

Children's Sunday School Curriculum Review

A quick comparison of 11 curricula from
major publishers!

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This document is summary of the information gathered by reading and reviewing portions of each curriculum. For further information, feel free to call Harrison. This project is a service to churches.

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<u>Curriculum</u>	GC2	Bible Studies for Life	Explore the Bible	Gospel Project	First Look & Kids 252	Shine
<u>Publisher</u>	Baptist General Convention of Texas	LifeWay (Southern Baptist Convention)	LifeWay (Southern Baptist Convention)	LifeWay (Southern Baptist Convention)	Orange	Brethren Press and Mennomedia
<u>Website</u>	Gc2press.org	Lifeway.com	Lifeway.com	Lifeway.com	Thinkorange.com	Shinecurriculum.com
<u>Age</u>	Birth-6 th grade	Birth-6 th grade	Birth-6 th grade	Birth-6 th grade	Birth-6 th grade	Pre-K-6 th grade
<u>Scope</u>	3-4 years	4 years	6 years	3 Years	3 years	3 years
<u>Price*</u>	Free	\$47.89	\$54/ \$42(preschool)	\$53.38/ 45.38 (preschool)	\$52.50	\$62.36
<u>Video/Leaflet/Bible**</u>	No/No/No	No/Yes/No	Yes/Yes/No	Yes/Yes/No	No/Yes/No	No/Yes/Yes
<u>Summary</u> (In 280 characters or less)	Innovative activities using typical church and household items to teach biblical literacy and collaboration. Lessons center play and creativity as the methodology for imparting knowledge of biblical stories and timeless truths.	Multi-year study using Bibles stories to point to Biblical concepts that age with the participants. These concepts correspond to the “Levels of Biblical Learning” and cover an array of topics with faith development.	A deep dive into the world of the Bible. Over the course of five years, participants engage with the Bible as a text, as well as the world of the Bible, and learn how these stories apply to their faith and life.	A three-year journey into the story of Scripture. Participants spend equal time in the Old and New Testament and invest in the overarching story of the Bible. Everything about this curriculum points to this story and work of Salvation found within it.	A high-energy presentation of the foundation of the Christian faith. The excitement of large events is brought to each week as participants are drawn into the learning experience and engage with who God is.	Simple lessons that engage Scripture and spirituality to bring participants to a place of wonder. These lessons are not made to impart information but to encourage questions and discovery of the faith passed down

Curriculum	Spark	Whirl	Frolic	Holy Moly	Connect
Publisher	SparkHouse (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)	SparkHouse (ELCA)	SparkHouse (ELCA)	SparkHouse (ELCA)	SparkHouse (ELCA)
Website	Wearesparkhouse.org	Wearesparkhouse.org	Wearesparkhouse.org	Wearesparkhouse.org	Wearesparkhouse.org
Age	Age 2-6 th grade	Pre-K-6 th grade	Birth-Age 5	K-4 th grade	5 th -6 th grades
Scope	3 yrs (Lectionary)/2 yrs (All Kids and Classroom)/ 5 ½ yrs (Rotation)	3 yrs (lectionary)/2 yrs (Classroom and All Kids)	2 years	2 years (excluding Summer)	2 years (60 lessons)
Price*	\$45.95 (All Kids)/ 53.08 (Rotation)/ 33.95 (Lectionary and Classroom)	\$59.14 (All Kids)/ 47.95 (Lectionary or Classroom)	\$44.99 (one time for nursery)/ \$26.57 (preschool)	\$43.95	\$52.44
Video/Leaflet/ Bible**	No/Yes/Yes	Yes/Yes/Yes	No/No/No	Yes/Yes/No	Yes/Yes/No
Summary (In 280 characters or less)	One curriculum with four structures that makes it easy for churches to adapt it to their needs. The lessons follow a rhythm through the lessons and involve creative activities to engage with the weekly Bible passages and connect to the Christian calendar.	Participants engage with fun characters in the weekly videos who interact with the lessons in a church setting. The characters digest the stories shared each week and work together to put it into practice, inviting the participants to do the same.	A simple look at the foundations of faith for the littlest members of the congregation. Lessons and ideas for nursery and preschool families to begin the understanding of the love of God and beauty of creation.	A singularly focused literary look at Scripture. The lessons, activities, and videos all focus on the characters and movement of the Bible story. The age range is smaller (K-4 th grade) but the curriculum is seamless and cohesive in its design and methodology.	A two-year curriculum forming a bridge from elementary to youth experiences. Participants engage with Bible concepts in succinct units and see how the themes of Scripture are found throughout the texts and connect with life today.

*Price is calculated as cost per student per year with 10 students and 2 teachers

**This row indicates whether curriculum has a video, student leaflet/activity sheet, and curriculum-specific Bible.