

Curriculum: **One Room Sunday School**

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Denomination: United Methodist Church (ecumenical)

Foundational doctrine: With One Room Sunday School, children of all ages can study and learn the Bible together. *Learning and Living God's Word*. There is not a specific foundation for this curriculum, but it is developed with the small church school in mind in which teachers are few and students of all ages meet together.

Scriptural/Theological Content: A dated three-year Bible Study Plan for children (age 3-middle school). Themes are based on biblical stories and are connected to the church seasons of the year (Advent, Lent, etc.) Biblical stories are the most important stories in the world, and teachers are God's people to share God's love with God's children. There are no sacramental themes or references, with the exception of Jesus' baptism and Last Supper. Published quarterly, there are two units of 6-7 lessons each.

Articulation: Fall and Summer units use Old Testament scripture; Winter and Spring use the Gospels, Acts and Contemporary people. Each lesson has a memory verse. NRSV, GNB and CEV.

Interest / Abilities of Teachers: Very specific lesson plans for teachers include simple "exploring your Bible" background material, "understanding your students", and "developing your faith" in which suggestions for personal devotional time during the week. Each guide gives a list of resources, supplies and age-level needs for the entire unit.

Learning Activities, Format & Media: Each quarterly kit contains a Class Pak (32 pages of teaching pictures, games, maps, posters, storytelling figures and songs); Reproducible Activities Book has sheets for each week with a Bible Story and activities for all age levels. A wide variety of activities are suggested: music, drama, cooking, games, outreach/service projects, worship and storytelling. Kit comes with music cassette.

1. Introduce the Bible Theme
2. Hear the Bible Message
3. Explore the Bible Message
4. Respond to the Bible Message

Setting: One room classroom

Inviolable Principle of Choice: There are many choices for the teacher to make, and many choices for students, depending on how the teacher chooses to organize the classroom setting. There are activities for everyone (all ages) and specific ideas for nonreaders, all readers, beginning readers, skilled readers. Optional activities describe how they can be adapted to use with a wide variety of ages.

Age group differentiation: Ages 3 - Middle School (with ideas for different levels and interests within each lesson plan).

Home Involvement: Each lesson has a take-home paper with a letter to parents.

Language: Convictional language regarding scripture. Teachers are encouraged to ask open-ended questions and encouraged children to think for themselves.

Sociological: Reproducible sheets are in black & white, but depict a wide variety of cultures. Many activities related to service to others.

Attendance Pattern: Each lesson is independent.

Cost: *Quarterly:* Each Resource Kit contains everything necessary (Teacher book, Reproducible Book, Class Pak, cassette) \$56.00. Additional Teacher books are downloadable for \$12.00.