

# Curriculum: **Bible-in-Life**

(David C. Cook Curriculum) with Episcopal/Anglican edition

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**Denomination:** Independent - denominational supplements/versions are not affiliated with the national body (Anglican, Wesley, Reformation, African American, KJV, etc.)

**Foundational doctrine:** *We are committed to helping the church nurture growth in individuals, families, teachers, and church outreach.* This is done by making the Gospel message relevant for daily living, beginning with the individual having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Spiritual growth continues with becoming a positive Christian influence on those beyond the church doors, with a desire to witness, minister and serve.

**Scriptural/Theological Content:** Dated Scope and Sequence curriculum for Toddler/2 through Adult years. Lessons at all age levels are built around unit themes – one for each month of the quarter. Unit themes are based on Biblical values (such as repentance, conviction, hope, joy, evangelism) and include a scripture base and memory verse sources from scripture. Prospectus claims the supplement emphasizes themes such as creeds, baptism, Eucharist and Prayer Book worship. However, the Anglican supplement is missionary focused (Winter quarter) with a 2 page paper per month.

**Articulation:** Memory verses for each lesson are from the Old Testament, New Testament, Gospel and Psalms. Almost 100% of core lesson are from Acts with supporting lessons about Jesus from the Gospels. God is articulated as being present in Old Testament scripture.

**Interest / Abilities of Teachers:** First four pages of each Teacher's Guide suggest ways teachers can motivate students to learn. Within each lesson, there is material to help the teacher prepare the lesson in a step-by-step fashion, with a specific path to follow. All questions to ask students have answers given for the teacher.

**Learning Activities, Format & Media:** Each student has a "Bible Discoveries" booklet and Discovery Pack with puzzles, games, craft projects and stories. All material is self-contained. Music, playdoh and drama are often suggested activities. Very visually oriented in scope.

1. Bible Readiness (using student booklet)
2. Bible Story (using student booklet)
3. Bible Activity Choices (using options in Discovery Pack)
4. Bible Response (using a CD or supplemental material)

**Setting:** Traditional classroom

**Inviolate Principle of Choice:** Teacher directed lesson with lots of question and answer following reading of scripture or story from student booklet.

**Age group differentiation:** “Foundation Years” (18 months-1<sup>st</sup> grade) follow a 2 year cycle following Bible themes. “The Growing Years” (2<sup>nd</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grades) follow unified unit themes, covering the entire Bible every three years. “The Service Years” (Adult) covers the whole Bible every six years following the International Sunday School Lesson outline. Material is very word oriented and student material is for those reading on grade level or above. 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade material is suggested as being adaptable for 1<sup>st</sup> grade, but appears to be written on a 3<sup>rd</sup> + grade level.

**Home Involvement:** Take-Home Paper includes a section, “ParentLink” for parents to assist the child in the weekly Bible memory verse called “HomeLink” and “VerseLink.”

**Language:** A great deal of informal language in which interpretations are given for the teacher to tell the student, as well as “correct” answers to open-ended questions. Each lesson is focused on a memory verse, the purpose being that the learner needs to learn the facts and practice saying scripture in order to apply the Bible to their lives.

**Sociological:** Racially well represented. Males are depicted as leaders, while women as workers.

**Attendance Pattern:** Each lesson has a link to the week before with teacher initiated questions: “What did you do at home, school, and the playground that we learned to do last week?”

**Cost:** Quarterly per class: Teaching aids \$15.95; Make It/Take It \$3.75; Stories \$3.75; Bible Discoveries (book) \$3.50; Teacher’s Guide \$6.95; Supplemental resources (dramas, patterns, games, etc.) \$16.99-19.99.