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POTTER'S PUBLISHING PROVIDES YOU WITH ~

Workshop Rotation Model Curriculum and Multi-dimensional Learning Activities

- † • A fresh and exciting approach for Sunday School (K-6)
Bible learning as a truly captivating experience
- † • Biblical stories and concepts making spiritual connections to kids' lives
- † • Biblically grounded, theologically centered
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CURRICULUM COMPONENTS:

- 6 workshops/lessons
- Spiritual Journals
- Let's Plan the Unit – includes planning tools and check lists for gathering and ordering supplies and resources
- Lesson adaptations for Primary and Intermediate children when necessary
- Letter of Invitation for Kids – to be mailed or emailed to kids prior to a new unit
- Easy planning Appendix items to use in lessons

CURRICULUM ENRICHMENTS:

- Intergenerational activities
- Mission activities
- Celebration Sunday ideas
- Computer activities created by Potter's Publishing included with curriculum in a number of units
- Adaptation for churches with no computers included in a number of curriculum units

PRICING:

All units come on a CD or may be downloaded from our web site directly to your PC.

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\$100 CD or CD and Download (Shipped to you)

Dear Christian Educators,

Potter's Publishing has been involved with developing the Workshop Rotation Model for Sunday school since its inception. The Potter's Publishing team was central to the group of Chicago churches that founded the Workshop Rotation Model initially in 1989. Potter's Publishing curriculum emerged from our own positive experiences working with children engaged in exciting multi-dimensional learning.



We at the Potter's Publishing are committed to the faith development of your children. Our goal is to provide curriculum that teaches the Bible so that it brings about radical transformation of children's minds and hearts and leads them to maturity in Christian faith. We want children to be able to integrate their faith with their lives.

It is known that children learn best when learning is connected to real life. We want children to have that "Ah-ha" experience when learning the Bible.

Potter's Publishing believes that children can be equipped with applicable spiritual tools. To that end we write curriculum that provides children with Biblical stories and concepts that they learn how to use as tools and rely on in their journey through life. Our curriculum allows children to make meaningful spiritual connections between Biblical concepts and their own lives. They will be better prepared for active Christian ministry and developing a mature faith.

As founders, we believe that the workshop rotation model is more than just snazzy room environments and fun activities. We believe that Biblical concepts drive the rotation units, stories and engaging activities are the vehicles, and the snazzy room environment is an enhancement. Potter's Publishing curriculum will uphold the integrity of your workshop rotation model Sunday school. It honors children as multi-dimensional learners with God-given multiple intelligences. It is solidly based on theology, current research in education, and educational best practices.

Although we provide some core workshops for our rotation units, we believe that there are endless workshop possibilities for teaching children. God taught God's people in multiple ways; we don't attempt to limit the ways we can teach children through the Workshop Rotation Model. Therefore, you'll see workshops called Science, Historical Reenactment, Dance, Astronomy and much more.

We provide you with teacher friendly lessons that allow adults to teach using their best gifts and abilities guiding children in discovering the joy of Christian life.

Our team relies on God's Spirit and the gifts each of us contribute. We bring a unique blend of life experiences and talents – pastor/theologian, public school educator, and Christian educators. Our experiences in both large and small church settings strengthen our belief that anyone can use the Workshop Rotation Model. We pray that Potter's Publishing will energize your kids to know, grow, and go in their faith.

Serving you in Christ,

Bob and Joyce Claus
Potter's Publishing



Meet Potter's Publishing Core Team

Joyce Claus, M.Ed.

Joyce is a curriculum writer, editor, and educational expert who integrates the theological concepts into creative activities for all the workshops for Potter's Publishing. Joyce has 26 years of elementary education experience, a Master's degree in curriculum and instruction and has been an adjunct instructor and curriculum developer in education at the university level. Joyce was one of the originators of the workshop rotation model in the Chicago area and was essential in connecting the Multiple Intelligence Theory and multidimensional learning to the Rotation Model in its early stages of development in 1990. She has presented workshops at the national conference on Workshop Rotation Model in Chicago since 1997 and numerous seminars around the country. Prior to her move to Morris, IL, Joyce and her husband, Rev. Dr. J. Robert Claus, were among the initial developers of the workshop rotation model in 1989 at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Arlington Heights, IL. Joyce now serves the children at Desert Hills Presbyterian Church in Scottsdale, AZ using the workshop rotation model for the Wednesday Night Mid Week Program.



The Rev. Dr. J. Robert Claus, D.Min.

Theological Consultant

Bob is the theological consultant for Potter's Publishing. Bob provides the theological direction for each rotational unit and writes the theological understandings. Bob first developed the Workshop Rotation Model at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Arlington Heights, Illinois in 1989. Bob's passion in ministry is for people to come alive in the Spirit. Bob's experience in Children's Ministry has led to his doctoral thesis: *The Workshop Rotation Model: Toward a New Educational Approach*. Bob is currently the Associate Pastor at Desert Hills Presbyterian Church in Scottsdale, AZ.



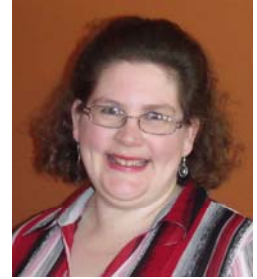
Jill Bennett O'Connor, B.A. Journalism

Jill writes, co-edits, and designs creative ideas for Potter's Publishing. She has been the Children's Ministries Director at Southminster Presbyterian Church, Arlington Heights, IL. Her creative implementation of the Workshop Rotation Model has doubled Sunday school attendance at Southminster and led children to spiritual faith development. Jill has enhanced Potter's Publishing curriculum with her experiences in the field. Jill has formatted the curriculum to be practically used by Christian Ed Directors as well as teachers. Jill's journalism and production background includes experience in radio, television, newspaper, video, and desktop publishing. Jill's love for drama has led her to develop "Scriptless Drama," a formula for children that is unique to Potter's Publishing curriculum.



Danette Forbes, M.A. Christian Education

Danette is a children's faith formation consultant for Potter's Publishing and has presented Workshop Rotation seminars across the country. Danette received her M.A. in Christian Education from Union Theological Seminary – Presbyterian School of Christian Education (Union PSCE) in Richmond, Virginia where she specialized in Children's Ministry. While at Union-PSCE, Danette worked in the Ecumenical Resource Center consulting with churches helping them develop educational experiences for their congregations, interpreting new resources and their uses for the local church, and specializing in Curriculum Resources. Danette has served several churches as a Christian Educator writing Workshop Rotation Model curriculum and developing experiences to help children and parents connect their faith with daily living.





Workshop Rotation Model Seminar On a CD In Power Point Format

For 14 years Potter's Publishing has traveled across the country giving seminars to churches as well as in conferences. We understand it can be expensive to contract us to train the teachers in your church.

In the past a seminar of this quality could cost you \$700-\$800 for fees, flights, and lodging!

Now, we offer you this quality "Seminar on a CD" – a very cost effective approach to training your teachers. You can easily choose your own training date/s or allow individuals to participate in the seminar on their own.

This "Workshop Rotation Model Seminar on a CD" was created specifically for churches wanting to train their Children's Ministry Teams on this innovative paradigm for Sunday School.

The seminar is in Power Point format and can easily be presented to large groups, small teams, or even individuals who wish to view it on their laptops or PCs. Power Point Note Pages provide the seminar leader with dialogue for each slide.

The Seminar on a CD presents the same content as our staff would provide if we were at your church in person. It allows you to stop at any point in the presentation to discuss things with your team. Questions that can't be answered through the presentation can be discussed with one of our staff at Potter's Publishing.

There are five parts to the Workshop Rotation Model Seminar on CD:

Part 1: Educational and Theological Underpinnings of Workshop Rotation Model

Part 2: Understanding the Multiple Intelligences and How They Relate to the Model (includes a Multiple Intelligence Survey for participants)

Part 3: Exploring how the Workshop Rotation Model Makes a Powerful Difference in Children's Spiritual Growth

Part 4: How Does the Workshop Rotation Model Work? The Nuts and Bolts of Implementation

Part 5: A Look at Potter's Publishing Curriculum and Its Components

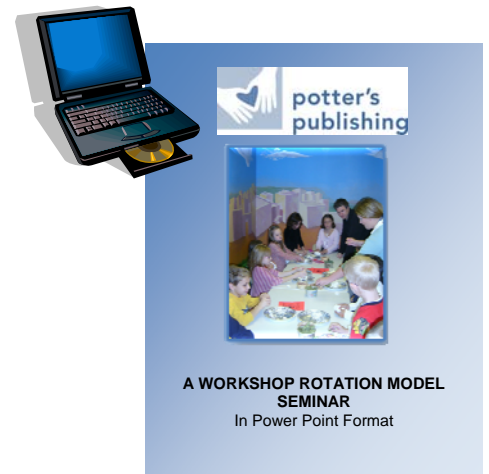
How to Use the Seminar:

You may use this seminar in a variety of ways –

- Presenting to church leaders
- Starting Up the Workshop Rotation Model
- Group and Individual Teacher Training
- Personal Growth for Teachers

For churches that have been doing Workshop Rotation Model for some time, this seminar may be used to

- Re-vision the model
- Refresh teachers who have been teaching in the model for some time
- Introduce the new crop of teachers coming on board



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Advance Preparation, and Multiple
Intelligence Survey*

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in a Land of Many Colors* and
Printable Catalog as a Teacher's
Tools for your seminar

Time Allotment:

*The entire presentation may take 3-4 hours
depending on how often you pause for
discussion.*

SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

Potter's Publishing has created a **six year scope and sequence**, taking your children through the elementary years and preparing them for next stage of faith development. We have carefully chosen Bible stories and biblical concepts that will equip them with a firm faith foundation. The advantage of using a scope and sequence is that there will be no gap in their faith formation. Whether you select a Yearly Theme to follow or choose individual units to create your own year you can be assured that you are laying a solid foundation towards a mature faith.

Potter's Publishing offers 42 units of curriculum, which are grouped into six Yearly Themes. Each unit contains six workshops, i.e. six weeks of lessons. Feel free to pick and choose from different yearly themes to design you own scope and sequence ... or use ours. The choice is up to you! Buy one unit at a time or as many units as you need!

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<p style="text-align: center;">Yearly Theme: <i>Faithful Believers</i></p> <p>OT-15 <i>Daniel</i> <i>A Believer in Babylon</i></p> <p>OT-16 Jonah <i>A Reluctant Believer</i></p> <p>C-7 Believers Around the World <i>Christmas</i></p> <p>OT-17 Esther <i>A Believer in Persia</i></p> <p>LE-8 Easter <i>I'm a Believer</i></p> <p>NT-16 Jesus and Discipleship <i>Calling All Believers</i></p> <p>NT-17 Paul <i>Believers, You've Got Mail</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Yearly Theme: <i>Living By The Light</i></p> <p>OT-18 Psalms <i>Praising Our Majestic Creator</i></p> <p>NT-18 Treasures in Heaven <i>Spirit and Stewardship</i></p> <p>C-9 Advent <i>Get Ready! The Light Is Coming</i></p> <p>NT-19 John the Baptist <i>Preparing for the Light</i></p> <p>LE-9 Easter <i>Following the Light</i></p> <p>NT-20 Teach Me to Pray <i>Prayer and the Lord's Prayer</i></p> <p>NT-21 The Beatitudes <i>God Bless You!</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Yearly Theme: <i>Covenant and Renewal</i></p> <p>OT-19 Noah <i>And The Rainbow Promise</i></p> <p>OT-20 David <i>Big Giant, Big Challenge, Big Faith</i></p> <p>C-8 Some Son <i>God's Christmas Gift</i></p> <p>NT-23 Shadow of Good Things to Come <i>Old Covenant to New Covenant</i></p> <p>LE-10 Scrapping Through Holy Week <i>The Good News</i></p> <p>NT-22 Soar with the Holy Spirit <i>Jesus, Outcasts, and the Spirit</i></p> <p>NT-24 Gentiles Too <i>One Lord of All</i></p>

Old Testament Curriculum Units

OT-3 The Great Escape

Exodus and the Ten Commandments

Children learn the story of Moses and God's people beginning when they left Egypt and crossed the Red Sea until they reached the Promised Land. Through a powerful no-script drama, children reenact the Israelites desert journey. Using praise instruments they have made, they learn Miriam's song of praise to God. The children will learn how God led God's people with steadfast love through many trials and how God provided the Ten Commandments for them to follow. Children will learn that God leads them today with steadfast love and calls them to obediently follow.

Includes: Potter's-created Computer Game on CD, Lesson Adaptation for Churches without Computers, Spiritual Journal Booklet

Bible Memory Verse: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. Remember the Lord in everything that you do, and he will show you the right way."* Proverbs 3:5-6

6 workshops: Art, Bible Variety, Computer, Drama, Games, and Storytelling

OT-4 Joseph Living in a Land of Many Colors

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Children explore the stepping-stones in Joseph's life and how he lived through each one with faith and trust in God. They step out into Joseph's life starting with the coat of many colors that Joseph receives as a favorite son. They come to learn that through the bad situations in Joseph's life God was working God's good plan.

Through the workshops listed below, the children will understand and explore the main concept: God is sovereign over their lives, working for good in the lives of individuals, families, and nations.

As a special enhancement, in each workshop the children will collect a different colored bead to add to their "Pin of Many Colors." Each bead is a special faith reminder for traveling the stepping-stones of their lives.

Includes: Spiritual Journal Booklet, Lesson Adaptation for Churches without Computers

Bible Memory Verse: *"You tried to harm me but God made it turn out for the best, so that he could save all these people, as he is now doing."* Genesis 50:20 CEV

6 workshops: Art, Computer, Cooking, Drama, Game, and Movie

OT-8R Great Balls of Fire!

Elijah: Prophet of Faith

Goodness, gracious! The story of Elijah teaches children that when they act on trust and put their faith in God, present situations can become hopeful, and miracles – big and small – can happen. During a scriptless drama, children learn of Elijah's faithfulness and loyalty to God as he calls down great balls of fire on false prophets. Children will experience the widow's trust through a trust activity using chairs. With a little oil and a little flour the children understand through a cooking activity the widow's obedience and faith. The ravens providing food for Elijah teaches them that God faithfully provides for their needs. An Intergenerational activity has the children providing ravens and the "sweet" message of God's faithfulness to adults in the church. The computer workshop (or NO-COMPUTERS ADAPTATION) has the children

learning to identify God's "still, small voice." Through a movie, the children explore the wisdom of God's timing. An Intergenerational Mission project is introduced in the Cooking workshop.

Includes: Lesson Adaptation for Churches without Computers, Intergenerational Activity Idea, and Spiritual Journal Booklet

Bible Memory Verse: *"When the crowd saw what had happened, they all bowed down and shouted, 'The Lord is God! The Lord is God!'"* 1 Kings 18:39 (CEV)

6 workshops: Art, Bible Variety, Computer, Cooking, Drama, and Movie

OT-9 One on One with Elisha

The Prophet of Compassion

Children shadow Elisha's ministry of compassion and care as he resurrects the woman's son, multiplies the widow's oil, and cures Naaman of his leprosy, always giving God the glory. A special "regenerative" recipe shows children how a little can go a long way when they add the ingredient compassion. While creating an infomercial, they learn how putting their own expectations aside allows God to work miracles. The computer workshop can be easily adapted for those without computers.

Includes: Lesson Adaptation for Customers without Computers, Intergenerational Mission Activity, and Spiritual Journal Booklet

Bible Memory Verse: *"...we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God."* 2 Corinthians 1: 4

6 workshops: Bible Variety, Computer, Cooking, Drama, Media Production, and Movie

OT-10 God's Work in Progress

Creation

As children hear and perform the creation story, they learn that God's creation is not finished but is a work in progress. While shipwrecked on a deserted island, children explore God's "earth machine" as a wondrously balanced ecosystem and learn that God gave them responsibility for its care. A story and a related science experiment teach children that they are created in God's image and through Christ they can be a new creation. Included is the special Celebration Sunday activity "World Distribution of a Cookie."

Includes: Potter's-created Computer Game on CD, Celebration Sunday Activity, and Spiritual Journal Booklet

Bible Memory Verse: *"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."* Genesis 1: 1a

6 workshops: Bible Knowledge, Computer, Drama, Game, Nature, and Science

OT-11 Character Counts

Joshua

Character counts! Children will learn that their character counts in leading their daily lives. Joshua's example of an obedient leadership will help them learn how faithful leaders can bring about new beginnings. As children follow Joshua from entering the Promised Land to his farewell address, they will learn about the qualities of a good leader who trusts and obeys God. Through historical re-enactment they cross with Joshua into the Promised Land and learn of God's justice through Joshua dividing the Promised Land. They further learn about the consequences of disobedience and how it affects others through a game activity. Fairness, justice, obedience, and trust are some of the character traits explored to guide children to understand how they too can be God like leaders in their daily lives.

Includes: Potter's-created Computer Game on CD, Lesson Adaptation for Churches without Computers, and Spiritual Journal Booklet

Bible Memory Verse: *“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”* Joshua 24:15b

6 workshops: Bible Knowledge, Cooking, Computer, Game, Historical Reenactment, and Movie

OT-12 Loyal Living

Ruth

God’s presence is shown through our loyal living and is a means for blessing others. Children follow loyal Ruth from Moab to Bethlehem where she begins a new life with her mother-in-law, Naomi. They learn what loyal living means by seeing Ruth loyally providing for Naomi. Children see how Ruth and Naomi were faithful throughout their struggles. Like Ruth and Naomi who thanked God for their blessings by showing care and kindness to others, children learn through a math activity that their seemingly small acts of kindness can be made bigger than they can imagine through God. A Sunday School redemption center helps them understand that while Boaz was Ruth’s Kinsman Redeemer, Jesus is theirs.

Includes: Computer Activity on CD, Lesson Adaptation for Customers without Computers, and Spiritual Journal Booklet

Bible Memory Verse: *“Where you will go, I will go...your people will be my people, and your God my God.”* Ruth 1:16b

6 workshops: Bible Knowledge, Computer, Math, Media Production, Puppet, and Movie

OT-13R The Promise Travelers

Abraham and Sarah

By trusting in God’s promises, Abraham and Sarah show children how they can lead a faithful and obedient life. Through a big game children journey with Abraham and Sarah and experience their obedience and faithfulness. A special “What’s in the box?” activity helps children learn to trust and to act on their faith. A no-script drama helps them understand that life offers many choices and these choices can be made by being faithful and trusting in God. Throughout the unit, the children will also understand that God is faithful and keeps God’s promises.

Includes: Spiritual Journal Booklet

Bible Memory Verse: *“The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him and I am helped.”* Psalm 28:7

6 Workshops: Art, Bible Knowledge, Computer, Drama, Game, and Movie

OT-14 My So-called Family

Jacob and Esau

Features: *Planning a Family Meeting/ Family Game Workshop*

Does your family function as God intended it? Don’t worry; Jacob and Esau’s family didn’t either! All families — from then and now — have issues. The children will examine family issues such as hard feelings, lies, conflict resolution and trust and realize that God can help with their family relationships. This rotational unit is not just for kids. The focus is on the family — then and now.

Two fun and meaningful FAMILY ACTIVITIES are scheduled for the WHOLE FAMILY. Through a Ropes Course challenge in the Ropes Course Workshop, family units work together on building family trust, faith, communication and respect for each other. Through the Computer Workshop (or no-computer adaptation) children learn how family meetings can strengthen family love and respect. They create a family meeting agenda that can be used on Celebration Sunday. A special Celebration Sunday lesson plan is included so families can meet and be led in understanding and planning family meetings.

Includes: Potter’s-created Computer Game on CD, Lesson Adaptation for Customers without Computers, and Spiritual Journal Booklet

Bible Memory Verse: *“Being confident of this, that God who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”* Philippians 1:6

6 Workshops: Art, Computer, Drama, Science, Storytelling, and Ropes Course

OT-15 Daniel

A Believer in Babylon

Features: *A Spiritual Walk*

Children learn that Daniel and his friends were captive in a foreign land and lived with daily pressures to conform to the king’s way and not God’s way. Children learn how Daniel and his friends said NO to each pressure situation and remained faithful to God. Like Daniel and his friends, children experience a “food test” and learn that choices they make today can affect their lives. A story in the Storytelling Workshop helps children identify daily pressures that challenge their choice to live in God’s way. An air pressure science experiment helps children visually see how they can release bad pressure and rely on God’s Word and faithfulness. As they learn that Daniel made a difference in the lives of many for standing up for his beliefs, children are introduced to other children that have made a difference in the lives of many. A “Spiritual Walk” workshop takes them on a path that leads to spiritual stations where they use their five senses to practice spiritual disciplines that help connect their minds, bodies, and hearts with the light of the Holy Spirit. In the Computer Workshop (or No-Computer Adaptation), children will practice facing present-day “fiery furnaces” and make choices keeping their faith in mind.

Includes: Potter’s-created Computer Game on CD, Lesson Adaptation for Churches without Computers, and Spiritual Journal Booklet

Bible Memory Verse: *“Don’t be like people of this world, but let God change the way you think. Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to God.”* Romans 12:2 (CEV)

6 Workshops: Computer, Drama, Science, Spiritual Walk, Storytelling, and Movie

OT-16 Jonah

A Reluctant Believer

This is a whale of a story with a big message from God for children to catch. Children learn that you can’t hide from God — even in a whale! Children discover that Jonah ran away from God because he didn’t “get” God’s message of Compassion, Mercy, and Grace for everyone who repents. In the Movie workshop a message in a bottle washed ashore reveals God’s message to Jonah — go to Nineveh. Through a puppet performance, “David Wahtaman’s Late Night Show” featuring guest star Jonah, children see a merciless Jonah and a merciful God. Children come to understand Grace through interaction with the Jonah story and a science experiment. Children create endings to the Jonah story in the writing workshop.

As a special enhancement, in each workshop children will collect a different “Catch of the Day” fish to add to a metal key ring. Each fish has an important message from God for living each day.

Includes: Spiritual Journal Booklet

Bible Memory Verse: *Turn back to God! Be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be forgiven. Then you will be given the Holy Spirit.* Acts 2: 38 CEV

6 Workshops: Art, Computer, Movie, Puppet, Science, Writing

OT-17 Esther

A Believer in Persia

Features: Purim Celebration

Children learn that the story of Esther is not a story of Esther's beauty and her becoming queen but of God's saving power and how God used a willing person like Esther to save God's people. While making masks in the Art Workshop, children learn that Esther's real beauty was her inner beauty — her integrity, speaking out on behalf of others, and being faithful to God. While cooking traditional Purim cookies, children learn that sometimes God asks us to do things and does not reveal the outcome; but God is faithful and trustworthy. Through storytelling children learn that they need to open their eyes and ears allowing God to reveal God's purpose for situations in their lives; and how God calls them to ACT on behalf of others. Children participate in a Purim Celebration following traditional guidelines written by Mordecai in the book of Esther through joyful activities, giving gifts of food and giving to the poor. A Mission Project reminds children to help others around them. Children recall Christmas and Easter as two celebrations central to the Christian faith and understand that Jesus is our living Savior, saving all people who believe in him for all time.

Includes: Spiritual Journal Booklet

Bible Memory Verse: *It could be that you were made queen for such a time as this.* Esther 4:14 CEV

6 Workshops: Art, Computer, Cooking/Mission, Purim Celebration, Storytelling, and Movie

OT-18 Psalms

Praising Our Majestic Creator

Features: Psalm 8, 13, 23

O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Children learn that the Psalms are a collection poems, prayers, and songs many written by David. Through the Psalms they learn that David loved to “talk” to God and told God his troubles but also praised God and thanked God for God's faithfulness. Children learn ways the psalmists expressed themselves to God through song, poems, and prayers and how they can too. Through Psalm 8 “Wheel of Praise Game” children learn words of praise for our majestic creator and how God cares for God's most valuable creation – people. The Dance Workshop gives children ways to express praise to God through body movements and a groovy line dance. Psalm 13 has children identifying troubles and fears in their lives that weigh them down. Through a balancing activity and an art project they learn that they can have hope, confidence, and trust in the Lord. Children take a Psalm 23 journey where they experience and come to understand this favorite psalm. A Memory Challenge Workshop has them delving into the Bible and memorizing Psalm 23 through a challenging hopscotch game.

Includes: Spiritual Journal Booklet

Bible Memory Verse: *I trust your love, and I feel like celebrating because you rescued me. You have been good to me, Lord, and I will sing about you.* Psalm 13: 5-6 (CEV)

6 Workshops: Art, Drama, Game, Journey, Memory Challenge, and Storytelling

OT-19 Noah

And The Rainbow Promise

The people of Noah's time broke God's heart with their evil ways. In Noah God found a man who respected God and lived a righteous life. As painful as it was for God to destroy creation, God's heart still had hope because of Noah. Children learn that sin separates us from God and God grieves. Thankfully, God always desires reunion with us and provides us a path to a fresh start. Through the Game Workshop children make decisions about how to obey and respect limits and learn what it means to live like Noah and please God. Through a scriptless drama children learn how Noah faithfully built the ark and how they too can put their faith in action. In the Art Workshop children learn what a covenant is and create a “Rainbow Promise” t-shirt to wear as a reminder of their ongoing part in God's covenant. A Math

Workshop has children exploring the hugeness of the ark and that God's love is big enough to always help them through big challenges. In the Storytelling Workshop children discover daily life on the ark through a popular children's book and write letters to God from the ark.

Includes: Spiritual Journal Booklet

Bible Memory Verse: *As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.* Genesis 8:22 (NIV)

6 Workshops: Art, Drama, Game, Math, Movie, and Storytelling

OT-20 David

Big Giant, Big Challenge, Big Faith

Children follow the story of David and learn how God prepared one young boy, to use one smooth stone and one small slingshot to slay one Big Giant. In each workshop children explore the BIGS in David's life – Big Giant, Big Choice, Big Challenge, Big Faith, Big God, and Big Living. Children learn through a scriptless drama depicting the prophet Samuel anointing David that God makes big choices. In the Wacky Bible Comedy Club children listen to wacky Bible jokes and learn that God's unlikely choice of David was no joke. In the Game Workshop children play the Giant Step game and see that David stepped out with a Big Faith to face Goliath. In the Bible Variety Workshop children engage in a variety of activities from a Backpack Relay to a Bag of Stones game learning that we have a Big God who loves us, is with us at all times, and prepares us for living in God's way. The Mission Workshop demonstrates Big Living and serving God in a big way by creating Breakfast Bags for the hungry.

As a special enhancement children will make David's Shepherd Pouches to carry with them each week. In each workshop they will collect two cards to place in their pouches - one to remember those ways that God prepared David outwardly and one to remember the characteristics of David's inward heart by which God judges. Each card reminds children of the BIGS in David's life.

Includes: Spiritual Journal Books, Mission Project

Bible Memory Verse:

The Lord said to Samuel, "I do not judge as man judges. Man looks at the outward appearance, but I look at the heart." 1Samuel 16:7

6 Workshops: Bible Variety, Comedy Club, Drama, Game, Mission, Movie

New Testament Curriculum Units

NT-9R The Miracle Worker

Miracles of Jesus

Fact, trick, or miracle? By the end of this unit, children will know the difference! Children will learn that Jesus' miracles to point us to God's power and love, helping us to deepen our faith and reach out in faith to others. An orange experiment helps children understand how keeping their eyes on Jesus like Peter did keeps them afloat in life. The loaves and fishes miracle lends itself to a math activity. A puppet play helps the children understand Lazarus' miracle better. In the computer workshop, kids "calm a storm" on computers using KidPix to create an art picture. *(An adaptation is included for those without computers.)* A special "Reach Out in Faith Goodie Bag Mission Project" helps the children reach out make miracles happen for others.

Includes: Spiritual Journal Booklet and Lesson Adaptation for Churches without Computers

Bible Memory Verse: *"Now, listen to what I have to say about Jesus from Nazareth. God proved that he sent Jesus to you by having him work miracles, wonders and signs. All of you know this."* Acts 2:22 (CEV)

6 workshops: Bible Math, Computer Art, Puppets, Mission, Science, and Movie

NT-10R All You Need Is Love

The Two Great Commandments

Features: *Elements of Worship/The Doxology/Lord's Prayer*

The Beatles were right: "All you need is love..." Hmm...were Jesus' words the inspiration for this tune? Jesus explained in Matthew 22:34-40 that ALL the commandments can be summed up by the word LOVE. In this rotational unit, children will learn the Two Great Commandments: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Love your neighbor as yourself." Children will learn that these commandments guide the actions of our lives.

Our faith and most worship services are built around the Two Great Commandments. Throughout the workshops in this unit, children will learn and understand about the basic elements of worship: The Lord's Prayer, Doxology, Confession, Mission, Offering / Serving, Prayers for others, and Thanksgiving.

The Dance, Prayer, and Worship Workshops will focus on the first Great Commandment. Children will learn ways of loving and worshipping God.

The Art, Computer and Mission Workshops will focus on the second Great Commandment. Children further learn the meaning of loving their neighbor as themselves and serving others. (Note: There is an adaptation for churches that cannot do a Computer Workshop.)

There are three special features to this unit:

#1: Mission Project: The "Angel Pins Mission Project"

#2: Parental Involvement:

#3: Children's Worship Service:

Includes: Mission Project, Lesson Adaptation for Customers without Computers, and Spiritual Journal Booklet

Bible Memory Verse: *"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Matthew 22:36-39 (NIV)*

6 workshops: Art, Computer, Dance, Mission, Prayer, and Worship

NT-11R Gems of the Kingdom

Parables and Stories of Jesus

Jesus asked, “What is the Kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to?” *Hmmm...good question.* As Christians, we are part of the Kingdom of God. So, where are our crowns? Where are our precious gems? Children do some digging in the Bible and discover that parables are like precious gems...they tell us how we can be a part of the Kingdom of God. Jesus’ parables tell how to have a new relationship with God and others. Kids explore parables depicting God’s values, God’s love, and God’s Kingdom. The children will uncover the following parables: The Parable of the Two Sons, The Prodigal Son, The House Built on a Rock, The Rich Fool, The Workers in the Vineyard, The Yeast, The Hidden Treasure and Pearl.

AS A SPECIAL ENHANCEMENT, children will receive a “Crown Certificate” with their name on it. Each week, kids will earn a faux gemstone to place on their crown. The idea is that we as Christians are part of the Kingdom of God; hence the crown. Parables are like precious “gems” and we can “dig them up” in the Bible.

Includes: Lesson Adaptation for Churches without Computers and Spiritual Journal Booklet

Bible Memory Verse: *“Then Jesus asked, “What is the Kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to?”* Luke 13:18 (NIV)

6 workshops: Computer/Art, Cooking, Drama, Game, Science, and Movie

NT-12 Feed My Sheep, Peter

The New Church

When Jesus asks you three times to do something, you better do it! Children learn of Peter receiving the Holy Spirit and the early beginnings of the church as they celebrate Pentecost with spirit filled games. Through various activities children explore the church as a community of believers, the church’s mission, and the church as a witness then and now. Through cooking children learn the difference between physical hunger and spiritual hunger. They learn the importance of feeding themselves by reading God’s Word and feeding others the Good News. Lastly, they learn about the birth of their own church and how it is the Body of Christ.

Includes: Computer Activity on CD, Lesson Adaptation for Customers without Computers, Mission Idea, and Spiritual Journal Booklet

Bible Memory Verse: *“There is one body and one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”* Ephesians 4: 4a, 5

6 workshops: Art, Bible Knowledge, Computer, Cooking, Music, and Party Games

NT-13 Won’t You Be My Neighbor?

The Good Samaritan

Well, show me. Through the parable of the Good Samaritan, kids explore who proves to be a good neighbor. They also identify their neighbor in need locally and globally. Some highlights include: A soul-touching story that teaches them that when they keep God in their hearts, it gives them a loving attitude towards others. And...a special quilting activity demonstrates how they can act as a good neighbor to a neighbor in need.

Includes: Celebration Sunday Activity and Spiritual Journal Booklet

Bible Memory Verse: *“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”* Matthew 22: 37, 39

6 Workshops: Art, Computer, Drama, Dance, Storytelling, and Movie

NT-14 Use It or Lose It!

The Parable of the Talents

Features: *Stewardship Emphasis*

Do you bury your talents? Children will dig up their talents and learn that when they offer them in faithful stewardship, they can accomplish God's mission in the world. One special activity puts the children in the role of the three servants as they are given money and instructions. As they focus on stewardship and mission they will understand how they can be Christ's light shining in the world.

Includes: Spiritual Journal Booklet

Bible Memory Verse: *Each one should use whatever gift he or she has received to serve others.*
1 Peter 4:10

6 Workshops: Art, Drama, Game, Mission, Nature, Storytelling

NT-15 This Train is Bound for Glory!

Values of Christian Living

Features: *6 Bible Memory Verses to live by*

All aboard! With tickets in hand kids board a train bound for glory. From the engine to the caboose, each week they'll explore a different car on the train. Each car focuses on a well-known Bible verse which they will not only memorize, but learn how to apply to their lives. The children will understand how Christian living sustains them through the journey of life and keeps them on the right track. The children will be able to recall these nuggets of Bible wisdom no matter how bumpy their journey of life becomes.

Includes: Lesson Adaptation for Churches without Computers and Spiritual Journal Booklet

Bible Verses: Each train car workshop has a correlated Bible verse.

Art	Galatians 5:13	<i>"Serve one another in love."</i>
Bible Variety	Philippians 4:13	<i>"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."</i>
Computer	Romans 8:28	<i>"All things work together for good to those who love God who are called according to his purpose."</i>
Game	Psalms 23:4	<i>"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."</i>
Music	Matthew 28: 19-20	<i>"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age."</i>
Science	Matthew 19:26	<i>"With God all things are possible."</i>

6 workshops: Art, Bible Knowledge, Computer, Game, Music, Science

NT-16 Jesus & Discipleship

Calling All Believers

KNOW ... GROW ... GO! Children learn the significance of these three words, as they understand what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. In the Art Workshop they come to KNOW Jesus through the "I Am" sayings and explore Christian beliefs in the Journey Workshop. In the Nature Workshop they observe a pruning demonstration learning that God's purpose for them is to produce fruit and GROW in their understanding of living by the Fruits of the Spirit. Through Jesus' Great Commission, children learn that Jesus tells them to GO and tell the Gospel message. In the Evangelism Workshop children thread fish

symbols on yarn challenging them to be fishers of people. While practicing with the fish, children learn how to tell the Gospel message to others as followers of Jesus.

Includes: Spiritual Journal Booklet

Bible Memory Verse: Jesus said, *“I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth! Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to do everything I have told you. I will be with you always, even until the end of the world. Matthew 28: 19-20 (CEV)*

6 Workshops: Art, Cooking, Evangelism, Journey, Nature, Storytelling

NT-17 Paul

Believers, You’ve Got Mail

Believers, you’ve got mail! Paul wrote many letters to churches and believers everywhere to help early Christians know how to live and grow in the Christian faith. In the Movie Workshop, which is an introductory workshop with all children participating together, children are visited by Paul who tells them of his conversion on the road to Damascus. In following workshops children receive a different letter and sometimes a package from Paul in the workshop mailbox. Children receive letters from Paul in ... Corinth and learn about the body of Christ; Ephesus and put on the armor of God; Philippi and learn to keep their eye on the goal; Rome and discover spiritual gifts; and Thessalonica where they learn to encourage others. Focus sayings and hand motions for each workshop help children remember Paul’s messages to believers everywhere.

Includes: Spiritual Journal Booklet

Bible Verses: Each workshop has a Bible verse coordinating with Paul’s letter.

Art	1Corinthians 12: 27	<i>You are all Christ’s body; each of you has a part to play in the whole. (Paraphrased)</i>
Bible Variety	Ephesians 6:10	<i>God is strong; and God wants you to be strong. (The Message Bible, adapted)</i>
Cooking	Romans 12:6	<i>“Each of you has different gifts – use them well and gracefully.”</i>
Game	Philippians 3:14	<i>Let’s keep our eye on the goal that is Jesus. (The Message, paraphrased)</i>
Ropes Course	1Thessalonians 5:14	<i>Encourage and be patient with each other.</i>

6 Workshops: Art, Bible Variety, Cooking, Game, Movie, Ropes Course

NT-18 Treasures in Heaven

Spirit of Stewardship

“The earth and everything in it belongs to the Lord.” Psalms 24:1. Children learn that a faithful response to this scripture is to be a good steward – one who is led by the Spirit and lives by taking care and using what God has provided in faithful ways. Children learn Spirit led ways of “storing up treasures in heaven.” In the Storytelling Workshop children hear the story of the Rich Young Man and as the stuff monster swoops away a basket of possessions, they learn that contentment is integral to being a good steward of possessions. In the Math Workshop they learn to be good stewards of their money. Through a bank activity they learn about tithing, giving, saving and spending in faithful ways. In the Art Workshop children learn about the stewardship of serving and giving themselves to God’s work as they create a collage of people who faithfully serve in their church. In the Cooking Workshop children hear the stories - the Poor Woman’s Gift and the Flour Bag Story. As they hear the two stories they see that both have characters that practiced their relationship with God daily and were led by a generous Spirit. Putting this in action children make a Pancake Mix to sell for a mission focus. An island treasure hunt workshop has children hunting for treasures in heaven. They collect artifacts reminding them of ways that they can be good stewards in their daily lives.

Includes: Spiritual Journal Booklet

Bible Memory Verse: *“Don’t store up your treasures on earth ... instead, store up your treasures in heaven ... your heart will always be where your treasure is...”* – Matthew 6: 19-21 sections (CEV)

6 workshops: Art, Treasure Hunt, Cooking, Math, Movie, and Storytelling

NT-19 John the Baptist

Preparing for the Light

Children learn of the one who prepares the way for the Light of the World – John the Baptist. Children follow John’s life from the foretelling in Isaiah’s prophecy, his birth, naming, ministry, to his baptizing Jesus. In the Drama workshop children act out four scenes depicting John’s birth story. In the Cooking Workshop they hear John’s message of sharing and prepare “Honey and Locust Snack Sticks” from a recipe that includes moist Jordan River Desert Locusts. These are then used for a mission project. In the Science Workshop children use bubble levels and experiment with making the land flat so they can see Jesus. The Bible Variety Workshop has children learning about baptism through a variety of activities. Parents are encouraged to participate in this workshop with the children and celebrate their Baptism Anniversary. (*Changes may need to be made to this workshop for different denominations*). In the Movie Workshop children see the life of one of God’s greatest prophets. They learn that God gave John at birth the important job of pointing people to Jesus and preparing the way. Children learn that they can be pointers like John and prepare the way for Jesus in the lives of others around them.

Includes: Spiritual Journal Booklet

Bible Memory Verse: *“In the desert someone is shouting: “Get the road ready for the Lord! Make a straight path for him.”* – Mark 1:3 (CEV)

6 Workshops: Art, Bible Variety, Cooking, Drama, Movie, and Science

NT-20 Teach Me to Pray

Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

“Teach Me to Pray” teaches children why we pray, what to pray, when to pray, and how to pray. A simple acronym – P.I.T.A. – helps children remember different elements of prayer.

- P. - Praise God for being a wonderful and powerful creator.
- I. - I’m Sorry: Tell God about our sins.
- T. - Thank God for all the things God does and gives to us.
- A. - Ask God to help us and to help others.

Each workshop focuses on one element or more elements of prayer. In the Cooking Workshop children bake Prayer Pretzels; learn about the pretzel position for prayer and the power of lifting up others in “asking” prayers. Experiments with water help children understand how “not living in God’s way” separates them from God. They see through one water experiment what separation from God looks like and through another experiment how God’s forgiveness unfolds before their eyes. Children make a Prayer Box in the Art Workshop that gives them experiences with all the PITA prayer parts. A parent letter encourages families to use the Prayer Box at home. Children learn that Jesus gave us the Lord’s Prayer so we would know how to pray. Through a music version of the Lord’s Prayer children come to understand the meaning of each part of the prayer by interacting with props and singing. The Lord’s Prayer is the Bible memory verse for the unit.

Includes: Spiritual Journal Booklet

Bible Memory Verse: “The Lord’s Prayer.” – Matthew 6: 9-13 (version of your choice)

6 Workshops: Art, Cooking, Game, Movie, Music, and Science

NT-21 The Beatitudes

God Bless You!

Understanding the Beatitudes is a spiritual journey that children take in this unit to assimilate Jesus' way of living into their daily lives. Each Beatitude provides children with a way to be like Jesus, a way to walk in Jesus' path, and a way to relate to others, as Jesus would want. Each workshop focuses on one to two Beatitudes and provides children with experiences to understand them. In the art workshop children create Kingdom Cups and learn that they are to be Christians who depend on God and not self. In the cooking workshop children make Comfort Jello and learn that as Christians we have a Great Comforter in times of mourning and loss. In the game workshop children learn what it means to hunger and thirst for righteousness as they initiate a shoe drive for children around the world without shoes, understanding that living in God's right world means a call to action. In a peace walk children learn how to be peacemakers in their families, daily lives, community, and the world. In a science experiment children amazingly discover that they have room in their hearts to do right things for right reasons if they put God in first. Children are encouraged to memorize the Beatitudes.

Includes: Spiritual Journal Booklet

Bible Memory Verse: The Beatitudes

6 Workshops: Art, Computer, Cooking, Game, Peace Walk, and Science

NT-22 Soar With the Holy Spirit

Jesus, Outcasts, and the Spirit

Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit so we can SOAR in God's way. As children fold and soar "Holy Spirit Paper Airplanes," they learn that the Holy Spirit will teach them what is true and guide them in living in God's way. Both the Cooking and Art Workshops have children working with "outcast" materials and ingredients as they hear the stories of three outcasts in the Bible – the leper, Zacchaeus, and the Samaritan woman at the well. Cooking Outcast Slumgullion – blackbirds were used in the old England recipe – and creating a collage with a strange mix of materials, children learn that Jesus renews us, saves us, and brings all into his perfect design. Through a Living Water Card Game children learn that the Holy Spirit fills them and spills out of them so they can reach out to others and bring them into God's design. In the Dance Workshop children learn through the Zacchaeus story that they can live differently when they receive the Holy Spirit that Jesus sends them. They dance the Virginia Reel to a country western Zacchaeus song. What a hoot!

Includes: Spiritual Journal Booklet

Bible Memory Verse: Jesus said, "I will ask the Father to send you the Holy Spirit who will help you and always be with you." John 14:16 (CEV)

6 Workshops: Art, Computer or No-Computer Adaptation, Cooking, Dance, Game, Science

NT-23 Shadow of Good Things to Come

Old Covenant to New Covenant

Hebrews 10:1 tells us that "The Law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming." Children follow the shadow from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant, tracking important people along the way on a Bible timeline. Through this unit children discover that even as God gave Moses, King David, and King Solomon plans for the tabernacle and temple, God had already planned for a New Covenant through God's Son, Jesus. In the Game Workshop children learn that God gave Moses instructions for building the tabernacle, a dwelling place for God among God's people. Children play a Furnish the Tabernacle game and Tabernacle Memory game through which the purpose of each tabernacle furnishing and how it points to the New Covenant through Jesus is described. In the Movie Workshop children unroll a scroll showing instructions God gave King David and King Solomon for building the temple. They view the grandeur of the temple through a movie and using a worksheet, compare the Old covenant and New Covenant through Jesus. In the Storytelling Workshop children learn about renewal as they follow King

Josiah to the temple ruins where he rediscovers the Law. In the Mission Workshop children learn how Nehemiah, a Jew in exile in Babylon, returns to Jerusalem to rebuild the wall around the temple. Following Nehemiah's actions of "see a need, pray, act," children initiate a blanket making mission project called Project Nehemiah. In the Puppet Workshop children explore shadows as they watch a shadow puppet show and learn that Jesus is the Lamb of God. In the Cooking Workshop children discover through Scripture that their bodies are God's temple in the New Covenant. They are asked the question – "If your body is God's home, how then should you live?" Two recipes have them filling ice cream cones with vastly different ingredients creating a visual depiction of living by the Fruits of the Spirit.

Includes: Spiritual Journal Booklet, Mission Project

Bible Memory Verse: The Law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming. Hebrews 10:1 (NIV)

6 Workshops: Cooking, Game, Mission, Movie, Puppet, Storytelling/Drama

NT-24 Gentiles Too

One Lord of All

Children explore the depth and breadth of Jesus' Great Commission to the disciples and the charge to witness to all people of every nation – Gentiles too! In the Drama Workshop children dream with Peter as God gives him an unbelievable dream with an out of the box request to witness to Gentiles. Children act out Peter's dream and his witnessing to Cornelius. In the Game Workshop children play Power Up, a board game where they collect Power Cards and learn how the disciples were empowered with the Holy Spirit on Pentecost to go out and witness. A take home bookmark reminds children of how they are empowered by the Holy Spirit too. In Lydia's Kitchen children create plant based purple dye as in Bible times. They meet Lydia, a successful seller of purple cloth, who became a Christian thanks to another dream sent by God to Paul. A mission project has children creating "Lydia Food Bags" as a way of extending Jesus' love to others in need. In the Science Workshop children learn the power of magnets and see how magnetic power can be transferred to a nail by stroking it with a magnet. They learn that they can receive the power of the Holy Spirit when God transfers it to them. When they are "stroked" by God, they can be empowered to tell others about Jesus. They hear Peter tell them to witness in this way – "to set their hearts on Christ and tell others of their hope in Jesus with gentleness and respect." In the Storytelling Workshop children learn that even Peter had a mindset that created a barrier to witnessing to Gentiles. Through the story of Ruby Bridges children further learn that God's love is for everyone. They view a slideshow showing God's people around the world worshipping God and learn that we are all one in Christ.

Includes: Spiritual Journal Booklet, Mission Project/Lydia Food Bags

Bible Memory Verse: *In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.*

1 Peter 3:15

6 Workshops: Art, Drama, Game, Movie, Science, Storytelling

Advent Curriculum Units

C-4R For Unto Us a Child is Born

The Birth of Jesus

Features: *the Isaiah 9: 6-7 Prophecy*

There was a BIG MYSTERY throughout the Bible. People tried to figure out WHO was going to be the Messiah and save God's people. Kids explore the "secret code names" for the Messiah as prophesied in Isaiah 9:6-7: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, and Savior. Through this Christmas unit, the children will explore the code names that were fulfilled at Jesus' birth and explore what those names mean to them personally today.

A pillowcase sponge stamping art project can be used by the children to talk to their Wonderful Counselor. Cooking "Mighty Extraordinary Baked Alaska" helps illustrate how Jesus, as their Mighty God, can keep them cool in hot situations. Through a scriptless drama, children learn to take their worries to their Everlasting Father. During the "Sheep Pen Game" the children learn to follow their Savior. A special story on peace helps children know Jesus as the Prince of Peace in the Mission Workshop. A movie helps children understand how prophecies were fulfilled in Jesus.

As a special enhancement, each class of children will get their very own Detective Board. Each week, they will review Jesus' birth story, hunt for prophecies, and post them to the board.

Includes: Intergenerational Ministry Project Idea and Spiritual Journal Booklet

Christmas Program Idea: "Christmas Snapshots," from cathysmusic.com

Bible Memory Verse: *"For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government will be on His shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."* – Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

6 workshops: Art, Cooking, Drama, Game, Mission, and Movie

C-5 Christ Revealed

Christmas Seen Through Symbols

Children can easily be sidetracked by the commercial part of Christmas. It is up to us to point them to the real meaning of Christmas — Jesus. So many of the popular Christmas symbols can help them keep the real meaning of Christmas in their hearts. During this unit the children will learn the spiritual meaning behind these popular Christmas symbols: candy cane, poinsettia, stars, holiday lights, angels, and the carol "Twelve Days of Christmas." As the children discover how all these symbols point to Jesus' birth, they can enjoy Christmas decorations at a new level. Children also learn the importance of telling the Christmas story to others.

Includes: Potter's-created Computer Game on CD, Lesson Adaptation for Churches without Computers, Mission Ideas, and Spiritual Journal Booklet

Christmas Program Idea: "Catch the Christmas Spirit," from cathysmusic.com

Bible Memory Verse: *"She will give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus because he will save his people from their sins."* Matthew 1:21

6 workshops: Art, Computer, Cooking, Geography, Science, and Movie

C-6 Reaction to the Promise

Jesus' birth

For every action there is a reaction! This Christmas, the children will examine God's action of sending Jesus and the reaction of this promised child on Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, Magi, and King Herod. The children will not only learn the Christmas story, but also identify their reaction to the promise fulfilled at Jesus' birth. Through activities such as cooking "Empty Promise Bread," making a "Seeking Jesus Telescope," and playing the game "Blessings and Bummers," the children can respond in faith by seeking Jesus, telling the Good News of his birth, and being open to God's plan for their lives.

Includes: Spiritual Journal Booklet

Christmas Program Idea: "The Big, Big Story," from cathysmusic.com

Bible Memory Verse:

"Do not be afraid! I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11

6 Workshops: Astronomy, Cooking, Drama, Game, Music, Movie

C-7 Believers Around the World

Christmas

All around the world we have brothers and sisters in Christ sharing the news of Jesus' birth. With passports in hand, children travel around the world to Italy, Lebanon, Mexico, Sweden, Sudan, and Ukraine. In their travels, they learn that the message of Jesus' birth and salvation is the same but celebrated differently through meaningful cultural experiences.

The children will re-enact a Mexican Posada dramatization, a Ukrainian Christmas Eve dinner, and create candles of light in Sweden. Italy's Old Befana tells the Christmas story through her search for the Christ child while a visit from Mother Teresa tells the children how she saw Christ in everyone. Children will also make a Lebanese Christmas cave and learn about the Lost Boys of Sudan.

Children learn that our cultural diversities are united through the Good News of Jesus' birth. As brothers and sisters in Christ we serve one God. A special mission project through Operation Christmas Child allows the children to serve others during the Christmas season.

Includes: Spiritual Journal Booklet, Mission Project

Christmas Program Idea: "A Piece of Christmas," from cathysmusic.com

Bible Memory Verse: *If we believe that Jesus is truly Christ, we are God's children. Everyone that loves the Father will also love his children.* 1 John 5: 1-5

6 Workshops: Art, Storytelling, Nature, Mission, Cooking, and Cultural Reenactment

C-8 Some Son

God's Christmas Gift

The birth of Christ is the story of God giving us a gift we did not know we needed. Through this Christmas unit, the children will come to understand God's Christmas gift better by exploring Jesus' titles: Son of God, Son of Man, Son of Joseph, Son of David, and Son of the World. In all workshops, children will celebrate and renew their hope through God's Gift of Jesus. A carpentry creation will help them relate the "human" side of Jesus as the Son of Joseph. A special story illustrates how Jesus came as the Son of Man to seek out and save the lost. In the Nature workshop, children learn how they are a part of Jesus' family through a Son of David family tree project. A movie will show how the hope for salvation begins at Christmas with the Son of God. A balloon game in the Party workshop will help them understand how the promise of the Son of the World begins at Christmas but is fulfilled at Easter. In the computer workshop, children will come to realize that this amazing son needs to be shared with others. Through an inviting project they will invite others to your church's Christmas services.

Includes: Spiritual Journal Booklet, Inviting Project, and Lesson Adaptation for Churches without Computers

Christmas Program Idea: “Special Delivery,” from cathysmusic.com

Bible Memory Verse: *“God’s gift is eternal life given by Jesus Christ our Lord.”* – Romans 6:23 (CEV)

6 Workshops: Carpentry, Computer, Movie, Nature, Party, Storytelling

C-9 Advent

Get Ready! The Light Is Coming

Get ready! The “Light is coming” is the focus of this Advent unit. Children learn that Advent is a time of preparing for the Light of the world – Jesus. It is the church’s season of preparing our hearts and minds for the birth of our Lord. The Advent wreath is the focal point of each workshop – with each workshop emphasizing a different candle that reminds children of Jesus and living in Jesus’ way. A “Family Advent Event” kicks off the first Sunday of the rotation with ALL children and their families involved in making Advent wreaths and learning to prepare time at home for Jesus. Families also see “Preparing for the Light of the World” drama with short vignettes of the Christmas story characters reflecting on being prepared. A Storytelling Workshop gets into the heart of the Christmas story and prepares children to share the good news. In the Journey Workshop children follow camel tracks and journey to Bethlehem as the wise men did. They touch and smell the gifts of frankincense and myrrh and are encouraged to give gifts to Jesus through a take home family activity. The Cooking Workshop intends to give love to others as children share cookies they have baked. The Science Workshop focuses on our hope in the Light and that the light of Jesus in our faces can reflect to others.

Includes: Family Advent Event, two mission opportunities, and Spiritual Journal Booklet

Christmas Program Idea: ““Checkin’ It Twice,” from cathysmusic.com

Bible Memory Verse: *“I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.”* Luke 2: 10-11 (NIV)

6 workshops: Art/Drama, Cooking, Journey, Music, Science, and Storytelling

Lent Curriculum Units

LE-5 Delivered by God

Passover to Communion

What do the plagues and Passover have to do with Easter and Jesus? The children learn how God delivered the Israelites at the Passover and how Communion signifies Jesus as the Passover Lamb who delivers them from sin. A historical reenactment lets the children experience Moses' story from plagues to painting lamb's blood around the doors of their Israelite huts. As children learn that they are heirs of God's promise to the Israelites of a new life with God, they will also understand that they are heirs to God's new promise as shown through Jesus.

Includes: Potter's created Computer Game on CD, Lessons Adaptation for Churches without Computers, Spiritual Journal Booklets

Bible Memory Verse: *"For you, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death."* Psalm 116:8a

6 workshops: Art, Bible Variety, Computer, Game, Media Production, and Puppets

LE-6 Road Trip

Resurrection to Pentecost

Features: *The Apostles Creed*

With maps pointing the way Jerusalem Tours takes children on a road trip through Holy Week. Children visit the tomb, walk the road to Emmaus, and explore the Doubting Thomas Exhibit. Then they stay over in Galilee to hear Jesus' Great Commission and bus down to the Mount of Olives to witness his Ascension. Children use rhythm instruments to learn the Apostle's Creed as a statement of their faith and arrive back in Jerusalem in time to witness the Holy Spirit at the Festival of the Pentecost. Cost of trip: FREE to all who believe!

Includes: Spiritual Journal Booklet

Bible Memory Verse: *"It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon."* Luke 24:34 (NIV)

6 workshops: Art, Choral Reading, Drama, Game, Media Production, and Movie

LE-7 Resurrection Revealed

Easter Seen Through Symbols

Many children think that Easter is primarily about marshmallow bunnies and Easter baskets. It is up to us to point them to the Good News of Christ's resurrection at Easter. So many of the popular Easter symbols can help them keep the Good News in their hearts during Easter. During this unit, the children will discover how these popular Easter symbols point to the real reason of Easter — Jesus' resurrection. Symbols used are: jelly beans, hot cross buns, Easter eggs, lambs, rocks, palms, thorns, and wine and bread. The children will not only learn and understand the Easter story; they will be able to tell the Good News of the Easter story to others.

Includes: Potter's-created Computer Game on CD, Lesson Adaptation for Churches without Computers, and Spiritual Journal Booklet

Bible Memory Verse: *"This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me. This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."* 1Corinthians 11:24, 25

6 workshops: Archeological Dig, Computer, Cooking, Drama, Historical Re-enactment, Storytelling

LE-8 Easter

I'm a Believer

What does Easter mean to me? Is it chocolate bunnies and colored eggs soon eaten and forgotten? What is so powerful about the Easter story that it can transform my life forever? These are questions to which children will discover the answers. Children learn that the Jesus' Resurrection story gives them Faith, Hope, and Love. Through the Cooking Workshop children make a tasty reminder that Faith in Christ's resurrection is essential as food to their life. In the Storytelling and Science Workshops they discover how the resurrection story gives them Hope for a new life both now and eternally. In the Art Workshop children learn of the greatest love — that God so loved the world that

God gave God's only son. Through an Art activity children learn that the light of the Resurrection of Jesus illuminates God's love for us. In the Mission Workshop children explore love as action. The greatest act of love is giving of yourself to others. Each workshop features a "Jelly Bean" Bible verse for children to live by.

Includes: Spiritual Journal Booklet, Mission Project

Bible Memory Verse: *Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.*
Hebrews 11:1 NIV

6 workshops: Art, Cooking, Mission, Science, Storytelling, Movie

LE-9 Following the Light

Easter

Children follow Jesus, the light of the world through events on a "Following the Light Timeline." Beginning at creation, children learn that God created light. Continuing on the timeline children discover how God foretold through prophets that a son would be given who would be light to all people. Then children see in Jesus the light of the world became human. Through the events of Holy Week children learn that death cannot overcome the light of Jesus. Children explore the events of Holy Week and move farther through the timeline to the receiving of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. In the Science Workshop children follow the light, which is Jesus through the events of Holy Week by creating a Holy Week electrical circuit. In the Cooking Workshop children create tortilla flambés as they follow the actions of Joseph of Arimathea from Good Friday through the Resurrection. In the Storytelling Workshop children follow the light through a story and a litany of candles. In the Art Workshop children learn that they are children of the light (Ephesians 5: 8-10) by decorating candle tins that are given away to those who are in need of Jesus' love.

Mission activity: In both the Storytelling and Art Workshops children create special items for an ongoing mission activity.

Bible Memory Verse: Jesus said, *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but have the light of life."* – John 8:12 (NIV)

6 Workshops: Art, Cooking, Game, Movie, Science, and Storytelling

LE-10 Scrapping Through Holy Week

The Good News

Mary's Holy Week Scrapbook introduces children to the events of Holy Week while the Holy Week Timeline orientates children to the Holy Week focus of each workshop. In the Game Workshop children get into the excitement and frenzy of Palm Sunday through two games in which they distinguish between the great expectations the Jewish people placed on Jesus and God's expectations for God's Son. In the Cooking Workshop children prepare a Passover food, participate in a Passover celebration, and they learn of the New Covenant that Jesus gave us. In the Prayer Walk Workshop children wash each other's hands and discover the important message Jesus gave his disciples – serve one another in love. Then they walk to the Garden of Gethsemane and hear of Jesus' human struggle with what was about to happen. They are challenged to find their own alone place to pray each day. In the Historical

Reenactment Workshop, Mary's Holy Week Scrapbook familiarizes children with Jesus' arrest, trial, death, and resurrection. Children learn the Jewish burial customs of the day as they reenact a burial in a tomb with a balloon body. Returning to the tomb, they discover the stone removed, the body they prepared gone, but the linen strips in tact just as the disciples and women witnessed. In the Bible Variety Workshop children delve into the Bible as they follow puzzle clues of the risen Christ. The assembled puzzle reveals a picture of the risen Christ, biblical proof of his resurrection, and assurance that they are blessed if they believe without seeing.

Special Unit Enhancement:

In this unit children see the events of Holy Week unfold through Mary's Holy Week Scrapbook. Children create their own Holy Week Scrapbook in the Scrapbook Workshop. In each workshop children will write a journal card, receive an artifact for their scrapbooks and have their picture taken.

During the first five weeks, children rotate through five workshops (Game, Cooking, Prayer Walk, Historical Reenactment, and Bible Variety). On the sixth week all children will participate in the Scrapbook Workshop where they will create the scrapbook pages for their own Holy Week Scrapbook.

Bible Memory Verse: *Jesus said, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."* – John 20:29 (NIV)

6 Workshops: Bible Variety, Cooking, Game, Historical Reenactment, Prayer Walk, Scrapbook

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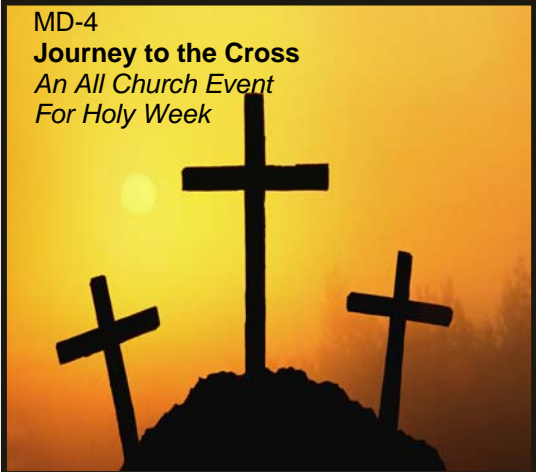
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A Labyrinth Type Activity and Lesson

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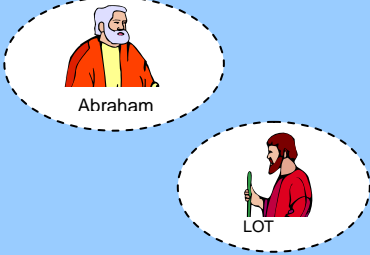
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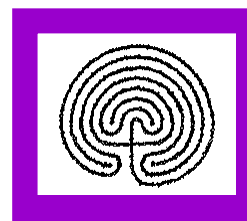
Special Activities

Special activities can enhance your Workshop Rotation Model Curriculum. These are activities that can be incorporated in your rotation or can be used as a special event.

MD-1 A Spiritual Walk for Children and Families

A Labyrinth Type Activity and Lesson

The Spiritual Walk created by Potter's Publishing is a labyrinth-type experience that hopes to enhance the faith development of children and families through spiritual practices. It is simpler in form and less expensive than a true labyrinth. It incorporates visual and sensory experiences that correspond with children's growth development and understanding.



Walking quietly to each Spiritual Station, children work their way towards the CENTER where a table is set to evoke their senses to the Fullness of God and knowing the Trinity. As they walk out of the CENTER towards the ordinary world, they bring the sacred with them as they are blessed for their outward journey.

To customers who already have purchased our Daniel unit, the Spiritual Walk is included in that unit as a workshop.

Uses: Sunday school, Mid-Week Program, Adult or other church wide event. Many churches use this as a whole church Lenten activity.

MD-2 Cool Science, Volume 1

Science Experiments and Lessons Making Spiritual Connections to Children's Lives

Cool Science, Volume 1 presents your children with four science experiments and lessons that make spiritual connections to children's lives through hands on experiences with God's Word. All lessons have biblical sources and Bible memory verses. Through a salt crystal experiment, children discover the beauty of hope and new life through Jesus. An electricity experiment challenges children to be a light in the world by staying connected to God through Jesus. Through the Raise Jonah experiment children learn that God's Grace is for everyone. The Make the Ground Level experiment has children learning about John the Baptist and how they can make their lives level so they can see Jesus.



All experiments include a fully developed lesson, supply planning list, and an Appendix with items that support the lesson and experiment. Lessons are designed for K-6 but can be adapted for older children.

MD-3 "Abraham and Lot Solve a Conflict"

A Scriptless Drama

About Scriptless Drama: Scriptless drama is a multi-dimensional activity where kids experience a biblical concept or story through body movement and verbally. Kids put the story into their own words. Long after the drama experience is over, kids will be able to react to situations in their own lives because their bodies will recall movements and words from experiences in the drama workshop. "Muscle Memory" kicks in.



In this scriptless drama children will step into the shoes of Abraham and Lot during the scriptless drama activity "Abraham and Lot Solve a Conflict." Children experience Abraham's trust in God to provide and

Lot's greediness in choosing the best grazing land for his sheep while acting out God's story. Children have fun being Abraham and Lot's sheep, shepherds, and waving grazing grasses and come to understand how everyone reacted in this story. The children will learn how Abraham and Sarah's faithfulness and love for God allowed them to obey God's commands. A chocolate bar activity helps children learn that they can act as Abraham did and be unselfish in conflict situations because they can trust in God's promise to provide.

The children will learn that Abraham trusted that God would provide for him.

The children will learn that God wants them to live unselfishly.

The children will learn that trusting in God's promise to provide releases them from being selfish.

Included on CD: full lesson with objectives, material planning, teacher friendly lesson and drama guidelines; scriptless drama "how to" article.

MD-4 Journey to the Cross

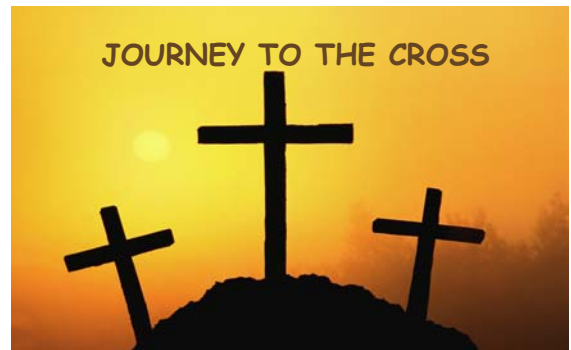
An All Church Event for Holy Week

Journey to the Cross is a prayerful and worshipful event intended to prepare hearts and minds, drawing one closer to the Lord during Holy Week.

Journey to the Cross is a self-directed walk that leads participants to nine different stations where their journey begins with the heart of creation. The path ultimately leads to the cross and culminates with a blessing for their journey in today's world.

Journey to the Cross Stations:

- † Created by God
- † Called by God
- † Who Is the God Who Calls Us?
- † Fed by God
- † Guided by God
- † Surrender to God in the Garden of Gethsemane
- † The Cross
- † Water of Baptism
- † The Blessing



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