

Curriculum Overview for Children, Youth and Adult 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> <i>UNDATED</i>
<i>The Adult Journey</i>	LeaderResources (Episcopal) www.leaderresources.org/adultjourney	Adapted from the J2A program for adults, it addresses two questions: “How does my story resonate with the Gospel story?” and “How can I live the Gospel story in my life?”	25 one-hour sessions or ten 2 ½ hour session. Structured around storytelling and six basic adulthood skills; <i>lectio divina</i> model for Bible study	Leader’s Guide includes lesson plans with background material and additional resource suggestions	Leader’s Guide and Participant’s Book	Adult	\$99.95 per congregation (license) <i>Downloadable</i> <i>UNDATED</i>
<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 Episcopal Church	Scope & Sequence covering 78 ‘best loved’ Bible stories and Episcopal basics; all ages focus on the same lesson	“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) <i>DATED</i>
<i>Alpha</i>	Nicky Gumbel (independent) www.alphana.org	Explore the validity and relevance of the Christian faith to your life today.	Ten-week course in the basics of Christianity for people of all different backgrounds.	Handbooks and guides for organizing and running the program	3 hour session centered around a meal, presentation, video and small group discussion	Adult (additional modules for youth, prisons)	79¢ Booklets \$3.99 Manuals Beginning Kits with DVDs \$499 <i>UNDATED</i>
<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

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Beulah Land	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 <i>REUSABLE</i>
Bible-in-Life	David C. Cook (independent) www.cookministries.com/curriculum/davidcook/	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 <i>DATED</i>
Bible Workbench	The Educational Center (Episcopal) www.bibleworkbench.com	Bible-centered resource designed to help participants understand the meaning of their own experience rather than simply offering facts and opinions from a teacher.	A lectionary Bible study that involves exploration of text, commentary, readings from literature, questions and journaling exercises.	Self-directed for individual or group use	"Workbook" style (ready for notebook), with experiential options, including art responses	Adult	<i>By subscription:</i> \$125 full year \$75 half year \$20 single issue \$85 for new subscribers <i>DATED</i>
BibleZone Live!	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 <i>UNDATED</i>
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	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 purpose and use of 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 <i>UNDATED</i>

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<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 <i>UNDATED</i>
<i>Companions in Christ (Foundational course) Companerismo en Cristo</i>	Upper Room Ministries (Methodist) www.upperroom.org/companions/	Exploring classic spiritual practices and inviting participants to develop daily patterns that open their lives to a deepening relationship with God and one another.	28-week foundational course (in 5-6 week segments) that includes daily reading and exercises.	Leader guides group process; offers worship ideas and leadership tools as well as support for each session.	Small group model (home or church) 2 hours weekly; experiential & reflective process	Adult	\$17 Leader's \$20 Participant or \$9 Journal
<i>Companions in Christ: Exploring the Way</i>	Upper Room Ministries (Methodist) www.upperroom.org/companions/	A basic introduction to Christian spirituality with a taste of one key spiritual practice each week	6-week introduction to prayer practices (lectio divina, breath prayer, holy listening, daily examen, journaling)	Leader teaches, guides process	Class or small group model; 1 hour weekly	Adult	\$12 Leader's Guide \$10 Participant's Book
<i>Companions in Christ: additional series</i>	Upper Room Ministries (Methodist) www.upperroom.org/companions/	Additional series: The Way of Blessedness; Forgiveness; Prayer; Grace	6 – 9 week series on specific topics for those who have experienced the foundational course	Leader guides group process	Small group process	Adult	\$8 Leader's Guide \$12 Participant's Book
<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 <i>Downloadable</i> <i>UNDATED</i>
<i>Disciple</i>	Cokesbury (United Methodist Church) www.cokesbury.com/disciple	To develop strong Christian leaders in local churches through the in-depth study of Scripture; to be strengthened in their faith and guided into service and ministry.	During the course of 34 weeks, groups will move through the biblical story from Creation to the New Jerusalem (chronological)	This study requires reading large portions of Scripture each week with careful study and preparation.	Video and manuals	Adult (also Youth edition)	\$275 Planning kit with DVD \$30 study manual <i>REUSABLE</i>
<i>Disciples of Christ in Community (DOCC)</i>	Washington National Cathedral (Episcopal) www.cathedral.org/cathedral/programs/docc.shtml	Challenges one to identify and practice daily skills in ministry as part of the process of Christian formation as a life-long process.	18-24 sessions; Learn the basics of faith, have an opportunity to deepen one's spiritual life, and enhance skills	Presenters (leaders) attend training where all materials are given	A presentation by leaders followed by small groups discussion and its application to their lives	Adult	\$100 licensing fee \$325 per leader, inc. training & materials \$50 individual fee <i>REUSABLE</i>
<i>The Discovery Series: A Christian Journey</i>	Episcopal Diocese of Texas (Episcopal) www.epicenter.org/edot/DiscoverySeries	Designed to help every Christian – new or lifelong, young or old – discover their own path to a life in Christ	Five courses provide comprehensive training for Baptism, confirmation, spiritual gifts assessment, discipleship and worship	Facilitator's Guide and video. No particular training is needed for someone to facilitate the group except preparation for each class.	Each course has 2-4 video segments (about 15 min.), each intended to be followed by group work (about 45 min.)	Confirmation Adult	\$379 Guide + DVD or VHS The participant pages are also available online for purchasers. <i>UNDATED</i>
<i>Education for Ministry (EfM)</i>	University of the South, Sewanee (Episcopal) www.sewanee.edu/EFM/index.htm	Every baptized person is called to ministry. EfM provides people with the education to carry out that ministry and offers an opportunity to discover how to respond to the call to Christian service.	Covers the basics of a theological education in the Old and New Testaments, church history, liturgy, and theology.	Mentor training available and necessary to register a group of 6-12 students	Students meet regularly, usually once a week, in seminars with comprehensive materials	Adult	Students sign up one year at a time for this four-year program. \$340 per person, per year <i>UNDATED</i>

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<i>Emmaus (Episcopal version – US)</i>	Morehouse Publishing (Episcopal) www.morehousepublishing.org	A multi-phase study program that helps churches grow by fostering Christian formation and discipleship in the congregation.	Three stages to serve Christians who are at different points in their faith journey: 1. Contact 2. Nurture – for new Christians or Confirmation class 3. Growth – short courses (Christian lifestyle, growing as a Christian, knowing God,	Leader's guides	1. Introduction 2. 15 week prep course for Baptism or Confirmation 3. Two 5-week courses	Confirmation Young Adults Adult Newcomers	\$9.50 - \$29.95 Leader's Guides <i>UNDATED</i>
<i>Emmaus: The Way of Faith (Church of England version)</i>	Church House Publishing www.chpublishing.co.uk/category.asp?id=22601	Designed to welcome people into the Christian faith and life of the Church; aims to help the individual encounter Jesus and to involve the whole Church in evangelism, the nurture of new believers and ongoing Christian discipleship.		Leader's guides / CD-ROM			\$43 each book through Church Publishing (USA)
<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 – 5 th grade (ages 3-11)	\$29.95 Guide \$7.00 child book \$27.95 packet \$6 take-homes <i>UNDATED</i>
<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 <i>UNDATED</i>
<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 <i>UNDATED</i>

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Exploring Faith	Cokesbury (United Methodist) www.cokesbury.com/forms/curriculum.aspx?sid=123	A basic, comprehensive Bible study that enables children to experience God through Jesus Christ in Christian community, the stories and messages of the Bible	4 year quarterly (13 lessons per) Scope & Sequence Good News Bible	Step-by-step lesson plans including what to say to students	Crafts, music, workbook & punch-out projects	Preschool – Preteen (3-12 years)	Quarterly: \$7.99 Teacher \$5.99 Student \$15.99 Resource \$10.99 CD <i>DATED</i>
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 <i>UNDATED</i>
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 <i>DATED</i>
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 <i>UNDATED</i>
Gather ‘Round	Church of the Brethren & Mennonite Church USA www.gatherrounc.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 <i>DATED</i>

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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+ <i>REUSABLE</i>
Hands-On-Bible Curriculum	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/2 – 6 th grade	\$62.99 Lab \$22.99 Teacher \$29.99 Puppets \$7.00 Poster \$17.99 CD <i>UNDATED</i>
Journey in Faith	LeaderResources (Episcopal) www.leaderresources.org/journeyinfait	Personal faith formation in a small group setting that transforms people and their congregations. Supports and enhances baptismal ministry of the whole people of God.	Multi-year, multi-faceted program following “paths” (6 units each with 6 sessions each) OT, NT, Saints, History	Rotation of leadership roles; coached by mentors; training available	Weekly small group meetings	Adult	ASA: \$200-\$1,000 <i>UNDATED</i>
Journey to Adulthood	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 (9-10 th) YAC (11 th -12 th)	\$200 per year for 3 years (CD) Renewable annually \$175 <i>UNDATED</i>
Kerygma	The Kerygma Program (independent / with ecumenical partnerships) www.kerygma.com	Seeks to support congregations in their reading and hearing “The Word” from back then to us here and now.	Courses on books of the Bible or themes (short and long term); numerous topics (OT, NT, Lent, Spirituality, Music, etc.)	Leader's Guide is comprehensive for leading a course and also comes on CD for parish personalizing lesson planning	Traditional adult setting; interactive	Adult	\$13.00-\$32.00 Resource Book \$15.00-\$35.00 Leader's Guide <i>UNDATED</i>

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<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 <i>DATED</i>
<i>KLESIS Course</i>	www.connect-course.org	Participants go from outsiders wondering how they connect with the church to people covenanting together to discern and act on their calling, both individually and in community.	Three-fold structure: Connect? Community & Eucharist (6 weeks) Commit? Baptismal Covenant (3 month) Covenant! Exploration of gifts and call in community (6 month)		Weekly gatherings of 2 hours including a meal	Adult	Connect? FREE Downloadable Commit? Covenant!
<i>Lesson Plans for Small Congregation</i>	Episcopal Church (Episcopal) www.ecusa.anglican.org/50534_EN-G-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 <i>Downloadable DATED</i>
<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 Storytelling figures and stage
<i>LifeCycles</i>	LeaderResources (Episcopal) www.leaderresources.org/lifecycles	To empower all members to realize their God-given gifts and so become ever more active, articulate apostles at work in God's world, and to transform "congregations gathered around the clergy" into vital, ministering communities.	Scope & Sequence of four cycles with six units of six session each; Scripture / spiritual practices / theology / history / ethics	Leaders are encouragers and hosts, not instructors; community building; some preparation needed	Developed in small congregations with a mutual ministry model; for groups of 6-12 in a home-like setting	Adult	ASA: \$200- \$1,000 <i>Downloadable UNDATED</i>

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LinC (Living in Christ)	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 <i>Downloadable DATED</i> but reusable
Live B.I.G. (Belief in God)	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 <i>Downloadable DATED</i>
Live It! Bible Studies	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 <i>UNDATED</i>
Living the Good News	Morehouse Education Resources (Episcopal) www.morehouseeducation.com/ep_lectbased.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 Enhanced CD <i>DATED</i>
Making it Real & Relevant	Independent (Episcopal) www.seespiritgrowth.com	A Multi-Media Enhanced, Topically Based Bible Study for Senior 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-based format (usually 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)
Mustard Seed Series	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 <i>Downloadable REUSABLE</i>

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<i>The New Church's Teaching Series</i>	Cowley (now Rowman & Littlefield) (Episcopal) www.leaderresources.org/newchurchteaching	A series of independent books written by noted theologians on topics such as prayer, church history, mission, worship and social witness.	For book studies on a topic	Companion book – “A Guide to the New Church’s Teaching series” offers book overviews and discussion questions	Book	Adult	\$10.16-11.86 per book \$8.46 Guide <i>REUSABLE</i>
<i>One Room Sunday School</i>	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 in one classroom \$12.00 additional Teacher Guide <i>DATED</i>
<i>Practically Christian</i>	OACES (Independent – Episcopal) www.leaderresources.org/practicallychristian	A Guide to Practical Christian Prayer, Action, and Reflection. Combines practice in combining classical prayer forms with action on the Episcopal baptismal vows.	Links the Episcopal Church’s five baptismal vows with six classical prayer forms of Adoration, Penitence, Praise, Intercession, Petition, and Thanksgiving	All inclusive in program materials with leader choice	36 session of 1 ½ hours each (sequential) On CD to print out on one’s own	Adult	\$99.95 per congregation <i>UNDATED</i>
<i>Questions Seniors Ask</i>	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 <i>Downloadable</i> <i>UNDATED</i>
<i>Seasons of the Spirit</i>	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 <i>Web-based</i> <i>DATED</i>
<i>Seedlings</i>	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 <i>UNDATED</i>

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<i>The Seekers</i>	OACES (Independent – Episcopal) www.leaderresources.org/theseekers	To call young people into adulthood by discovery, wonder and reflection on life in light of our Christian tradition	2 years (25 sessions each) of programming focused around four units: Faith, Life, Self and Values	25 sessions per year; complete lesson plan outlines with facilitator background	Discussion and activities	Young Adults, ages 18-23.	\$79.95 per congregation <i>Downloadable</i> <i>UNDATED</i>
<i>Synthesis CE</i>	Sedgewick Publishing Co. (Independent – Episcopal) www.synthesispub.com	A Lectionary study guide in the Episcopal tradition. Inspiring, weekly Bible lessons that follow the Lectionary, and are written by Episcopalians for Episcopalians, are a wonderful resource for your whole church.	Lectionary by subscription (52 sessions), references to Book of Common Prayer	2 page handout with scripture, interpretation and implications (reflection questions)	Small group study or individual use	Adults	\$110 annual subscription (52 issues) with permission to duplicate for individuals <i>DATED</i>
<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 <i>DATED</i>
<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 <i>DATED</i>
<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 <i>UNDATED</i>

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<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>Transforming Literature of the Bible (TLB)</i>	Independent (Episcopal) www.cathedral.org/cathedral/programs/tlb.shtml	"Plow deep into the meaning of the great literature of the Bible by listening to God speak through the stories that have shaped our culture and our church."	2 semesters: 17 sessions explore Hebrew Scripture; 19 Christian Testament Materials include full commentary for each session (NRSV)	Seminar leaders receive 9 hours of training Participants spend 2-4 hours of study in preparation for each session	Seminars of 12 or fewer people	Adult	\$150 per person includes all materials <i>UNDATED</i>
<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 <i>Exploring Faith</i> series, especially designed for "tweens"	See <i>Exploring Faith</i>	See <i>Exploring Faith</i>	5 th & 6 th graders (10-12 year olds)	\$7.99 Quarterly Teacher Guide \$5.99 Quarterly Student Magazine <i>DATED</i>
<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"	4 th – 6 th grade	\$12.80 Teacher Guide
<i>Venture</i>	OACES (Independent – Episcopal) www.leaderresources.org/ventureseries	Exploring the Great Ideas and Images of the Christian Faith. Group study in four subjects: Church History, Liturgics, Holy Scripture and Theology	4 Series of 6 sessions: Christian beginnings; Reformation; Prophetic Voices of Freedom; One God, Many Faiths / uses other texts for reading	Facilitator's Guide with meeting outlines and discussion questions	Sunday Forum or Adult class	Adult	\$29.95 per congregation Facilitator's & Study Guides <i>Downloadable UNDATED</i>
<i>via media</i> (also: <i>via media: values and expanded version</i>)	Every Voice Network (Episcopal) www.everyvoicenet/	"A place to ask 21 st Century questions" To proclaim the Good News of God in Christ Jesus and to present The Episcopal Church in a contemporary context through video-enhanced curricula	8, 16 or 24 week "journeys of study, prayer and action" encountering the basic principles of Christianity through the Anglican approach of Scripture, traditions and reason.	Training available through Every Voice Network for implementation and leader training, although not necessary	Small group conversation around a video segment that models theological reflection, inc. worship – all on CD	Adult	\$495.00 basic \$695.00 expanded \$350.00 values <i>UNDATED</i>

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<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 1 st year New Testament 2 nd 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 <i>DATED</i>
<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 2-8 th grade	Semester: \$7.49 Teacher \$28.49 Starter Kit \$6.99 Learner <i>UNDATED</i>
<i>Workshop Rotation Model (WoRM)</i>	Various publishers www.rotation.org <i>See below for additional links</i>	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 <i>UNDATED</i>
<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 1 st 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
 - Pink – Adults
 - Orange – All ages
- ASA = Average Sunday Attendance

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- 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)

Visit www.ctdiocese.org/resources/christianed.shtml for more in-depth (2007) overviews of curricula for children, youth & adults and stay tuned to the Church Publishing and Morehouse Education Resources websites www.moreshouseeducation.org for updated in-depth overviews.

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