

Curriculum Overview for Children and Youth Formation

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<i>Akaloo</i>	Augsburg Fortress (ELCA) www.akaloo.org	Since discipleship is a group activity, Akaloo is designed to bring people together to follow Jesus as his body. Learning can take place in and out of church, any day of the week. Akaloo is the Greek verb “to follow” (<i>akolouthein</i>)	Each age group focuses on 5 units of discipleship: Bible, God, Disciple, Church, and World. (5-8 weeks each) Mostly NT, especially in younger grades (2 year program)	1 guidebook with a website for downloading all leader guides to develop lesson plans from a choice of activities. Website forums – need web access	Media-based learning (home & church) learner handbooks; video; music (MP3); power- point; worship ideas	All ages (3’s to Adults) closely graded, including intergenerational events to begin each unit and one for every season.	Based on ASA \$120-\$1,000 web membership \$9.95 Handbook per student <i>Downloadable</i> UNDATED
<i>All Things New</i>	Living the Good News (Episcopal) www.livingthegoodnews.com/allthingsnew.htm	Scripture-centered, gathering leaders and learners together in a faith formation community for welcoming children into today’s church	Scope & Sequence covering 78 ‘best loved’ Bible stories; all ages focus on the same lesson. <i>(Episcopal basics will be available as a download in Fall ’08)</i>	“At-a-glance” layouts support time-pressured leaders; focus of teacher is to build a caring community	Variety of options for activities; CD of music; posters; take home calendar	Pre/K – Grades 5&6	Per unit (3): \$19.95 Teacher \$2.95 Child \$12.95 Posters \$14.95 CD \$9.95 Parent (5) UNDATED
<i>Amazing Bible Race</i>	Cokesbury (United Methodist Church) www.AmazingBibleRace.com	A 6-volume scavenger hunt through the Bible (Law, History, Wisdom, Prophets, Gospels, Letters) for youth – including daily reading	Six 12-week “legs” of a race for individuals or youth groups involving reading scripture, prayer and quizzes & games	A web-component, with administrative and publicity features; CD-ROM Leader’s Guide	Group and individual; weekly challenge turn-in and points tallied	Youth (not classified as a curriculum by the publisher)	\$30 each “Leg” Director’s Manual \$6 each Runner’s Reader Leg
<i>Beulah Land</i>	Gretchen Wolff-Pritchard (independent) www.beulahenterprises.org	Felt Bible storytelling materials for developing a visual vocabulary of faith	OT, Gospel & Acts stories (Montessori / open-ended approach)	Felt materials need full assembly; includes background on worship & spirituality with children	Uses felt figures for storytelling; CD of story script along with art & craft activities	Ages 3-10	\$80 Curriculum \$175 Starter Set (needed for all) \$150- 225 for other sets REUSABLE
<i>Bible-in-Life</i>	David C. Cook (independent) www.cookministries.com/curriculum/avidccook/	Evangelical guidance to present basic Bible truths without being distracted by doctrines over which Bible-believing Christians may disagree. Having a personal relationship with Christ; a desire to witness, minister and serve	Scope & Sequence (small Anglican supplement “The Lamp Lighter” in center of teacher’s guide) 100% New Testament core lessons (NIV/KJV)	Teacher preparation for each lesson – questions (with answers) provided; “easy-to-teach & easy-to-prepare”	Relies on student booklets / visually oriented	Toddler/2 – Adult	Per quarter: \$6.99 Teacher \$14.99 Aids \$3.99 Craft book \$3.99 Take home \$3.50 Bible Discoveries DATED

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<i>BibleZone Live!</i>	Abingdon Press (United Methodist Church) www.biblezonelive.com/	Children are full of energy; they don't have to sit still but can have fun while they develop a love for and relationship with the Bible.	12 Themes with 13 Bible-to-life lessons in "Funspirational Kits" of storytelling props and music.	Leader's Guides for each (15+) BibleZone theme (different biblical locations)	Does not rely on reading or writing skills; craft oriented	Preschool / Younger elementary / Older elementary	Kits \$59.99 UNDATED
<i>Catechesis of the Good Shepherd</i>	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Roman Catholic roots) www.cgsusa.org/	Using Jesus as a guide, God and the child have a unique relationship with one another; build upon joy, simplicity and contemplation.	It is rooted in the Bible, the liturgy of the church, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori. Materials focus on the life of Christ, parables and liturgical items in true to form child-friendly size.	Level I training is foundational to becoming attuned to the religious life of the child, the Bible, liturgy, the handmade materials, atrium, presentations preparing the catechist "album"	Children gather in an "atrium," a room prepared for them, which contains simple yet beautiful materials that they use and 'fall in love with God by myself'	Level I: 2 – 6 years Level II: 6-9 years Level III: 9-12 years	Training for teachers is \$250-500. Home made materials UNDATED
<i>Celebrate the Good News: Children's Chapel</i>	Morehouse Education Resources (Episcopal) www.morehouseeducation.org	Children's liturgy is children's play. Children do not want to be "consumers" of liturgy but co-creators, supported by enthusiastic adults	Lectionary based following the Gospel each week in which gathering, proclamation, response and pray	Leader's Guide step-by-step plan for worship that also includes ideas for exploring the lesson creatively or through "centers"	Chapel space designed for children, classroom or any space used for worship (20-40 minute sessions)	5-12 years	\$19.95 per quarter DATED
<i>Claim the Life</i>	Abingdon Press (Methodist) www.ClaimtheLife.com	God is already at work in the lives of your youth. Claim the Life brings together the hopes you have for your youth: spiritual formation, discipleship, Christian community, and faith knowledge.	6-year comprehensive youth curriculum for (MS: Journey/Word/Faith & HS: Promise/Story/Call; Each year's theme has 2 semesters of 16 weeks each; based on key words or phrases	CD-ROM, web, e-mail and DVDs with 2 teaching options: activity based or discussion based (using videos or questions)	Traditional classroom or youth group involves video vignettes, interactive website and print materials	Grades 7-9 Grades 10-12	Per semester: \$16 Leader \$6 Student \$3 DVD UNDATED
<i>Companions in Christ: The Way of Pilgrimage</i>	Upper Room Ministries (Methodist) www.upperroom.org/companions/	An adventure of spiritual formation for the next generation; pilgrimage is not about the destination, it's about the journey	30-week study broken into 5 six-week units: Choosing Pilgrimage, The Bible, Prayer, Companions, Stepping into the World	Leader's Guide provides structure and content for each weekly session	Weekly 1 ¼ hour group experience for Sunday School, youth group	High School College-age	\$17 Leader's Guide \$8 each Participant's book per unit

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<i>Companions in Christ: The Way of the Child</i>	Upper Room Ministries (Methodist) www.upperroom.org/companions/	Helps children learn & experience spiritual disciplines that will lead them into a deeper awareness of God's presence in their lives.	39 sessions broken into modules on themes; reflection stations within a child-friendly environment and structure	Leader's Guide includes 5 chapters on the spiritual nature of children; faith formation and lesson plans	60-90 minute time frame – Church school; VBS; short term or long term	Ages 6-11	\$25 Leader's Guide & Sessions \$15 CD songs \$15 DVD \$6 Resources \$5 Family Book
<i>CONNECT: Life & Christian Faith for Young Teens</i>	Abingdon Press (United Methodist Church) www.ileadyouth.com/resources.asp	Keep youth involved in the life of the church, be a positive influence in the lives of youth and help them grow in faith.	Units are centered on topics of importance to youth and relates them to OT & NT Scripture	Full lesson plan includes teacher background and preparation	Traditional classroom; variety of activities	Grades 6-8 (Ages 12-15)	\$4 per unit Downloadable UNDATED
<i>e/Merge</i>	Cokesbury (United Methodist Church) www.cokesbury.com	A dynamic blending of media, fun, spirituality, and relationship where teens emerge as disciples.	DVD-based youth group resource using OT & NT in 3 themes for 13 weeks of programming	Leader's Guide CD & DVD with additional teaching tools & resources in MP3 format	For small or large youth groups; teaching, games, media, PowerPoint	MS (12-14yrs) HS (15-18yrs)	\$60 Director's Kit \$18 Small-Group Leader's Guide
<i>Episcopal Children's Curriculum</i>	Morehouse Publishing (Episcopal) www.livingthegoodnews.com/ecc	Focus on faith and practice by living out the covenant made in Holy Baptism	Scope & Sequence based on OT/NT sacramental themes (Baptism, Eucharist, Worship) NRSV	Extensive teacher background material; Clear Lesson Plan	Variety of activities for different learning styles (90 min. of material)	Pre/K – 5th grade (ages 3-11)	\$29.95 Guide \$7.00 child book \$27.95 packet \$6 take-homes UNDATED
<i>Episcopal Curriculum for Older Youth</i>	Morehouse Publishing (Episcopal) www.livingthegoodnews.com/ecy.htm	Focus on faith and practice by living out the covenant made in Holy Baptism	Modules (9 weeks) on a variety of topics (Diversity, Spirituality, Violence, etc.) NRSV	Guides are for student leaders; teachers act as mentors in planning	Use of media and music and contemporary applications	Grades 10-12	\$11.95 per guide \$12.95 Poster Pack UNDATED
<i>Episcopal Curriculum for Younger Youth</i>	Morehouse Publishing (Episcopal) www.livingthegoodnews.com/ecy.htm	Focus on faith and practice by living out the covenant made in Holy Baptism	Modules (9 weeks) on Call, Covenant, Community, Sacraments – NRSV	Teacher background with ideas for student led activities	Use of current music and posters, social projects	Grades 6-9	\$11.95 Leader \$12.95 Posters \$3.50 Student UNDATED

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Faith in Motion	Cokesbury (United Methodist) www.cokesbury.com/forms/curriculum.aspx?sid=188	Help young people realize they can have an active faith by discussing thorny dilemmas and serious questions with helps to find solutions in the Bible	20 relevant teen themes with 7 lessons under each topic	Leader's Guide has background information; lesson plan; ideas for outside the classroom	Colorful student journals and current topics of interest to teens	Grades 6-9 (12-15 years)	\$13 Leader's Guide \$5.50 Student Journal UNDATED
FaithWeaver	Group Publishing (independent) www.faithweaver.com	Concentrates on authentic learning education, and every activity has a purpose in encouraging faith growth, from infants to adults.	Scope & Sequence quarterly with scripture and another key bible verse 25% OT 75% Gospel	Teacher Guides include background and dialogue script for speaking to class	Bible memory verses, drama, arts & crafts, stories – implies families study together at home	Toddlers – Adult	Quarterly: \$9.99 Teacher \$4.79 Student \$37.99 Resource \$17.99 CD DATED
Firelight II: Bible Learning Curriculum	Augsburg Fortress (ecumenical through ELCA) www.augsburgfortress.org/learning/sundayschool/firelight/	“Change how you tell the story. Not the story you tell.” Grounded in real life to help kids make important connections between their Christian faith and the Bible stories they study.	Scope & Sequence that can be used as a Rotation Workshop Model; 4 modules of 5 Bible stories (2-4 sessions each). 20% NT 45% OT 35% Gospel (CEV)	Story-specific Leader Guides include teaching strategies & creative ideas	Classroom-style, Rotation Model or One-Room Schoolhouse; Uses “Multiple Intelligences” to weave art, music, computers, science, etc.	Age 2-3 through Grades 5-6	Per module: \$49.99 \$39.99 Leader \$9.99 Posters \$5.99 CD \$29.99 CD-ROM home pages UNDATED
Gather 'Round	Church of the Brethren & Mennonite Church USA www.gatherround.org	Lifts up the teachings of Jesus, offering alternatives to worldviews of individualism, power, and accumulation of wealth to an emphasis on peace and justice issues. (Anabaptist perspective)	Scope & Sequence based on 4-year Bible outline (OT in Fall, NT in Winter & Spring); all ages study same theme/story each week NRSV	Step-by-step lesson plans include Bible summary and insight, teaching tips, and easy-view lists of supplies, faith focus, and basic preparation.	Classroom setting; 3 or 4 response options per lesson draw on different learning preferences	Ages 3 through Grade 12 Component for home use with parents	Quarterly: \$7.95 Teacher \$6.95 Student \$19.95 Class Pack \$12.95 Music CD Youth material is downloadable DATED
Godly Play www.godlyplay.org	Morehouse Education Resources (Episcopal) www.morehouseeducation.org/ep_godlyplay.htm	To teach children the art of using religious language (parable, sacred story, silence & liturgical action) through wonder in a way that is playful and meaningful.	Montessori approach of presenting scripture – OT & NT, seasonal & liturgical stories	Teacher needs to be able to tell stories and allow for silence and child's response; Training helpful and available	Multi-sensory materials – child directed choices; chapel, church school, hospital or home use	Ages 3-11	\$24.95 per book \$2.95 Parent pages Pre-made materials range from \$15-100+ REUSABLE

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<i>Grapple</i>	Group Publishing (independent) www.MyGrapple.com or www.group.com/grapple	Answers tough preteen questions – and helps kids discover the power of a growing faith in Jesus	12 attention-grabbing lessons and Bible studies with access to create your group's own online community (90% NT)	Basic booklet with lesson plans and DVD of video clips; on-line support	DVD and on-line with class discussion	4 th -6 th grade (preteen) and Junior High modules	Quarterly: \$89.99 - \$149.99 per class size
<i>Hands-On-Bible Curriculum</i>	Group Publishing (independent) www.HandsOnBible.com	Children learn the most when they are having fun. Belief in authoritative Word of God and deity of Jesus Christ	Scripture is used in general terms with themes and key bible points for emphasis	Very specific directions for teachers – no training or skills needed	Learning Lab is “packed with gizmos;” use touch, taste, smell, sight, sound	Toddlers/2s – 6 th grade	\$62.99 Lab \$22.99 Teacher \$29.99 Puppets \$7.00 Poster \$17.99 CD UNDATED
<i>Journey to Adulthood</i>	LeaderResources (Episcopal) www.leaderresources.org/j2a	Manhood & Womanhood are gifts from God. Adulthood must be earned. Rites of Passage are important; Pilgrimage is to seek God	Three 2 year components; each focuses on all aspects of a person: self, society, sexuality and spirituality	Large notebook of all materials (also on disk) with lesson plans; Extensive commitment needed	Traditional classroom setting and youth group modules combined	Rite-13 (6-8 th grade) J2A (9 th -10 th) YAC (11 th -12 th)	\$200 per year for 3 years (CD) Renewable annually \$175 UNDATED
<i>KidText</i>	The Educational Center (Episcopal) www.educationalcenter.org	Helps middle school youth connect the text on the page with events in their daily lives through discussions guided by a series of open-ended, text-related questions	Lectionary based CEV & NRSV	Discussion guide provides information to facilitate the session; ability to be open and a good listener	Traditional classroom setting	Middle School Youth (Grades 6-8)	Annually: \$26.00 DATED
<i>Lesson Plans for Small Congregation</i>	Episcopal Church (Episcopal) www.ecusa.anglican.org/50534_ENG-HTML.htm	Lessons are a guide to centering Christian education in the church & home around the Biblical story	Lectionary Based, lessons usually follow Gospel NRSV	Simple plans with biblical background, list of questions and activity	Usually one activity per lesson with supplemental suggestions	Younger & Older Elementary; Adult Intergenerational	FREE Downloadable DATED
<i>Let the Children Come</i>	Morehouse Education Resources (Episcopal) www.morehouseeducation.org	A multifaceted approach for introducing very young children to the colorful characters of the Old Testament and the wonders of Jesus' birth and life.	Stories come alive through vibrant, interactive visuals, games, group play, sing-alongs and more. OT & NT stories	Leader's Guide	3 units per year of 7 Bible stories each (with ideas for 1 or 2 weeks each); classroom or nursery setting	Nursery (3 years)	Quarterly: \$2.95 Child's booklet \$24.95 Leader's Guide \$14.95 Story figures and stage

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<i>LinC (Living in Christ)</i>	Cokesbury (United Methodist) www.ileadyouth.com	LinC connects the latest events in the real world with the timeless Bible and with our living Christian faith.	Two full programs and a devotion on a timely issue – weekly	Background and scripture related to the issue, book and movie reviews	Group setting for discussion	Youth and Young Adult	\$8.00 per week or lesson Downloadable DATED but reusable
<i>Live B.I.G. (Belief in God)</i>	Cokesbury (United Methodist) www.iLiveBig.com	Live your Belief in God through inviting stories, role models, sights & sounds that provide a foundation for Christian living that leads children to experience & mirror God in their lives.	A quarterly Scope & Sequence based on monthly Biblical themes using multi-media (DVD) as a core component to each lesson. NRSV & CEV	Lesson plan with accompanying DVD. Variety of activities to support the weekly 5-minute video show.	DVD-based Traditional classroom setting or one-room schoolhouse model	Ages 3-13 with suggestions for one-room classroom	\$175 for annual DVD (all levels); \$4.00 quarterly kid book's; \$30.00 classroom decoration kit Downloadable DATED
<i>Live It! Bible Studies</i>	Cokesbury (United Methodist) www.cokesbury.com	Designed to help tweens face today's issues with a real understanding of how their faith impacts their lives every day.	Thematic topics with 6 lessons for tweens, plus an optional lesson for tweens and parents together. OT & NT	Organized lesson plan with checklist of activities and supplies. Variety of activities.	Traditional classroom setting	Pre-teens and young teens	\$15.95 per topic / theme UNDATED
<i>Living the Good News</i>	Morehouse Education Res. (Episcopal) www.morehouseeducation.com/ep_lectionarybased.htm	Brings people together to discover and share God's word through learning, worship & everyday life	Lectionary based 30% Old Testament 70% New Testament NRSV	Teacher Guide with scriptural background; Clear lesson plan; take-home papers	Variety of learning styles and activities; Enhanced CD has handouts, music, art, on-line ideas	Nursery - Adult	3 seasons: \$19.95 Leader \$2.95 Child \$10.95 Posters \$14.95 CD DATED
<i>Making it Real & Relevant</i>	Independent (Episcopal) www.seespiritgrow.com	A multi-media, topically based Bible study for High Students so youth can explore God, Jesus, the Bible, their faith and values in ways that show them how real and relevant these topics are in their lives	Available in an RCL lectionary format (Gospel) and a topic-based format over 3-4 weeks examining community and world issues using video clips and current music.	Teacher lesson plans with lists of video & music used	Semester: 16 Fall & 17 Spring sessions; use of video & music; art experiences	Middle & High School	\$60 year (topic) \$15 quarter (lectionary)
<i>Mustard Seed Series</i>	LeaderResources (independently written UCC) www.leaderresources.org/mustardseed	Opens the minds & spirits of students & teachers to the richness, variety and purpose of God's word and action among us.	Chronologically centered on the Bible; 340 texts covered in 10 years	Complete lesson plans with no training needed; supplemental books by author	Student books, teacher directed with answers given	K – Grade 9 (Confirmation)	\$47.95 Teacher \$13.95 Student ASA: \$75-\$350 Downloadable REUSABLE

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One Room Sunday School	Abingdon Press (Methodist) www.cokesbury.com/curriculum.aspx?subsection=9&sid=124	Living and Learning God's Word	Quarterly scope and sequence 33% OT 66% NT	Teacher Book contains specific plans for designing a lesson	Pictures, games, maps, posters, songs, storytelling figures	Age 3 – Middle School in one classroom	Quarterly: \$56.00 per kit \$12.00 additional Teacher Guide DATED
Questions Seniors Ask	Cokesbury (United Methodist) www.cokesbury.com	Offering a balance of short, lively units on Bible, faith and life for older teens, units were developed from questions and issues returned from a survey on specific topics sent to teens	Questions about the topic focused on key scriptures (OT & NT) Units (50+) on Death, Lent, The Opposite Sex, Eternal Life and more.	Session materials downloadable	2 sessions per topic	Grades 9-12 (ages 15-18)	Each session \$4.00 Downloadable UNDATED
Rock Solid: Building a Heart for Faith	Cokesbury (United Methodist) www.IAmRockSolid.com	Invites children to lay a solid biblical foundation and construct a personal relationship with God, creating a sacred space for children to know God and become lifelong followers of Jesus. Based Matthew 7:24.	Scope & Sequence follows the church year on a 3-year journey through the Bible with story-based experiences. Tween level is a two 1-year survey of the entire Bible. (NRSV)	Leader Guides feature 13 step-by-step sessions with QuickTeach activities for teachers with limited time and resources; reproducible sheets	Multi-sensory activities, crafts, stories & games supplemented by an interactive website for children (with games, etc.)	Ages 3-12 in several formats: group graded or multi-age children in a one-room setting	Quarterly: \$19.99 Leader's Guide \$4.99 Bible Storybook \$2.99 Fun Pak \$14.99 Resource Pak \$19.99 CD DATED
Seasons of the Spirit	Logos Productions, Inc. (ecumenical) www.spiritseasons.com	Empower all ages to be transformed in Christ as they explore the Bible, worship, service and ministry	Lectionary & ecumenical using the Revised Common Lectionary	Complete lesson plans and extensive website support and chat-rooms	Multi-media, drama, music, stories, art, outreach & mission	All ages: Preschool - Adult	Annually: \$152 per level \$310 multi-age Web-based DATED
Seedlings	Seedlings, Inc. (Independent – Episcopal) www.seedlingsinc.com	...for small churches... flexible... Biblically based... in the Episcopal tradition	4 year cycle (36-40 lessons) gives an introduction to all the major Bible stories and events	2 page lesson plan includes goals, background, and resource suggestions	Clean art, messy art, Bible search, drama, music, stories	Broadly graded for preschool-Grade 6	\$50.00 per year \$10.00 per unit UNDATED

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<i>TeenText</i>	The Educational Center (Episcopal) www.educationalcenter.org	Helps HS youth connect the text on the page with events in their daily lives through discussions guided by a series of open-ended, text-related questions	Lectionary CEV & NRSV	Discussion guide provides information to facilitate the session; ability to be open and a good listener	Traditional classroom setting	High School (Grades 9-12)	Annually: \$26.00 DATED
<i>The Sunday Paper and The Sunday Paper Junior</i>	The Sunday Paper (independent/Episcopal – written by Gretchen Wolff-Pritchard) www.the-sunday-paper.com/	"The Sunday Paper is informal, whimsical, faithful to Scripture, and in dead earnest. It is not condescending or cute. It helps children to acquire a vocabulary of crucial Scriptural images, and to relate the Gospel to the OT, life of the Church, & their own lives."	Lectionary-based; Paper: Gospel focused with OT & Psalm Junior: Gospel Line drawings in cartoon fashion with activity page and commentary Episcopal & RCL	None	Church (worship bulletin), home, nursery, or classroom	Junior: Preschool – Grade 4 Paper: Intermediate – Grade 8	Annually: \$85.00 each \$135.00 both Can be mailed for duplication or e-mailed in pdf form DATED
<i>Thinking Theologically</i>	Cokesbury (United Methodist) www.cokesbury.com	Helps Senior Highs think theologically about everyday issues they face through the standpoints of Scripture, Tradition, Experience and Reason	Thematic: money, pop culture, haves and have nots, body image, etc. in 6 sessions each	Leader's guide and background material	Classroom or youth group; includes worship ideas	High School (ages 15-18)	\$8 Leader \$5 Student UNDATED
<i>The Thoughtful Christian</i>	Westminster John Knox Press (Presbyterian) www.thoughtfulchristian.com	Bible study should be timely. It should stimulate our thoughts about Christian values and beliefs while wrestling with questions that inform the way we live out our faith in everyday life.	Web-based resource center comprised of various studies in units of 1-4 sessions on timely topics as well as denominational subjects from a variety of traditions	Each session is designed for 45-60 minutes with a 3-4-page Participant Handout and a 2-5 page Leader's Guide with lesson plans & resources.	Individual or group study	Youth and Adult	Downloadable as PDF files that can be duplicated Range from \$5 - \$18 per unit; discounts for subscribers
<i>Tweens in Transition</i>	Cokesbury (United Methodist) www.cokesbury.com	A basic, comprehensive Bible study that enables children to experience God through Jesus Christ.	Scope & Sequence Exploring Faith series, especially designed for "tweens"	See Exploring Faith	See Exploring Faith	5th & 6th graders (10-12 year olds)	\$7.99 Quarterly Teacher Guide \$5.99 Quarterly Student Magazine DATED

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<i>Tween Time</i>	Abingdon (United Methodist) www.cokesbury.com	Helps tweens be active in service and feel prepared to be part of the larger youth program.	Twelve programs cover topics such as courage and compassion; include service projects	Teacher Guide and on-line support	Youth group to supplement “Tweens in Transition”	4th – 6th grade	\$12.80 Teacher Guide
<i>Walk With Me</i>	Faith Alive Resources (Reformed) www.WalkWithMeOnline.org	We aim to be faithful to Scripture and to make the Reformed faith come alive in our everyday experiences as children of God.	Two-year Scope & Sequence for K-5 Old Testament 1st year New Testament 2nd year Three-year for 6-8	Complete lesson plan for 45 minutes with website assistance	Memory activities, worship, activity, song	Closely graded for K/4 – Grade 8	\$19.95 Teacher \$99.95 Resource Box \$7.95 Student DATED
<i>The Best of Whole People of God Online</i>	Wood Lake Publishing www.wholepeopleofgod.com	A simple, easy-to-use curriculum for your entire Christian Education family.	Lectionary based	Downloadable plans and Weekly Tip Newsletter	Materials for classrooms, worship, home	All ages	\$120 and up Annual subscription (Sept-August) on church size
<i>Witness</i>	Augsburg Fortress (ELCA) www.augsburgfortress.org/learning/sundayschool/witness/index.asp	To give students a solid foundation of Biblical knowledge with the practical ways to share their faith in daily life: to know the Word, grow in faith, show service	Two-year undated quarterly using scripture metaphorically Old Testament 33% New Testament 67%	Material prep. and detailed printed dialogue for teachers to have with students	Variety of activities are simple with a hands-on approach	Closely graded – ages 2-8th grade	Semester: \$7.49 Teacher \$28.49 Starter Kit \$6.99 Learner UNDATED
<i>Workshop Rotation Model (WoRM)</i>	Various publishers www.rotation.org See below for additional links	Concentrates on major stories of the Bible or themes over and over following workshop/centers following Howard Gardiner’s theory of multiple intelligences	Workshop units / cycles run for 4-7 weeks	Teachers repeat the same lesson every week of a cycle – on a topic / skill they enjoy	Experiential: art, music, storytelling, drama, computers, movies, etc.	Closely graded or broadly graded, depending on space and number of children	Per unit / cycle: \$15.00 – 150.00 UNDATED

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<i>Young Children and Worship</i>	Independent (associated with Reformed Church traditions, including PCUSA & Disciples of Christ) www.childrenandworship.org	A program curriculum that presents a joyful way for children to worship God. It invites children and adults to experience the wonder and mystery of God through a unique storytelling format and multi-sensory materials.	Montessori-based OT & NT	Story scripts in two books: “Young Children and Worship” and “Following Jesus” by Sonja Stewart (with Jerome Berryman in 1st book)	Experiential responses to storytelling (see Godly Play)	3-7 years; worship center	\$24.95 per book Materials: www.worshipworks.com

NOTES:

- Coloring coding:
 - Yellow – Children
 - Blue – Tweens
 - Green – Youth
 - Orange – All ages – many including adult
- ASA = Average Sunday Attendance
- When visiting the Cokesbury website to search for curriculum, go to www.cokesbury.com/curriculum.aspx for a list and web-link to the specific curriculum (children, youth or adults) you are looking for.
- **Workshop Rotation Model programs:**
 - Cokesbury’s *Power XPress* – www.cokesbury.com (United Methodist)
 - *Cornerstones* – www.cstones.com (independent)
 - LeaderResources’ *WorkshopCycles* – www.leaderresources.org/workshopcycles (Episcopal)
 - Logos Productions’ *Come Join the Circle* – www.logosproductions.com (ecumenical)
 - *Potter’s Workshop* – www.potters-workshops.com (independent)
 - Augsburg’s *Firelight* – www.augsburgfortress.com/firelight (ELCA)
- There is a **new curriculum** that is being released for the 2008-2009 academic year. It had not been viewed when this chart was compiled:
 - *Worship for Life* is a resource collection of multi-dimensional materials to help children as well as all ages explore and experience worship – www.worship4life.net (Logos Productions)

For updated overviews of curricula for children, youth & adults. stay tuned to the Church Publishing and Morehouse Education Resources websites www.morehouseeducation.org for updated in-depth overviews. For more information or questions regarding this chart contact Sharon Ely Pearson spearson@cpg.org