

Curriculum Evaluation



Preschool & Children
MINISTRY

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Greetings Preschool & Children's Ministry Friends,

I pray God the Father is providing great blessings as you teach biblical truth to children and their families. I also pray the Lord will use you to lead many children to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

This curriculum evaluation is meant to aid you while making decisions about the curriculum you will use to teach children at you church. I hope this evaluation helps guide your ministry as you navigate the curriculum options that are on the market.

Please know these curriculum evaluation results were submitted using the following criteria:

- **Evaluation Team:** Made up of 60 practitioners with years of weekly classroom experience. They are quality educators, teachers, curriculum writers, trainers, and coaches.
- Each of these curriculum products were purchased to make sure an accurate evaluation could be assessed. By purchasing, we felt we would receive a better sampling of each product's methods to teaching children.
- When possible, December curriculum options were chosen. We wanted to compare the methods each company used to teach the Birth of Jesus.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Preschool & Children's Ministry office. We will do our best to answer your questions in a timely manner.

Thanks,

Ken Hindman
Children's Pastor

Curriculum Products												
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Evaluation Questions												
DVD products are visually age-appropriate		N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	N/A	✓	
DVD products are the primary method used to present the biblical content		N/A	N/A					N/A		N/A		
Length of curriculum rotation	4 years	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	2 year	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	
Delivered in printed format	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Delivered in online/downloadable format						✓						
Offers parent support on a weekly basis		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Offers suggestions for in-reach/outreach			✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	
Offers suggestions for spiritual leadership for parents	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
Offers suggestions for teacher training	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			
Offers suggestions for teaching special needs learners			✓	✓	✓			✓	✓			
Offers a printed/online scope and sequence	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Offers activity choices that support the biblical content	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Learning Styles that are addressed:												
Relational		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Musical	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Reflective		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
Logical	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
Physical	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Natural	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		

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	Evaluation Questions										
Supports the "Levels of Biblical Learning" method of teaching	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Allows a visitor to easily get involved in a classroom session	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Teaching plans are written by practitioners	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
The Bible stories are presented in their entirety	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
The Bible stories are considered foundational to a child's life	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
On a scale of 1 to 5:											
How comfortable would you feel teaching this curriculum?	4.5	3.5	4	3.5	4	5	3	2	4	4	4
How comfortable would you feel using this curriculum in a church classroom?	4.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	4	5	3	2	3	4	4
How beneficial do you think this curriculum would be for children?	4.5	3.5	3	3	4	5	3	3	3	4	4

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	<i>LifeWay: Bible Studies for Life</i>	<i>LifeWay Explore the Bible</i>	<i>LifeWay The Gospel Project</i>	<i>Orange: First Look</i>	<i>Orange: 252 Kids</i>	<i>Saddleback Resources</i>	<i>Truth78: A Sure Foundation</i>	<i>Truth78: He Established a Story</i>	<i>Truth78: He Has Spoke By His Son</i>	<i>Truth78: Jesus, What a Savior</i>	<i>Truth78: The ABCs of God</i>
Uses real-life characters to teach biblical content	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Uses fictional characters to tell the stories or introduce biblical text					✓	✓	✓			✓	
Denominational Standards that are taught:											
The Bible is truth in its entirety.	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jesus is the only way to salvation.	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
God is the Creator of all things	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sharing the Gospel message worldwide	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Making and growing disciples	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Salvation is a gift from God.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Church membership location is a personal choice.	✓					✓		✓			
Baptism is through immersion.	✓	✓						✓	✓		
The church is the Bride of Christ.	✓		✓					✓			
The priesthood of the believer.	✓		✓					✓	✓		
The local church is the method used to meet the social needs of the community.	✓							✓			
Autonomy of the individual congregation.	✓							✓			
Offers coloring pages as the primary option for the child's activity						✓		✓	✓		

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