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Nursery: SAMUEL

Samuel was a prophet and judge in the Old Testament who was dedicated to God's service from early childhood.

As a young boy serving in the tabernacle, Samuel heard God calling his name at night. Guided by Eli, he replied, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening," making him an ideal model for attentive listening and openness to God's guide.



Reception: RUTH

Ruth was a woman whose story is recorded in the Book of Ruth, known for her devotion to her mother-in-law, Naomi.

After the loss of her husband, Ruth chose to stay with Naomi, famously declaring her loyalty. Her actions showcase selfless kindness, loyalty, and devotion toward family and community.

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Year 1: ZACCHAEUS

Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector in Jericho whose story appears in the Gospel of Luke.

Short in stature, Zacchaeus climbed a sycamore tree to see Jesus. After Jesus invited himself to his house, Zacchaeus experienced a profound conversion—giving half his possessions to the poor and promising fourfold restitution, demonstrating real personal growth and positive change.



Year 2: MARTHA

Martha was a close friend of Jesus and the sister of Mary and Lazarus living in Bethany.

Martha is remembered for welcoming Jesus into her home and offering active hospitality and service to others

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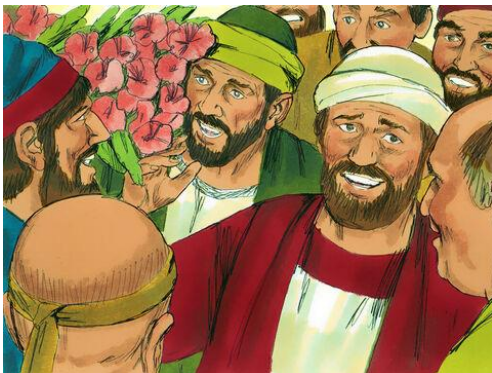
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YEAR 3: *ESTHER*

Esther was a Jewish woman who became Queen of Persia and saved her people from destruction.

Esther risked her life by approaching the king uninvited to reveal a plot against her people, famously demonstrating bravery when faced with immense danger.



YEAR 4: *BARNABAS*

Barnabas was an early Christian leader and companion of the Apostle Paul.

His name literally means "Son of Encouragement." He welcomed the newly converted Paul into the church when others were fearful and continuously uplifted emerging leaders in the early faith.

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YEAR 5: LYDIA

Lydia was a seller of purple cloth in Philippi and the first recorded Christian convert in Europe.

After her baptism, Lydia immediately opened her home to Paul and his companions, using her wealth and resources to support the spread of the Gospel, showing generosity and hospitality.



YEAR 6: STEPHEN

Stephen was one of the original seven deacons appointed in Jerusalem, recognized as the first Christian martyr.

He was known for being full of grace and power, Stephen defended his faith with unwavering courage, standing up for his beliefs even in his final moments.