

## The stories of God

In order to discover the foundations of Christian faith together with the Gen 4, we have chosen some passages of the Old and New Testament. Supplemented by a motto and experiences, each episode can give the Gen 4 the desire to live the Word of God together with us.

We organized the entire program in a 4-year period that follows the liturgical year and gives an awareness of the formative arc of the Indigo, even for those gen 4 who are only 1-2 years old.

The year is composed as follows: before Christmas, some episodes of the Old Testament will be presented, then from Christmas until Pentecost we will show episodes on the life of Jesus; after Pentecost, we will show episodes on the life of the early Christians.

Each episode, which can be found as a downloadable video or PowerPoint presentation, can be played in the style of a dialogue.

The educational proposals are the result of a communion of ideas and experiences with Gen 4 assistants. They give the ff:

- A brief summary of the contents
- Deepening/Going in-depth for the gen assistant which also serves to prepare his/her soul
- Ideas to welcome the Gen 4 boys and girls
- Indigo episode and experiences
- Motto to apply
- Songs
- Creative activities
- Indoor and outdoor games
- Face to face with God...

Each Gen 4 assistant should feel free to use these proposals, whether to modify them or develop their own ideas. We are happy to enrich our files with your proposals and experiences, and share them with everyone!

### Year 1

Stage	Comment by Chiara
<u>1<sup>st</sup> meeting:</u> Creation	"If you obey God, you will be happy!" (the first episode of the Laws of Love)
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> meeting:</u> God saves Noah	"Be the joy of Mom and Dad!" (second episode of the Laws of Love)
<u>3<sup>rd</sup> meeting:</u> The Annunciation	"Let's always say yes to God, like Mary".

<u>4<sup>th</sup> meeting:</u> Jesus at 12 years old	"Jesus is happy if children speak of God to adults"
<u>5<sup>th</sup> meeting:</u> Jesus and His disciples	"Jesus calls you, and you run to Him!"
<u>6<sup>th</sup> meeting:</u> Bartimaeus	"Jesus always helps us when we ask Him!"
<u>7<sup>th</sup> meeting:</u> The Last Supper	"Remember that Jesus is in all the tabernacles, and He waits for you. Don't leave Him alone! Go often - if you can - to Holy Communion, because it can make the flame of your little heart grow even bigger"
<u>8<sup>th</sup> meeting:</u> Pentecost	"The Holy Spirit is also within us. We have to know how to listen to his voice!"
<u>9<sup>th</sup> meeting:</u> Life of the early Christians and Peter in prison	"If one loves, he gives; if the other loves, he gives. If we all love, everything becomes common. This is how the Gen 4 live"

## Year 2

<u>1<sup>st</sup> meeting:</u> God calls Abraham	"Love. Love always, that at the end of each day you can say: I always loved!" (third episode of the Laws of Love)
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> meeting:</u> The birth of Jesus (emphasizing the episode of the shepherds)	"Let Jesus in your midst be born with your love, so that it's always Christmas!"
<u>3<sup>rd</sup> meeting:</u> Zaccheus	"Don't wait, but start to love at once like Zaccheus! Then Jesus will be happy"
<u>4<sup>th</sup> meeting:</u> The Good Samaritan	"Jesus is hidden in the poor, the sick, the elderly, in all those who suffer; go and comfort/console Him!"
<u>5<sup>th</sup> meeting:</u> Jesus dies on the cross	"Jesus was abandoned by all. The Gen 4 want to console Him. Will you do that, too?"
<u>6<sup>th</sup> meeting:</u> Jesus Risen and the Ascension	"Jesus is risen; He will remain among us if we love one another."
<u>7<sup>th</sup> meeting:</u> Spreading the Gospel to all peoples	"Don't keep to yourself the beautiful things you know about Jesus, but share Him to many others"

<u>8<sup>th</sup> meeting:</u> The birth of the Christian community	"Jesus has always done the will of the Father. If you also do what God wants of you, you will be another Jesus"
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### **Year 3:**

<u>1<sup>st</sup> meeting:</u> God saves His people from slavery	"Always give to others! Never steal from anyone!" (fourth episode of the Laws of Love)
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> meeting:</u> The birth of Jesus (emphasizing the homage of the 3 wise men)	"If Jesus came among us to bring us joy, we should also give joy to the brother!"
<u>3<sup>rd</sup> meeting:</u> The Wedding at Cana	"If a Gen 4 repeatedly asks for something from Jesus, he/she gets it. Try it!"
<u>4<sup>th</sup> meeting:</u> The merciful Father	"A true Gen 4 is one who, even if he/she made a mistake, starts again to live like a true Gen 4."
<u>5<sup>th</sup> meeting:</u> Calming of the storm	"Even in difficult moments, remember that Jesus is near you; rather, He is in your heart!"
<u>6<sup>th</sup> meeting:</u> The Last Supper	"Remember that Jesus is in all the tabernacles, and He waits for you. Don't leave Him alone! Go often - if you can - to Holy Communion, because it can make the flame of your little heart grow even bigger"
<u>7<sup>th</sup> meeting:</u> Jesus Risen & the Ascension (emphasizing the episode at Emmaus)	"When we love the brother, God enlightens us and makes us understand what He wants from us!"
<u>8<sup>th</sup> meeting:</u> Paul in Athens	"We should love everyone, even those who don't know Jesus; if we love, we will let them get to know Jesus."

### **Year 4:**

<u>1<sup>st</sup> meeting:</u> God guides His people to the Promised Land	"Tell the truth and you will always be happy!" (fifth episode of the Laws of Love that includes the giving of the 10 commandments)
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<u>2<sup>nd</sup> meeting:</u> The birth of Jesus	"Love everyone like a mother loves her children, and you will be another little Mary!"
<u>3<sup>rd</sup> meeting:</u> The paralytic	"Dearest Gen 4, have you noticed how many kids don't know Jesus? Take care to talk to them about Him!"
<u>4<sup>th</sup> meeting:</u> The winemaker	"Like Jesus, we, too, must love everyone!"
<u>5<sup>th</sup> meeting:</u> The daughter of Jairus	"If we pray, Jesus will help us!"
<u>6<sup>th</sup> meeting:</u> Jesus dies on the cross	"Jesus is hidden in the poor, the sick, the elderly, in all those who suffer; go and comfort/console Him!"
<u>7<sup>th</sup> meeting:</u> Jesus Risen & the Ascension (emphasizing the episode of the Risen Jesus on the lakeshore)	"Jesus is risen; He will remain among us if we love one another"
<u>8<sup>th</sup> meeting:</u> The martyrdom of Stephen & the conversion of Paul	"If we are loved by some and persecuted by others, it is a sign that we belong to Christ"
<u>9<sup>th</sup> meeting:</u> Paul arrives in Rome - The birth of the Gospels	"Dearest Gen 4, live the Word and others will see another Jesus in you"