

St. Thomas Youth Group 2026-2027

Sundays | 9:00 AM

About This Year's Curriculum: Echo the Story is a year-long, interactive journey through the Bible's big story that helps young people discover how God's story connects to their own lives, providing a shared foundation of Scripture, faith, and conversation for our youth ministry community.

September

September 13

Kickoff Sunday Welcome, games, introductions, vision for the year, and Blessing of the Backpacks weekend.

September 20

Building Our Community What does it mean to belong to a faith community and journey together through God's story?

September 27

Echo #1: Creation God creates a good world and invites humanity into relationship with God, one another, and creation.

October

October 4

Echo #2: Rebellion - Brokenness enters God's good creation, yet God never abandons humanity.

October 11

Echo #3: Flood - Noah and God's Covenant illustrate how God's promise endures even in the midst of chaos.

October 18

Echo #4: Promise - Abraham & Sarah's story shows how God calls ordinary people into an extraordinary covenant.

October 25

Echo #5 & #6 – The stories of **Jacob, Esau and Joseph** reveal how God works through imperfect families to accomplish God's purposes. **Halloween Party & Costume Sunday**

November

November 1 — Feast of All Saints

Echo #7: Exodus - God leads God's people from slavery into freedom.

November 8

Echo #8: Commands - God provides guidance for living in covenant relationship.

November 15

Echo #9: Wandering - Learning trust when life feels uncertain.

November 22 – Christ the King

Echo #10: Promised Land - God remains faithful across generations.

November 29 — First Sunday of Advent

Echo #11: Judges - Even when God's people make mistakes and lose their way, God continues to provide leaders and opportunities to start again. **Advent Wreath Making**

December

December 6 - Second Sunday of Advent

Echo #12: Ruth – Ruth's story reminds us that faithfulness, friendship, and acts of love can become part of God's bigger story.

December 13 - Third Sunday of Advent

Echo #13: King Saul - As Israel's first king, Saul's story shows both the blessings of leadership and the importance of trusting and obeying God.

December 20 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Echo #14: King David - A shepherd boy becomes Israel's king.

December 24 — Christmas Eve; December 25 — Christmas Day

December 27

Echo #15: King Solomon - Seeking God's wisdom above power and success.

January

January 3 — Second Sunday after Christmas

Echo #16: Prophet's Warnings - God often speaks through unexpected voices.

The Epiphany is Wednesday, January 6; Three Kings Procession may be observed this Sunday.

January 10 — First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord

Echo #17: Daniel - Daniel's courage and faithfulness remind us that we can trust God and stand firm in our beliefs, even when facing challenges or pressure from others.

January 17

Echo #18 -Rebuilding - Led by Nehemiah, God's people rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, discovering that God can bring renewal, hope, and new purpose after times of loss and change.

January 24

Echo #19: The Birth of Jesus God enters the world through humility and love.

January 31

Echo #20: Jesus' Baptism and Temptation - The beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

February

February 7 — Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Echo #21: Jesus' Followers - Jesus invites ordinary people to follow him.

February 9 — Shrove Tuesday; February 10 — Ash Wednesday

† February 14 — First Sunday in Lent

Echo #22: Hope and Healing Jesus brings restoration, hope, and compassion.

† February 21 — Second Sunday in Lent

Echo #22: The Good Samaritan Loving our neighbor across every boundary.

† February 28 — Third Sunday in Lent

Echo #23: Miracles - God's abundance exceeds our expectations.

March

† March 7 — Fourth Sunday in Lent

Echo #24: Kingdom Ways - Jesus describes life in God's kingdom.

† March 14 — Fifth Sunday in Lent

Echo #25: Parables - Through memorable stories about everyday life, Jesus teaches timeless truths about God's kingdom, love, grace, and the way we are called to live.

 March 21 — Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Echo #26: Kingdom Treasures - Jesus teaches that God's kingdom is worth more than anything else and invites us to make it the center of our lives.

March 25 — Maundy Thursday; March 26 — Good Friday; March 27 — Holy Saturday and the Great Vigil of Easter

† March 28 — Easter Day

Echo #27: Jesus Encounters - Through his encounters with a wide variety of people, Jesus offers compassion, healing, forgiveness, and a new way of life.

† April

† April 4 — Second Sunday of Easter

Echo #28: Rising Tension - As Jesus' ministry grows, opposition increases and the path toward the cross begins to unfold.

† April 11 - Third Sunday of Easter

Echo #29 – New Promise - At the Last Supper, Jesus establishes a new covenant, promising God's grace and presence through his life, death, and resurrection.

† April 18 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Echo #30: Death to Life - Through his death and resurrection, Jesus defeats sin and death and offers new life to all who follow him.

† April 25 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Echo #31: The Church - Filled with the Holy Spirit, the first Christians form a community devoted to worship, fellowship, prayer, and sharing God's love.

 May

† May 2 — Sixth Sunday of Easter

Echo #32: Signs and Wonders - Through miracles and acts of healing, God works powerfully through the apostles to strengthen faith and draw people to Christ.

May 6 — Ascension Day

† May 9 — Seventh Sunday of Easter

Echo #33: Persecution and Growth - Even in the face of opposition and hardship, the early Church continues to grow as believers boldly share the Good News.

 May 16 — Day of Pentecost

Echo #34: Peter - Peter's journey shows how God can transform imperfect people into faithful leaders and courageous witnesses.

△ May 23 — First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

Echo #35: Paul - After a life-changing encounter with Jesus, Paul dedicates himself to sharing the Gospel and planting churches throughout the ancient world.

 May 30

Echo #36: New Creation - The Bible's story ends with God's promise to renew all things, bringing healing, justice, and everlasting life in God's kingdom.

Year-End Celebration Reflection, prayer, recognition of graduates, and preparation for Youth Sunday.



Youth Sunday

Youth leadership throughout worship, senior recognition, reflections from students, and celebration of another year of formation.