







Level Up: 4-Week Children's Ministry Curriculum

 **Big Idea:** With Jesus, we can “level up” into a brand-new life and grow stronger in Him.

 **Memory Verse:** 2 Corinthians 5:17 — “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

 **Theme Hook:** Retro video-game world. Use language like “press start,” “power-ups,” “coins,” “boss battles”—as kids “level up” their faith each week.

Kids hear a lot about New Year “resolutions,” quick fixes, and cheat codes—but those messages fade fast. This series helps children discover what God’s Word really says. Nothing in this world compares to God’s power to make us new.

 **Gospel Connection:** Across four Sundays, kids see our need for a Savior, Jesus’ rescue, and how His Spirit helps us grow—so we trust Christ, not self-effort.

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4-Week Lesson Overview

Week 1 — Press Start: New Year, New You

- Bible Story: New Creation in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- Key Discovery: In Jesus, I'm made new—I get a fresh start.
- Takeaway: I can always: Turn to Jesus and take my first step following Him.

Week 2 — Choose Your Player: God Knows You by Name

- Bible Story: God's call of Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:5)
- Key Discovery: God knows me, made me on purpose, and has a plan.
- Takeaway: I can always: Trust God with who I am and use my gifts for Him.

Week 3 — The Ultimate Cheat Code: Prayer

- Bible Story: Pray about everything (Philippians 4:6–7)
- Key Discovery: I can talk to God about anything; He gives peace.
- Takeaway: I can always: Pray first and receive God's peace and power.

Week 4 — Final Boss: Jesus Resists Temptation

- Bible Story: Jesus in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1–11)
- Key Discovery: Jesus beat temptation with God's Word—and helps me do the same.
- Takeaway: I can always: Fight temptation by remembering Scripture and asking Jesus for help.