

Appendix

Bible citations (Contemporary English Version):

Unit 1 — Session one

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- Galatians 3:28: Faith in Christ Jesus is what makes each of you equal with each other, whether you are a Jew or a Greek, a slave or a free person, a man or a woman.

Unit 1 — Session two

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- Romans 8:38-39: I am sure that nothing can separate us from God's love — not life or death, not angels or spirits, not the present or the future, ³⁹and not powers above or powers below. Nothing in all creation can separate us from God's love for us in Christ Jesus our Lord!

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- Psalm 104:1-34: I praise you, Lord God, with all my heart. You are glorious and majestic, dressed in royal robes ²and surrounded by light. You spread out the sky like a tent, ³and you built your home over the mighty ocean.

The clouds are your chariot
with the wind as its wings.

⁴The winds are your messengers,
and flames of fire are your servants.

⁵You built foundations for the earth,
and it will never be shaken.

⁶You covered the earth with the ocean
that rose above the mountains.

⁷Then your voice thundered!

And the water flowed

⁸down the mountains and through the valleys
to the place you prepared.

⁹Now you have set boundaries,
so that the water will never flood the earth again.

¹⁰You provide streams of water in the hills and valleys,

¹¹so that the donkeys and other wild animals can
satisfy their thirst.

¹²Birds build their nests nearby and sing in the trees.

¹³From your home above you send rain on the hills and
water the earth.

¹⁴You let the earth produce grass for cattle, plants for
our food,

¹⁵wine to cheer us up, olive oil for our skin,
and grain for our health.

¹⁶Our Lord, your trees always have water,
and so do the cedars you planted in Lebanon.

¹⁷Birds nest in those trees,
and storks make their home in the fir trees.

¹⁸Wild goats find a home in the tall mountains,
and small animals can hide between the rocks.

¹⁹You created the moon to tell us the seasons.

The sun knows when to set,

²⁰and you made the darkness,

so the animals in the forest could come out at night.

²¹Lions roar as they hunt for the food you provide.

²²But when morning comes, they return to their dens,

²³then we go out to work until the end of day.

²⁴Our Lord, by your wisdom you made so many things;
the whole earth is covered with your living creatures.

²⁵But what about the ocean so big and wide?

It is alive with creatures, large and small.

²⁶And there are the ships, as well as Leviathan,
the monster you created to splash in the sea.

²⁷All of these depend on you to provide them with
food,

²⁸and you feed each one with your own hand, until
they are full.

²⁹But when you turn away, they are terrified;
when you end their life, they die and rot.

³⁰You created all of them by your Spirit,
and you give new life to the earth.

³¹Our Lord, we pray that your glory will last forever
and that you will be pleased with what you have done.

³²You look at the earth, and it trembles.

You touch the mountains, and smoke goes up.

³³As long as I live, I will sing and praise you, the Lord God.

³⁴I hope my thoughts will please you, because you are the one who makes me glad.

Unit 2 — Session two

- Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV): “For we are [God’s] workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”
- Genesis 1:27-28: “So God created humans to be like [Godself; God] made men and women. God gave them a blessing and said: Have a lot of children! Fill the earth with people and bring it under your control. Rule over the fish in the ocean, the birds in the sky, and every animal on the earth.”

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- Luke 15:12-32: ¹²The younger son said to his father, “Give me my share of the property.” So the father divided his property between his two sons. ¹³Not long after that, the younger son packed up everything he owned and left for a foreign country, where he wasted all his money in wild living. ¹⁴He had spent everything, when a bad famine spread through that whole land. Soon he had nothing to eat. ¹⁵He went to work for a man in that country, and the man sent him out to take care of his pigs. ¹⁶He would have been glad to eat what the pigs were eating, but no one gave him a thing. ¹⁷Finally, he came to his senses and said, “My father’s workers have plenty to eat, and here I am, starving to death! ¹⁸I will go to my father and say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against God in heaven and against you. ¹⁹I am no longer good enough to be called your son. Treat me like one of your workers.’” ²⁰The younger son got up and started back to his father. But when he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt sorry for him. He ran to his son and hugged and kissed him. ²¹The son said, “Father, I have sinned against God in heaven and against you. I am no longer good enough to be called your son.” ²²But his father said to the servants, “Hurry and bring the best clothes and put them on him. Give him a ring for his finger and sandals[d] for his feet. ²³Get the best calf and prepare it, so we can eat and celebrate. ²⁴This son of mine was dead, but has now come back to life. He was lost and has now been found.” And they began to celebrate. ²⁵The older son had been out in the field. But when he came near the house, he heard the music and dancing. ²⁶So he called one of the servants over and asked, “What’s going on here?” ²⁷The servant answered, “Your brother has come home safe and sound, and your father ordered us to kill the

best calf.” ²⁸The older brother got so angry that he would not even go into the house.

His father came out and begged him to go in. ²⁹But he said to his father, “For years I have worked for you like a slave and have always obeyed you. But you have never even given me a little goat, so that I could give a dinner for my friends. ³⁰This other son of yours wasted your money on prostitutes. And now that he has come home, you ordered the best calf to be killed for a feast.”

³¹His father replied, “My son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³²But we should be glad and celebrate! Your brother was dead, but he is now alive. He was lost and has now been found.”

- Matthew 6:14-15: If you forgive others for the wrongs they do to you, your Father in heaven will forgive you. ¹⁵But if you don’t forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.
- Ephesians 4:31-32: Stop being bitter and angry and mad at others. Don’t yell at one another or curse each other or ever be rude. ³²Instead, be kind and merciful, and forgive others, just as God forgave you because of Christ.
- Acts 3:19: So turn to God! Give up your sins, and you will be forgiven.
- 2 Corinthians 5:17: Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new.

Unit 3 — Session two

- Genesis 50:15-21: ¹⁵After Jacob died, Joseph’s brothers said to each other, “What if Joseph still hates us and wants to get even with us for all the cruel things we did to him?” ¹⁶So they sent this message to Joseph: Before our father died, ¹⁷he told us, “You did some cruel and terrible things to Joseph, but you must ask him to forgive you.” Now we ask you to please forgive the terrible things we did. After all, we serve the same God that your father worshiped. When Joseph heard this, he started crying. ¹⁸Right then, Joseph’s brothers came and bowed down to the ground in front of him and said, “We are your slaves.” ¹⁹But Joseph told them, “Don’t be afraid! I have no right to change what God has decided. ²⁰You tried to harm me, but God made it turn out for the best, so that he could save all these people, as he is now doing. ²¹Don’t be afraid! I will take care of you and your children.” After Joseph said this, his brothers felt much better.

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- Luke 1:26-38: ²⁶One month later God sent the angel Gabriel to the town of Nazareth in Galilee ²⁷with a message for a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to Joseph from the family of King David. ²⁸The angel greeted Mary and said, “You are truly blessed! The Lord is with you.” ²⁹Mary was confused by the angel’s words and wondered what they meant. ³⁰Then the angel told Mary, “Don’t be afraid! God is pleased with you, ³¹and you will have a son. His name will be Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of God Most High. The Lord God will make him king, as his ancestor David was. ³³He will rule the people of Israel forever, and his kingdom will never end.” ³⁴Mary asked the angel, “How can this happen? I am not married!” ³⁵The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come down to you, and God’s power will come over you. So your child will be called the holy Son of God. ³⁶Your relative Elizabeth is also going to have a son, even though she is old. No one thought she could ever have a baby, but in three months she will have a son. ³⁷Nothing is impossible for God!” ³⁸Mary said, “I am the Lord’s servant! Let it happen as you have said.” And the angel left her.
- Luke 1:39-55: A short time later Mary hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea. ⁴⁰She went into Zechariah’s home, where she greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, her baby moved within her. The Holy Spirit came upon Elizabeth. ⁴²Then in a loud voice she said to Mary: God has blessed you more than any other woman! He has also blessed the child you will have. ⁴³Why should the mother of my Lord come to me? ⁴⁴As soon as I heard your greeting, my baby became happy and moved within me. ⁴⁵The Lord has blessed you because you believed that he will keep his promise. ⁴⁶Mary said: With all my heart I praise the Lord, ⁴⁷and I am glad because of God my Savior. ⁴⁸He cares for me, his humble servant. From now on, all people will say God has blessed me. ⁴⁹God All-Powerful has done great things for me, and his name is holy. ⁵⁰He always shows mercy to everyone who worships him. ⁵¹The Lord has used his powerful arm to scatter those who are proud. ⁵²He drags strong rulers from their thrones and puts humble people in places of power. ⁵³God gives the hungry good things to eat, and sends the rich away with nothing. ⁵⁴He helps his servant Israel and is always merciful to his people. ⁵⁵The Lord made this promise to our ancestors, to Abraham and his family forever!

Unit 4 — Session two

- Luke 10:1-11: Later the Lord chose seventy-two other followers and sent them out two by two to every town and village where he was about to go. ²He said to them: A large crop is in the fields, but there are only a few workers. Ask the Lord in charge of the harvest to send out workers to bring it in. ³Now go, but remember, I

am sending you like lambs into a pack of wolves. ⁴Don’t take along a moneybag or a traveling bag or sandals. And don’t waste time greeting people on the road. ⁵As soon as you enter a home, say, “God bless this home with peace.” ⁶If the people living there are peace-loving, your prayer for peace will bless them. But if they are not peace-loving, your prayer will return to you. ⁷Stay with the same family, eating and drinking whatever they give you, because workers are worth what they earn. Don’t move around from house to house. ⁸If the people of a town welcome you, eat whatever they offer. ⁹Heal their sick and say, “God’s kingdom will soon be here!” ¹⁰But if the people of a town refuse to welcome you, go out into the street and say, ¹¹“We are shaking the dust from our feet as a warning to you. And you can be sure that God’s kingdom will soon be here!”

Unit 5 — Session one

- John 11:17-27: ¹⁷When Jesus got to Bethany, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was only about two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹and many people had come from the city to comfort Martha and Mary because their brother had died. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus had arrived, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²Yet even now I know that God will do anything you ask.” ²³Jesus told her, “Your brother will live again!” ²⁴Martha answered, “I know that he will be raised to life on the last day, when all the dead are raised.” ²⁵Jesus then said, “I am the one who raises the dead to life! Everyone who has faith in me will live, even if they die. ²⁶And everyone who lives because of faith in me will never really die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷“Yes, Lord!” she replied. “I believe that you are Christ, the Son of God. You are the one we hoped would come into the world.”

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- Genesis 9:8-13: Again, God said to Noah and his sons: ⁹I am going to make a solemn promise to you and to everyone who will live after you. ¹⁰This includes the birds and the animals that came out of the boat. ¹¹I promise every living creature that the earth and those living on it will never again be destroyed by a flood. ¹²⁻¹³The rainbow that I have put in the sky will be my sign to you and to every living creature on earth. It will remind you that I will keep this promise forever.
- Luke 23:39-43: ³⁹One of the criminals hanging there also insulted Jesus by saying, "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and save us!" ⁴⁰But the other criminal told the first one off, "Don't you fear God? Aren't you getting the same punishment as this man? ⁴¹We got what was coming to us, but he didn't do anything wrong." ⁴²Then he said to Jesus, "Remember me when you come into power!" ⁴³Jesus replied, "I promise that today you will be with me in paradise."
- Genesis 17:1-13: Abram was ninety-nine years old when the Lord appeared to him again and said, "I am God All-Powerful. If you obey me and always do right, ²¹I will keep my solemn promise to you and give you more descendants than can be counted." ³Abram bowed with his face to the ground, and God said: ⁴⁻⁵I promise that you will be the father of many nations. That's why I now change your name from Abram to Abraham. ⁶I will give you a lot of descendants, and in the future they will become great nations. Some of them will even be kings. ⁷I will always keep the promise I have made to you and your descendants, because I am your God and their God. ⁸I will give you and them the land in which you are now a foreigner. I will give the whole land of Canaan to your family forever, and I will be their God. ⁹Abraham, you and all future members of your family must promise to obey me. ¹⁰⁻¹¹As the sign that you are keeping this promise, you must circumcise every man and boy in your family. ¹²⁻¹³From now on, your family must circumcise every baby boy when he is eight days old. You must even circumcise any man or boy you have as a slave, both those born in your homes and those you buy from foreigners. This will be a sign that my promise to you will last forever.
- Exodus 19:3-8: ³Moses went up the mountain to meet with the Lord God, who told him to say to the people: ⁴You saw what I did in Egypt, and you know how I brought you here to me, just as a mighty eagle carries its young. ⁵Now if you will faithfully obey me, you will be my very own people. The whole world is mine, ⁶but you will be my holy nation and serve me as priests.

Moses, that is what you must tell the Israelites. ⁷After Moses went back, he reported to the leaders what the Lord had said, ⁸and they promised, "We will do everything the Lord has commanded." So Moses told the Lord about this.

- Matthew 28:18-20: Jesus came to them and said: I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth! ¹⁹Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teach them to do everything I have told you. I will be with you always, even until the end of the world.
- Matthew 26:26-28: ²⁶During the meal Jesus took some bread in his hands. He blessed the bread and broke it. Then he gave it to his disciples and said, "Take this and eat it. This is my body." ²⁷Jesus picked up a cup of wine and gave thanks to God. He then gave it to his disciples and said, "Take this and drink it. ²⁸This is my blood, and with it God makes his agreement with you. It will be poured out, so that many people will have their sins forgiven.

Other resources:



Unit 1 Spotify Playlist #boundlesslove

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/711fk9mNI4YStLv-fYzbfD9?si=150617fe45d041d0>

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"Love Has No Labels,"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnDgZuGlhHs>



Joe Davis Poetry, "Who Is Your Everyone?,"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xLSbVaN4QdQ&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR0-AZPY5yvl_5tNHK_DJKuv_9spWFLvMTDPdzvxN1NteSXYWi7jzakJ74M



William Matthews, Lisa Gungor, "We'll All Be Free,"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kgG0jltdeek>

Unit 1 — Session two



"Write a Love Letter to Yourself,"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ojUrs28LeGM>



(Spotify playlist or YouTube; no visuals needed, just the songs)

- Lauren Daigle, "You Say"
- Tauren Wells, "Known"




Unit 2 Spotify Playlist #boundlesscreation

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/7n8iu6sazn-NUh9TlzmPsd9?si=fee66e0971f04815>

Unit 2 – Session one

Here is a short but good article on the Leviathan, referenced in verse 26. <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Leviathan-Middle-Eastern-mythology>


 Read the book Old Turtle by Douglas Wood and Cheng-Khee Chee to the group or show this YouTube video of a reading of it: <https://youtu.be/0itq-Uk43mE>

Creation Liturgy, from the full liturgy
“Celebrating Creation” by Kelly Sherman-Conroy,
Native Theologian (Ogala Sioux)

What is the Leviathan?
<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Leviathan-Middle-Eastern-mythology>

 Songs about creation “God of All Creation,”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1RgM3SA1xgE>

 “God of Wonders,”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1CBNE25rtE>

 “All Creatures of Our God and King,” David Crowder Band
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wSFK7UiH5Us>

“Earth and All Stars” (ELW, p. 731)

 “Joyful, Joyful” (Sister Act 2)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mfBGQpIyT8>

Other worship resources on creation

<http://www.creationjustice.org/indigenous.html>


<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/resources-for-creation-care>

The Green Bible (New York: HarperOne, 2008)

Unit 2 – Session two

 “Canvas and Clay,” song by Pat Barrett.
<https://youtu.be/OcDRp0zWGIw>

Venice Williams, urban farmer. “Alice’s Garden: Solutions for Clean Water in Milwaukee,” AmericanRivers.org,
<https://www.americanrivers.org/rivers/films/alices-garden/>

 Sean Sherman, Chef. “The Sioux Chef’s Indigenous Menu,” CBS Sunday Morning,
<https://youtu.be/w-V0uZfzfx4>

Caring for Creation: The Evangelical’s Guide to Climate Change and a Healthy Environment by Mitch Hescox and Paul Douglas (reprinted by permission)

ELCA Resources

Creation care liturgical resources - Webofcreation.org

Grassroots creation care organization
<https://lutheransrestoringcreation.org/>

ELCA social statement
<https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements/Caring-for-Creation>

ELCA Environmental Advocacy staff- Ruth Ivory Moore
<https://www.elca.org/Resources/Advocacy#Issues>

Kids who make a difference for the earth: “Greta Thunberg Isn’t Alone. Meet Some Other Young Activists Who Are Leading the Environmentalist Fight,” CNN.com, September 28, 2019

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/09/28/world/youth-environment-activists-greta-thunberg-trnd/index.html>




Unit 3 Spotify Playlist #boundlessforgiveness

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/44xHG3R1SR7xK-PyPp71PUZ?si=012c0cc2ab63421b>

Unit 3 – Session one

Rembrandt’s The Prodigal Son,
http://www.rembrandtpainting.net/prodigal_son_large.html

Unit 3 – Session two


 Why forgiveness is worth it – TED Talk
https://www.ted.com/talks/sarah_montana_the_real_risk_of_forgiveness_and_why_it_s_worth_it/transcript?language=en



Unit 4 Spotify Playlist #boundlessinvitation

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/6jj7WlamcJG-sukqWKxDYe1?si=fe6cb70672874641>


Unit 4 – Session one

 “We Say Yes,” by Housefires. Pay attention to the lyrics of the song, as they demonstrate how we respond to God’s boundless invitation.


<https://youtu.be/DFNgfGpGXJw>

It’s a long song, so only play (00:00-02:58).

Unit 4 – Session two

 To recap Mary’s response, view the attached video recording of the Magnificat from Holden Evening Prayer.

https://youtu.be/nABzv_TInal

 Information about Ubuntu, hear Archbishop Desmond Tutu explain the concept himself at the following YouTube link:

<https://youtu.be/GaiKX5VdfVE>



Unit 5 Spotify Playlist #boundlesspromise

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2UAEdE9RZra-oD0DRwd5FDe?si=fa51890f688e4e21>

Unit 5 – Session two

The Fault in Our Stars, novel by John Green



“One,” song by Carole King.

<https://youtu.be/gc93thQVIV8>