

Curriculum: **Seedlings**

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Denomination: Episcopal

Foundational doctrine: A broadly-graded curriculum especially designed for small churches with as few as 2 children but can be used in larger churches that is flexible and Biblically based in the Episcopal tradition.

Scriptural/Theological Content: Four year cycle gives an introduction to most major Bible stories and events; activities selected to encourage children to experience the feelings and attitudes of Biblical figures; moral and ethical perspective shaped by classic Biblical theology. One third of unit materials teach on non-biblical subjects: the saints, sacraments, tradition and customs of the Church, its worship, prayer and polity

Articulation: Each year and unit can be used in any sequence desired, with each year including 6 units of lesson plans for 36-40 sessions plus introductory materials for the class coordinator. Each year has two units of Old Testament stories, two units of New Testament stories, two units of Episcopal tradition (sacraments, saints, worship, ministry).

- Year I: Genesis: A Book of Promises; Disciples: Jesus' Followers & Friends; The Church Year: Making Time Holy; Moses: God's Faithful Servant; Paul: Apostle to the Gentiles; Sacraments: Expressions of God's Love
- Year II: Patriarchs: People of the Covenant; The Early Life of Jesus; We Belong to Many Families; Joshua & Judges; Parables: Jesus Taught Us with Stories; Early Saints: Men & Women Who Served the Lord
- Year III: David: Chosen Servant of the Lord; Holy Week: Jesus' Last Days on Earth; Worship: We Praise & Love God; Rulers & Prophets: Servants & Messengers of God; Miracles: Signs of God's Power; Saints II: Christian Heroes
- Year IV: Major Prophets: They Proclaimed God's Will; Parables II: Stories that Teach Us; Baptism & Eucharist: The Two Sacraments Christ Gave Us; People of Faith in the Old Testament; Acts & Epistles: The Story of the Early Church; Ministry: Service to God and Others in His Name

Interest / Abilities of Teachers: Lessons include goals, Story/Lesson, background for the teacher, discussion questions, activities and worksheets. The lessons allow flexibility for the interest and talents of teachers and students.

Learning Activities, Format & Media: Many activities encourage children to experience the feelings and attitudes of biblical figures. Activities will incur little or no expense using easily found materials. Activities to choose from include clean

art, messy art, Bible search, trip or visitor and drama in addition to discussion questions.

1. Goals
2. Story/Lesson
3. Discussion Questions
4. Activities

Setting: Classroom, although adaptable for intergenerational or learning center use

Inviolable Principle of Choice: Options for teachers. Could be very open-ended with children, depending on how the teacher structures the classroom.

Age group differentiation: Designed for children in preschool - Grade 6, although materials/activities are not delineated for varying degrees of abilities.

Home Involvement: None noted.

Language: Convictional and Episcopal.

Sociological: Could not be determined, although the promotional material states it is in use in a wide variety of settings in the United States, Canada, Latin America, the Middle East and Asia.

Attendance Pattern: Each session stands on its own

Cost: The material is available by year, or specific units may be ordered for \$10.00 each. A congregation may order one set of materials and reproduce additional sets for use. Each year is \$50.00. Intergenerational Guide \$7.50.