

**Resources ! Resources ! Resources!**

*What shall we teach ?*



The following links connect to a broad variety of curriculum materials which may be purchased for use in your congregation. Curricula types are grouped into the following 6 tables:

[Workshop Rotation Models, Montessori Models, Web Component Resources, Lectionary Models, Undated \(topical, scope & sequence\) Resources, Family-oriented Curriculum Resources and Resources for Smaller Congregations.](#)

A few of the links connect you to free resources. Curriculum materials for adults, youth, and children are represented. Contact the Canon for Christian Formation at the Bishop Henry Center for further information:  
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## **Workshop Rotation Model Resources :**

The Workshop Rotation Model teaches key Bible stories and concepts through kid-friendly multimedia workshops. The same Bible story is taught in all of the workshops for four or more weekly sessions. Small groups of children rotate to a different workshop each week thus exploring the same story in a variety of ways. The teacher (or teaching team ) stays in the same workshop teaching the same lesson to each new group. The Workshop Rotation approach is rooted in a multiple intelligence framework where every child can often find activities which are of interest to her/his learning style. This approach has broad adaptability and flexibility for congregations of all sizes.

***Come Join The Circle*** rotation all-in-one kits designed by Logos: [Click here](#)

***Cornerstone*** rotation-based learning modules (a great one on MGDs!): [Click here](#)

***Firelight II Bible Program*** offered by the Evangelical Lutheran Church: [Click here](#)

***Potter's Workshops*** are the original creators of the Rotation philosophy: [Click here](#)

***PowerXpress Curriculum*** of modules produce by the Methodist Church: [Click here](#)

***Rotation.com*** for an expansive variety of free rotation-based reoursces: [Click here](#)

***Workshop Cycles*** (Leader Resources) for Episcopal rotation resources: [Click here](#)

## New! Web Component Curricula

**AKALOO** Discipleship is not a one-size-fits-all endeavor, so Akaloo brings a "stage-specific" approach to faith formation. The program is organized by age group—Children, Youth, and Adults—with each stage focusing on five areas or units of discipleship: Bible, God, Disciple, Church, and World. Everyone is united behind a single theme: We are called to follow Jesus. This creative approach is web-based. Check out the web site for more detailed information.

**Amazing Bible Race** How many times have you wished your youth knew more of the Bible? Sure, they can give you a rundown of some familiar stories; but when was the last time they looked at the Bible as a scavenger-hunt, digging and searching for new discoveries to open up their faith? The Amazing Bible Race was created with that in mind. Teams will work together to solve weekly challenges, encourage one another, and build community as you all “race” toward this goal. The Amazing Bible Race is less like a sprint and more like a marathon, building knowledge, endurance, and faith with every chapter read. Groups accrue points and at the end of the official Race the top ten point getters receive \$500 toward a mission organization of their choice or towards their youth missions program. The program includes a web component, with both administration and publicity features. Administration tools help youth workers manage the race, coordinate weekly challenge turn-in, send e-mail reminders, and tally points. Publicity tools help build excitement, allow teams to check their standings against other youth groups, upload photos of teams "running" the race; and it allows teams to challenge another youth group for a one-on-one race.

## Montessori-based Resources:

These widely-used programs in the Episcopal Church have their roots in Montessori theory and especially in the pioneering work of Sofia Cavalletti. Both *Godly Play* and *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* provide young children the opportunity to explore foundational bible stories in creative and relaxed learning environments. *The Way of the Child* is part of the *Companions in Christ* program published by Upper Room). These are excellent resources for preschool and early elementary school ages.

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** website offers a thorough description of this widely used method.

**Godly Play** website provides full resources for Jerome Berryman’s program.

**The Way of the Child**, for children ages 6-11 years, is a 39 session curriculum leading children into a deeper relationship with God, instills in children spiritual practices to form lifelong habits, encourages children to respond to God, and provides an experience of vital community. It can be used in a variety of settings: Sunday School, weekday camp, after-school programs. The resource presents experiential sessions to use in a sustained program, is user-friendly, supports families, and is affordable and adaptable.

## Lectionary-based Resources:

These materials provide lesson plans based upon the scripture readings appointed for the Sundays in the liturgical year.

[Bible Workbench](#) is a lectionary-based resource for adults designed in workbook style. Materials include readings from literature related to the biblical themes for the Sunday.

[Living The Good News](#) is a broad curriculum designed for nursery through adult groups in Episcopal congregations. They offer several curriculum programs at this website.

[Season of the Spirit](#) is developed by an international team of writers utilizing the arts and current technology in helping children, youth, and adults explore the Sunday scriptures. The teacher support resources at this site are very well designed.

[TeenText](#) utilizes the NRSV in helping high school teens connect biblical texts with their daily lives. The middle school level is produced as Kids Text.

[The Sunday Paper](#) is informal, whimsical, faithful to Scripture, and in dead earnest. It helps children to acquire a vocabulary of crucial Scriptural images, and to relate the Gospel to the Old Testament, the life of the Church, and their own lives." Sacrament and celebration, pageants and prayer, are as much a part of Christian education as Bible study; liturgy in which children are full participants is the oldest Christian curriculum and still the best - inviting children to wonder, to imagine, to pretend, and to make the stories and rituals part of their inmost selves.

## Undated Resources:

Materials in this section may be used at any time: Sunday mornings or in a variety of other settings throughout the liturgical year. These resources are not dated. Many of them follow a designated scope and sequence plan. The lists are arranged according to age levels: children, teens, adults.

### CHILDREN

[BRIDGES](#) Designed to be used by teachers of both **adults and children with mental retardation**, this easy-to-use curriculum provides: \* Bible lessons and activities \* Bible story and storytelling figures \* a retelling of the story with words to sign \* suggestions and activities to help students memorize Bible verses \* suggestions to help students tell the story \* reproducible storytelling figures and activity pages Bridges helps the teacher focus on the main idea of the lesson and relate the content of the lesson to the lives of students. 13 lessons per quarter.

**All Things New** is a two-year program for children from preschool through sixth grade offering a rich mix of age-appropriate activities centered on scripture and Episcopal "basics."

**Beulah Land Felt Bible Story Curriculum** for children ages 3 to 11 is a felt board story telling approach to Christian bible stories which fosters learning through the eyes and the ears (of both the mind and heart!).

**BibleZone Live!** for children is available in three levels: preschool, younger elementary, and older elementary. It focuses on select Bible stories and presents them in a variety of learning activities appropriate for each of these three levels.

**Episcopal Children's Curriculum** for children from ages 3 to 11 is organized around the seasons of the Church year and drawn from The Bible, The Book of Common Prayer, the hymnal, church liturgy and tradition.

**Live Big** is a new DVD based curriculum for children preschool through elementary school with an active web site for teachers of the program. B.I.G. stands for *Belief In God*. It offers creative exploration of select bible stories utilizing new research in how the human brain functions in the learning process for children of different ability levels.

**My Episcopal Faith** is a series of seven (K-6) booklets which introduce children to the history, beliefs, structure and lore of the Episcopal Church. This may be used with Share The Joy or as a stand alone six week module.

**Rock Solid** is a new ( fall of 2008) comprehensive overview of the Bible for preschoolers through older elementary children, covering the major stories of the Bible over three years. The outline of Bible stories follows the church year, so children fully experience stories of Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, and Pentecost. The curriculum is a scope and sequence format rather than a lectionary format.

**Toddlers and Twos** This Sunday School resource for ages 12 – 36 months cleverly couches Bible lessons within a large and diverse assortment of play activities. Up to 8 different activities can be offered simultaneously throughout your classroom in "Activity Centers" for small clusters of 1 to 4 children. Each of these learning activities repeat and reinforce a simple lesson theme in a variety of different ways, while keeping the toddlers engaged. Over time, these methods can help even the very youngest toddlers sense a relationship with their church family, and recognize themselves as God's children.

**Share the Joy** curriculum for grades K-6 teaches the foundations of faith based on the word of God, lived in community and grounded in service to others.

**Witness** Sunday school curriculum (pre-K through grade 8) teaches kids to "Learn from the Bible to Live the Good News." Witness Goals: Know, Grow, Show Every Witness session is easy to use and has three goals - know, grow, and show. we've made Witness a two-semester program. Each semester contains 15 regular, 60-minute sessions plus five Bonus Sessions. These bonus sessions offer theme-based learning opportunities in a more flexible format, focusing on Jesus' Teachings, Old Testament/New Testament Connections, exploring outside the classroom, seasonal preparations, and worship.

## TEENS

[Claim The Life](#) is a thematic approach for middle school and high school teens targeting their spiritual formation from early adolescence until high school graduation. The material is flexible for mixed age teen groups.

[Episcopal Curriculum for Youth](#) is for young people (ages 12-18) designed to help them to test their values in the context of their Christian faith. It equips them to make smart choices about tough issues.

[Faith in Motion](#) is a Life-to-Bible topical series for junior high teens (ages 12-15). The leader guide includes step-by-step plans for seven sessions that explore different dimensions of a topic of interest to younger youth. It also includes additional formats for exploring the topic: a retreat model, worship service, and quick field trip or service project suitable for Sunday school class period or extension. This series will eventually have 16 volumes of topics.

[Intersection](#) for teens is a bible study based on the NRSV translation. The program resources include a: flexible Teaching Guide, and colorful Youth Pages to engage today's youth in Bible study. Additional weekly online resources are provided through Smyth & Helwys Premium or Caleb's Cafe. Intersection is based on the NRSV translation.

[Journey To Adulthood](#) has 3 two year segments for teens grades 6 through 12: Rite13, J2A, and YAC. It uses Bible study, prayer, rites of passage, outreach ministries and both serious and playful activities to underscore its core principles: Manhood and womanhood are free gifts from God. Adulthood must be earned.

[LinC](#) is a program for teens examining the latest music, movies, news, and current events through a biblical lens. Each packet is downloadable for a fee of \$6 to \$8. Reproduce as many as you need for your group. There are dozens of titles. Take time to explore them !

[Live It!](#) is a tween resource designed to help tweens ages 10-13 face today's issues with a real understanding of how their faith impacts their lives every day. Live It! will help tweens develop meaningful relationships with family, friends, and most importantly, Jesus Christ. It will also help them develop the skills they need to make godly decisions in today's world.

[Questions Seniors Ask](#) explores faith topics of interest to High School Teens. It is available only in downloadable units which may be purchased and duplicated for use in your congregation.

[Quick Paks](#) is a series of one-session stand alone designs for teens. Contemporary media references provide leaders with alternatives for preparing upbeat approaches to bible study for youth.

[Rock Solid](#) is a new ( fall of 2008) comprehensive overview of the Bible for tweens in grades 6 -8, covering the major stories of the Bible over three years. The outline of Bible stories follows the church year, so children fully experience stories of Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, and Pentecost. The curriculum is a scope and sequence format rather than a lectionary format.

**Synago** is a senior high teen small-group approach providing a variety of topics. In coming together to talk about their lives in light of God's good news, the group members find that something great happens.

**Thinking Theologically** is a series of topics for High School teens including such topics as: Body image, Money, Haves and Have Nots, and Pop Culture. There is a teen booklet and a leader booklet for each of these topics.

**Tweens In Transition** is a program designed for Middle School teens (*TWEENS*) to help them deal with their developmental issues in light of Christian faith. The kids get a magazine format (*Faithzine*) specifically designed to capture their interests. *Quickteach* is a resource for teachers who volunteer to teach this group each Sunday.

**Tween Time** is unique in that it offers fellowship and service projects for tweens. It can be used alone or with other programs. This is a highly flexible resource.

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## **ADULTS**

**LEAP** Liturgy, Education, & Action for the Parish is designed especially for use in adult Christian education forums or small-group discussions. These resources present germane and practical ways to engage with contemporary themes in justice, education, and ministry. Centered on a topic of current importance in the life of the church, LEAP provides approachable education, thoughtful, contemporary liturgy, and powerful opportunities for mission and outreach. The materials are in a downloadable format.

**Practically Christian** curriculum for adults is six units (six sessions each) linking the Episcopal Church's five baptismal vows with six classical prayer forms of Adoration, Penitence, Intercession, Petition, Thanksgiving, and Praise and moves each participant to faithful action and reflection. Units may be used independently of the entire series.

**SynthesisCE** is a lectionary study guide in the Episcopal tradition for the lessons for each Sunday of the liturgical year. There is no web link. The material may be ordered from Sedgwick Publishing Company: support@pnmsi.com or by telephoning 1-301-528-0011.

**Values** is a six-session course for adults in Christian ethics based upon the Baptismal Covenant. Each session includes a 10-minute video, some time for small-group discussion, and some take-home materials. The program is produced by the same group that offers the Via Media program described in our Adults section of the Christian Formation Website.

**Venture** is a series for adults exploring the basics of Christian history and faith. Each series offers six sessions on each of four topics: theology, church history, liturgics, and Holy Scripture — 24 sessions per series. The sessions would work especially well for a Sunday Forum or Adult Sunday School. This program was developed by OASIS, Inc.

## Family Oriented Resources

(These are in addition to Lectionary-based programs described above)

[Faith Weaver](#) is a curriculum for all age levels...early childhood through adult. The material is designed so that all age groups are working with the same bible text on any given Sunday. This enables families to have a common basis to continue and exploration of the spiritual theme at home.

[Gather 'Round](#) is published by the Mennonite Church Canada and the Mennonite Church USA with the goal of strengthening the connection between home and congregation through a bible-based curriculum for the whole family. One of the threads throughout this program is Christian service in peacemaking.

## Resources for use in Smaller Congregations:

The following links offer materials for smaller congregations where a broader age-range across fewer numbers of children is the norm. Do you have only five kids with four different age ranges in your group? This material is designed just for you ! Also, much of the Rotation Module materials listed in the first table at the top of this page can be easily adapted for the smaller congregation by using only one center at a time.

[Lesson Plans For Small Congregations](#) offers free lesson plans according to the Sunday lectionary are available for downloading at this site (The Episcopal Church Center Site).

[Live Big](#) is a new DVD based curriculum for children in a mixed age group setting with an active web site for teachers of the program. B.I.G. stands for *Belief In God*. It offers creative exploration of select bible stories utilizing new research in how the human brain functions in the learning process for children of different ability levels.

[One Room Sunday School](#) provides a complete teaching kit with seasonally based material.

[Seasons of the Spirit Multiage Curriculum](#) offers two different sets of materials depending on the age span of the group: Multiage 5 through 12 and Multiage 9 – 11. This material is seasonally based with a web site for teachers and learners as well.

[The Mustard Seed Curriculum](#) is organized thematically around both the Old and New Testaments. The series is available in a downloadable format and may be copied for use in your congregation.

[The Seedlings Curriculum](#) is biblically based for small churches in the Episcopal Tradition. It is broadly graded for children preschool through 6th grade.

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