



Welcome to the *Little Ones Curriculum!*

After creating the *Calvary Chapel Children's Bible Study Support Curriculum* (for 1st-6th grades), we became aware of the need for a preschool curriculum that would meet the needs of the 3-6 year old child and their teachers as well.

We believe that young children can understand that God loves them, and can oftentimes internalize a Biblical truth if it is communicated in simple terms.

We have been using the *Little Ones Curriculum* and have been very pleased with both the children's and teacher's responses. We hope you, and the children you disciple, will be blessed as well.

The entire curriculum to date, consists of 53 lessons alternating periodically between the Old and New Testaments. Our focus is not the chronological order, but rather to implant Biblical truths in these little one's hearts and minds.

The materials included in each lesson are the:

1) Bible study page (ages 3-6 yrs.)

The Bible study "take home" page contains a summary of the Bible story for that day's lesson and a series of questions that the teacher can ask the child by way of review. The questions are in 3 categories:

1. What does the Bible say? (Facts)
2. What does it mean? (Meaning)
3. What does it mean to me? (Life application)

One of the purposes of the Bible study "take home" page is acquainting the parent with the lesson their child was taught that day, and providing them with questions to ask their child. The teacher and parent can decide which questions are the most age-appropriate for the child.

- 2) Coloring page (ages 3-6 yrs.)
- 3) Memory verse page (age 6 yrs.)
- 4) Activity page (age 6 yrs.)

In addition to the Bible, we would suggest the *Child's Story Bible* by Catherine Vos (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.). It is a time tested Bible storybook directed to children that is true to the Bible in content. It's language is easily understood by children but it edits sections that are outside the realm of a child's experience. It is written in context rather than isolated Bible stories, giving children an understandable overview of God's plan.

Some teachers choose to teach the day's lesson by reading from the *Child's Story Bible* in their class. We think a better approach is to study the day's lesson from your own Bible, and then to study the lesson from the *Child's Story Bible*. The page numbers corresponding to the day's lesson in the *Child's Story Bible*, are in the lower right hand corner of the Bible study page.

Because the *Child's Story Bible* is written in words that children can easily comprehend, it gives the teachers an example (model) of how the lesson can be presented in a way that the children will best understand. How the lesson is ultimately presented, is up to the discretion of the teacher and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

This curriculum contains the core Bible study plus support activities. The teacher can "individualize" the lessons as the Lord leads. Suggested resources include Abeka Bible flash cards, Betty Lukens or Little Folks felts, and Bible Adventure cards. (See Resource List contact information.)

Betty Luken's
Flannel Graphs
1-800-457-9529
www.bettylukens.com

Abeka
Flashcards
1-877-223-5226
www.abeka.com

Little Folk Visuals
Flannel Graphs
1-877-463-1053
www.TheFeltSource.com

Great Bible Adventures
Flashcards
1-800-570-5718
www.imp-usa.com

The Chapel Store
1-714-540-2941
Child's Story Bible
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