

Curriculum: **Lesson Plans for (Small)  
Congregations**

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**Denomination:** Episcopal

**Foundational doctrine:** Offered to Christian Educators and Formation Leaders in small congregations. A guide for centering learning in the church and in the home around the biblical story.

**Scriptural/Theological Content:** Use of Scripture and Episcopal tradition. NRSV. Seasonally produced with an introductory commentary on the Old Testament themes. Each week lists all the Sunday's readings, with a brief explanation of the Gospel lesson, which is then explored in the lesson more fully. Follows RCL.

**Articulation:** Lectionary lesson plans usually based on the Gospel; published seasonally.

**Interest / Abilities of Teachers:** Lesson plan is specifically laid out, with how to start and end the class. No knowledge or training necessary, although additional resources would be helpful in supplementing the lessons. Suggestions are available in a bibliography on the website.

**Learning Activities, Format & Media:** Simple lesson plan format.

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| 1. Background | 3. Questions          |
| 2. Scripture  | 4. Suggested Activity |

**Setting:** Classroom, home, homily use

**Inviolate Principle of Choice:** To be used as a resource or supplement for those following a lectionary curriculum. Teacher has limited choices for activities, and it is teacher directed. Questions are open ended.

**Age group differentiation:** small children, older elementary, youth and adult; new lessons formatted for intergenerational use

**Home involvement:** Some suggestions, along with worship ideas

**Language:** Convictional and indicative

**Sociological:** Open to interpretation, depending on how a teacher might use it. No handouts or books for children.

**Attendance Pattern:** Each session stands on alone

**Cost:** Free (downloadable on above web link)