

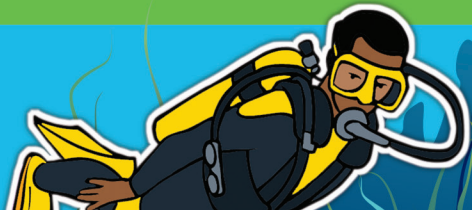
## Motto:

# Dive Deeper!

## Introduction

As Christians, one way we learn about God is through His Word—both the written and the living Word of God. God’s Word is a treasure of great value, leading us to greater understanding of God and to deeper faith in Him. Our faith is not solely based on a set of rituals, practices, or beliefs. Christian faith is based on the person of Jesus Christ, who is the living Word of God. Over two thousand years ago, God spoke and expressed Himself through the person of Jesus Christ. Believing that God’s Word is more than a book and that Jesus was more than a good teacher not only deepens our relationship with God but also identifies us as followers of Jesus.

Diving deeper into God’s Word is like going scuba diving for treasures—the deeper you go, the more treasures you’re likely to find. We can’t understand the deep things of God unless we’re willing to go to the deep places with Him as our Dive Master. This year, we want to dive deeper—past the rules and practices of Christianity—and adventure with Jesus. By paying attention to the sights, sounds, and actions, we will find treasures in the familiar stories that Jesus taught along the Sea of Galilee. As we follow Jesus in faith, Jesus leads us down a unique path of salvation that is very different from other religions. . . faith in Jesus leads us on a lifetime adventure with the living God, who came to Earth to show us the way!



# Daily Excursions



## Dive Deeper for Understanding

Jesus uses an everyday event (farmer scattering seeds) to convey how differently people respond to God's Word.

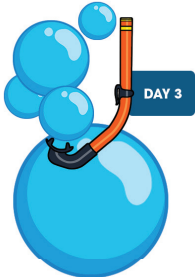
Mark:1-12



## Dive Deeper for Courage

Peter dived deeper as he courageously followed Jesus' voice and stepped off the boat.

Matthew 14:22-33



## Dive Deeper for Peace

Like the disciples, when we are afraid of the storms in our lives, we must dive deeper into God's Word and find Jesus' words of peace.

Mark 4:35-41



## Dive Deeper for Healing

An unnamed woman teaches us that we all have access to Jesus' power to heal and can dive deeper to receive it.

Mark 5:25-34



## Dive Deeper for Calling

Because the disciples dived deeper for their calling, the Gospel spread throughout the surrounding cities.

Matthew 4:18-25