

# Curriculum: **Living the Good News**

**Publisher:** Morehouse Education Resources  
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**Denomination:** Episcopal (ecumenical)

**Foundational doctrine:** Lectionary based, liturgically centered, socially responsible studies for grades pre/primary through adult. *“To shape and transform lives and communities through shared experiences of the Sunday readings. Living the Good News brings people together to discover and share God’s word through learning and worship and everyday life.”*

**Scriptural/Theological Content:** There is a three-year cycle of Sunday scripture reading for the four seasons of the year. Old Testament is used to emphasize the Gospel messages for daily living. The BCP common lectionary listing of scripture being used is shown in a side bar of each lesson. *“Scripture is the foundation of our catechism, our sacraments, our liturgy and our baptismal covenant.”* RCL and Roman Catholic lectionary versions.

**Articulation:** All grade levels focus on the same scripture (being read in worship). There is approximately 30% Old Testament stories each year, remaining are Gospel stories or from Acts.

**Interest / Abilities of Teachers:** There are teaching packs for each grade including teacher friendly information, student take-home papers and classroom picture packs. Many suggestions for activities, stories, music, games and a supplemental resource section (seasonal ideas) are included in each teacher guide. Lesson plans are fully written out, including background and choices in planning. An overview of each session along with materials that are needed are in the beginning of each guide.

**Learning Activities, Format & Media:** There are a variety of activities for learning differences and styles in each level. Material includes “arts enhancement” to include art and music through a CD-Rom, with power point presentations and more.

1. Teacher preparation with scriptural background
2. Overview of lesson
3. Opening activity
4. Story
5. Music
6. Games
7. Praying together

**Setting:** Self-contained classroom with suggested times and methods to bring all children together. Worship plans are included in Leader’s pack for spiritual community building.

Separate material available for Children's Chapel in a separate resource, *Celebrate The Good News* (RCL) or *Liturgy of the Word* (Catholic)

**Inviolable Principle of Choice:** There are a variety of options to consider. Teachers are encouraged to choose what is appropriate for students. A variety of style of learning is encouraged. Teacher directed.

**Age group differentiation:** Preschool – Adult. A Multi-age component is available. All classes study the same theme therefore a variety of configurations can be made depending on the size of the Sunday School. There is very little student reading required.

**Home Involvement:** Take-home leaflets are provided each week. Projects are encouraged to be displayed during “coffee hour” and individual projects taken home; *At Home with the Good News* for parents with concrete suggestions for exploring the session themes with their families

**Language:** Rote memory is not emphasized. There are suggestions for teacher presentation and for pupil discussion time.

**Sociological:** The pictures in the teaching packets are colorful and depict people of diverse backgrounds. Emphasis is placed on commonality with all peoples of the world.

**Attendance Pattern:** Each lesson is self-contained and does not depend upon perfect attendance by the children or having built upon a previous lesson.

**Cost:** *Per Unit of 13 sessions each:* Leader's Guide \$19.95; Take home papers \$2.95 per child; Singing the Good News (CD) \$15.75 per year/class; Songbook \$5.25; Session Companion Visuals (extra visuals and games) \$10.95 per class per season; At Home with the Good News \$14.95; Session Companion CD \$14.95; Scripture Journal (for Adult & High School) \$4.95