

Basic overview of curricula from a variety of publishers

252 Basics:

Orange™

Basic concept from Luke 2:52

Stories, scriptures selected to teach core virtues

Online subscription, prices based on children's program attendance

Designed for church setting; adaptable for home and Christian school

Connection between home and church

Evangelical, non-denominational

Non-inclusive language

Variety of supporting products: video, posters, etc.

252basics.org/index.php

Best of Whole People of God:

Woodlake Press

Affordable online subscription

Lectionary based

Inclusive language

Intergenerational and age group specific

Connection to worship, home, service

Sovereignty of God to save

Allows for doubt and questioning

Black and white reproducible

Color teaching pictures available

wholepeopleofgod.com

Dare to Be a Daniel:

The Billy Graham Evangelistic

Middle school 13 week "training" course in a suitcase

Printed materials, DVD clips, online access for activities

Important theme for teens: take a stand with friends who support like values instead of cave to peer pressure

Non-inclusive language

Military language such as field manual, D2BD dog tags, soldiers for Christ, etc

daretobeadaniel.com or billygraham.org

Disciple:

Abingdon Press (distributed through Cokesbury)

Four phase program of in-depth Bible study for adults

Short-term and youth studies also available

Small group (8–14) ministry emphasis

Ecumenical

NRSV and inclusive language used extensively

Video and other discussion tools

Some Spanish and Korean resources available

cokesbury.com

Dwell

Faith Alive Christian Resources

Kindergarten to eighth grade divided into four age-groups: Imagine, Wonder, Marvel, Dive

Two-year cycle for an ongoing journey that builds on the previous years

Additional resources include a planning guide, summary of biblical teachings, devotions for teens, and story card family game,

dwellcurriculum.org

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Gospel Light:

Gospel Light Publications

Non-denominational with Presbyterian roots

Colorful

Clear goals and objectives

Age appealing formats

Connection to home

Theme based Bible study

Uses both Old and New Testament

Non-inclusive language

Everlasting blessedness of believers, everlasting punishment for unbelievers

Child evangelism focus from ages 6 and up, not children of God by birth and baptism, but when children pray the prayer of salvation

Emphasizes salvation our work, not God's work

gospellight.com

Group:

Group Publishing

Wide variety of products for all ages

Evangelical, non-denominational

Interactive, colorful, engaging

Faith Weaver, same scripture/main idea across the ages for family, community focus

Three-year scope and sequence for overview of the Bible every three-years

Hands-On, one-point or main idea focus

Gizmos (objects used to engage in the lesson)

Buzz, instant Sunday school in a box

Non-inclusive language

Sometimes competition vs. cooperative learning (winners, losers)

Sometimes activities promote violence (bop your neighbor with the Nerf™ object)

group.com

Grow:

United Methodist Church

Infants through tweens, 3-year scope and sequence

Large group/small group models available

growproclaimsserve.com

Kerygma:

The Kerygma Program

In-depth and short term Bible studies for adults

Scholarly and well written

Presbyterian roots, used by many traditions

Something for the variety of learners/classes offered in congregations

Seasonal resources for adult studies

kerygma.com

Kid Connection:

FaithAlive (CRC, Christian Reformed Church)

Small church focus through broadly graded format

Content for a class of one

Thematic Bible teaching—all Old Testament in one year; all New Testament in next year with a special session for Christmas and Easter

Connection to home

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Learning styles

Life application

Uses terms like "true story" instead of letting story speak to mystery and "the devil" - terms not usually used with small children and in some traditions

kidconnectiononline.org

Seasons of the Spirit:

Woodlake Press, developed from merge of Whole People of God and Inviting Word

Intergenerational and age group specific

Lectionary based Bible study

Inclusive language

Connection to home, worship, service

Sovereignty of God to save

Mystery of God

Color posters

Not as many activity choices as Whole People of God

spiritseasons.com

The Thoughtful Christian and The Thoughtful Christian for Youth:

Presbyterian Publishing Corporation (PPC)

Online resource offered by subscription, small church discount available

Purchase by single sessions or bundled

Youth and adult Sunday school lessons in a variety of topics and by categories

Short, short term (usually one to four weeks each topic)

Cutting edge and timely

Presbyterian and Reformed in content

Wide-range of traditions and denominations represented in the authorship

thethoughtfulchristian.com/

The Wired Word:

Communication Resources, Inc.

Online resource, by subscription, delivered by email

Current event, headline news story based

Leader email contains background/links/discussion from the advisory team, questions

Class members receive the same e-news without the discussion from the advisory team

More conservative in some treatment of news stories, generally unbiased in tone

thewiredword.com/

Spark, Activate Faith:

Augsburg Fortress

Printed curriculum for children two through sixth grade in three formats:

Traditional classroom model with key Bible stories and special sessions for holy days

Revised common lectionary-based for school graded

Rotation model with in classroom rotation for preschoolers and eight rotations per story for school age children

Spark Bibles available in story form and NRSV version

Flexible for a variety of markets

activatefaith.org/

Walk with Me:

Faith Alive Christian Resources

Printed curriculum for preschool (permanent 40 weeks of material) through eighth grade

Two-year-cycle K-5, three-year-cycle 6-8 in nine units of four sessions each, separate Christmas, Easter, and summer sessions available separately

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Leader's guide each level and superintendent's/director's guide also available

Basic Bible stories covered

Some child evangelism focus in values and goals of the curriculum and in the leader's guide

walkwithmeonline.org/

This list of resources and curricula is not intended to be comprehensive. Any list cannot include all resources available. If you would like to suggest, review, or include a resource for future lists, please contact the Educational Ministries office at (800) 728-7228, ext. 5166 or candace.hill@pcusa.org.

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