Bible says. Teaching Foundations of Faith can ultimately lead children to choose Christ, dedicate their lives to Him, follow the commands of the Bible and act from a Biblical worldview.

## Teaching Foundations of Faith Shapes Lives

In preschool ministry, young students participate in Bible learning centers and activities. These activities help relate Foundations of Faith directly to children's lives. A child rocks a doll as she hears the story of Miriam helping take care of her baby brother. A child takes turns with the crayons and hears the verse "Be kind to one another." A child matches pictures of food as his teacher says: "God helps us have good food. Thank You, God, for food."

Each Bible learning activity helps a child develop his ideas and feelings about Church, the Bible and God. These ideas and feelings will help guide his actions. Those actions will internalize the Foundations of Faith as he grows older. A child who has developed positive attitudes toward the Foundations of Faith and has begun to live her life to match them will better grasp what it means to have a transformed life.

