

POINT

***Presbyterian Organized in Nurture and Training* Choosing Curriculum**

Curriculum is one of many tools used in Christian Education. To make the tool work for you, before selecting curriculum some steps should be taken.

The first step in selecting curriculum is to determine what you want as the result of church school or a class. What do you want the learner to learn? What results do you want? Choose two objectives that are very important to your program.

Then develop a list of criteria for selecting curriculum. Use the objectives from above to help develop that list. Below are some suggested criteria for evaluating curriculum.

Goals and Objectives

- Where is the material taking the learners?
- Do the materials build so one can look thru the years and see how it builds?

Content

- How is the biblical material presented? Is it consistent with your idea of biblical interpretation/exegesis
- Is it age-appropriate as presented?
- Does it help the learner understand how to be a part of the community of faith?
- Is the material inclusive in gender, ethnicity, disabilities, language?
- Is its theology clearly defined?

Life experiences of the learner

- How does the material interpret the meaning of the Christian Life?
- How are the learner's experiences and the Bible connected?

Teacher friendliness

- Is the material attractive?
- Is there room for creativity?
 - Are there a variety of teaching methods suggested?
- Are instructions clear and easy to follow?
- Does it push the teachers to expand the horizons of their students?

After listing the criteria, evaluate different curriculum. Curriculum will not do everything you want. By using the developed criteria, it will come closer to what you want it to do and the results you want.

Fall Presbyterian Curriculum

We Believe

Presbyterian developed curriculum for children, youth and adults.

2006-2007 theme is Providence:

God's Creating Word- God creates, guides and cares for us.

The fall units explore

- Creation Out of Nothing
- Creation of a People
- Creation of a Lineage

There is teacher's book, take home sheets, classroom resource pack, and CD –music.

Bible Quest

Developed in ecumenical partnership, it interprets the story, connects the story to the learners own experiences and how we live in the world as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Ages 3 –Grades 3 will explore the characters in the Bible who overcame adversity by maintaining their faith and trust in God. They will explore ways that they can trust and be faithful to God.

Grades 4-6 will explore God's relationships and participation in the lives of several biblical characters. Thru hospitality, friendliness and acceptance of others they will see God participating in their lives.

Splash

Monthly newsletter designed specifically for families with infants and toddlers. There are 12 monthly newsletters filled with ideas and inspiration for families to worship, pray, eat and play together. The newsletters are in packs for children 1-12 months, 13-24 months and 25-36 months. Each one is ready to mail. An easy way to connect with families.



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