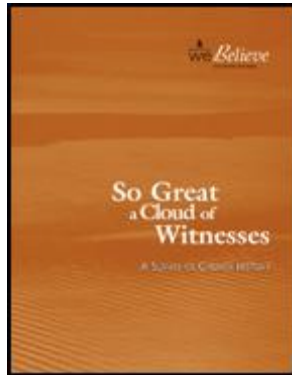


Introduction to So Great a Cloud of Witnesses



So Great a Cloud of Witnesses—A Survey of Church History is a course designed for older children and younger youth. The study begins with the role call of the faithful in Hebrews 11. It continues with stories of the early church to the church today, asking the student to consider his or her own church as part of the history and the story. The course is a permanent resource, not quarterly.

There are two components for this course: the Teacher's Book and the Student's Notebook. The Teacher's Book contains 33 sessions, plus one session each for Christmas and Easter.

Both components are perforated for duplication as needed or for placing in a binder.



Each session contains enough material for a one-hour class and is organized in an easy to use A, B, C, and D format.

Assemble: God Calls Us Together
Bible Study: We Hear God's Word
Claim: We Respond To God's Word
Depart: God Sends Us Into the World

There is also an E and F section to allow teaching teams to evaluate what has worked well and to look ahead to future sessions.

The survey course is designed to connect study with spiritual practice and worship. Each session begins and ends with prayer. These worship activities, found in assemble and depart sections of the lesson plan, help students experience ritual in the midst of community. As children experience spiritual practice consistently, they learn to make a space for prayer and service in their own lives. Another prominent feature of each session plan is the focus on cooperative learning. Whether a teacher with two students or larger classes with small groups, the emphasis is on learning and growing in faith together.

The Teacher's Book includes copy-ready activities for some sessions. These activities, along with materials in the Student's Notebook, provide ideas to reinforce each lesson. The "Preparation and Materials" checklist on the first page of each session in the Teacher's Book, lists the supplies and activities to have on-hand.

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