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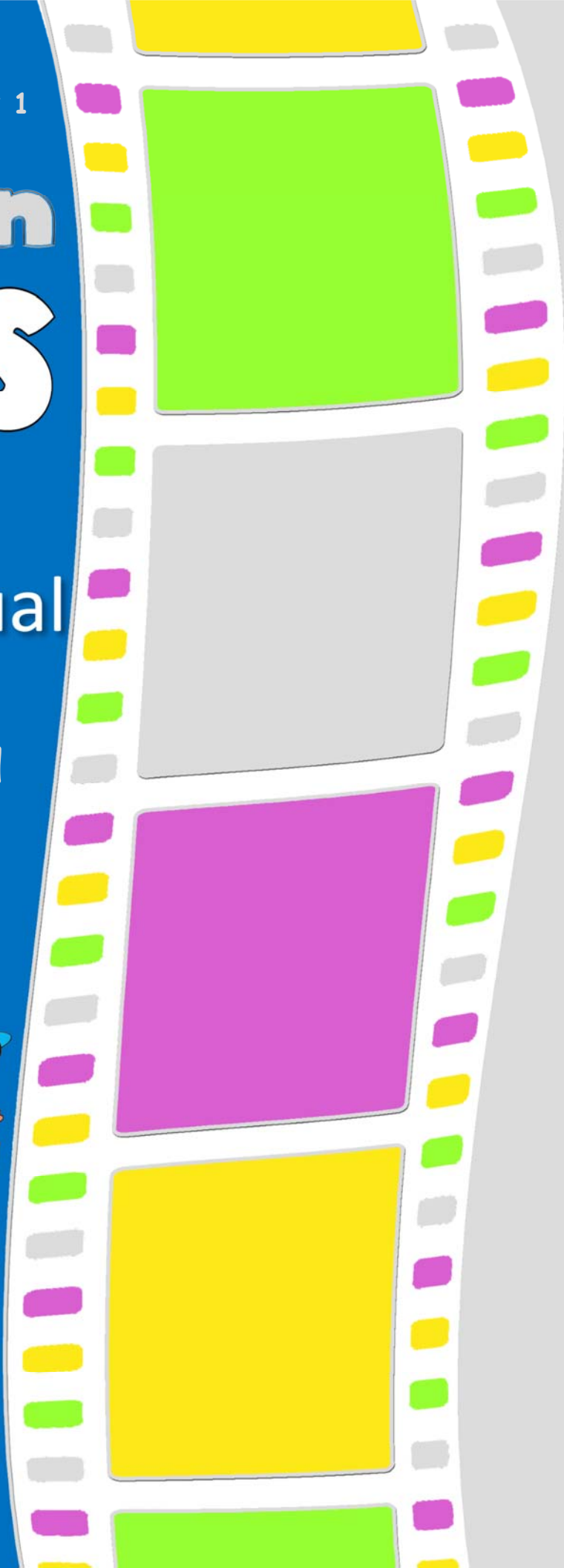
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How To Use This Curriculum

About this Curriculum

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Teaching the Lessons

Believe In Jesus curriculum is divided into four main sections. These sections teach on the problem of sin, God's solution, invitation and response, and assurance of salvation. Sin is taught from the concept of the original sin due to Adam's disobedience resulting in sin heart. God's solution to sin is presented as Jesus heart and the purposes of Jesus' birth, sacrifice, death and resurrection are examined. Next is the desired response to God's solution with opportunity for altar call included. The last section concludes with lessons on assurance of salvation.

This curriculum is made up of lessons that build upon each other. The ideal usage is to teach each lesson in the sequence it is numbered to build precept upon precept. Based on over 30 years of experience in teaching children, I have discovered that it is more effective to teach a lesson twice and by the same teacher. The teacher is able to review the lesson with the children and follow-up appropriately based on their responses. Also, the message of the lesson is strengthened in the hearts and minds of the children.

Note: Please take the time to read the section on Preschoolers And Salvation to give you the needed foundation and framework to effectively teach the lessons.

Lesson Outline: A suggested order for using the curriculum to teach the class is:

- Review the previous lesson since they build on each other;
- Introduce the lesson to engage the children;
- Teach the Bible lesson interactively;
- Make an altar call when applicable;
- Use the follow-up talk to personalize the message;
- Pray with the children;
- Get the children to learn and recite the memory verse incorporating actions; and
- Have the children do activities to reinforce the lesson.

Bible Text: Regardless of the age group being taught, you must read the Bible text in preparation. For this curriculum to be an effective tool in transforming the lives of children, there is the need for you as the teacher to study the Bible text with the help of the Holy Spirit. As you do this, trust that God will grant you an understanding of the Bible passage and make the Word come alive on the inside of you to minister to the children.

Memory Verse: Different Bible versions are used for clarity to ensure the children understand the Scripture. The memory verses have been shortened and modified to accommodate the preschool age group. Teach the memory verse word-perfect to the children. It is helpful to incorporate actions or even turn it into a song with a catchy tune as you recite the memory verse with the children. Repetition is key to helping them retain the memory verse.

Go to www.setapartchild.com to read my article on Teaching Children Memory Verses.

Truth of God's Word: The truth of God's Word sums up what you are teaching the children to believe and act upon from God's Word about the lesson. The memory verse, Bible lesson and follow-up talk build upon the truth of God's Word.

Introduction: Start the lesson by getting the children to discuss the introduction. This serves to engage the children. Round up the session by linking their discussion to what you are teaching them on the lesson.

Bible Lesson: This is a simplified summary of the Bible text with the life application for the preschool age group. Only relevant parts of the Bible story are emphasized because the lesson is not just about telling a Bible story. This helps to focus the children's attention on what the lesson is on. The life application is personalized to the children.

In teaching the children the Bible lesson, make it as interactive as possible. For example: when God sent an angel to tell Joseph that Mary would give birth to the Son of God, what do you think Joseph said or did? If possible, try to get them to do some role playing of the Bible characters as well. Incorporate as many variety of interactive activities as possible to interest them without distracting from the message you are teaching.

Follow-up Talk: This is another opportunity to involve the children to find out their understanding of the lesson. In addition, it aids the children process aloud their personalization of the Bible lesson. Age appropriate discussion points and activities (in addition to the ones in the Activity Book) are provided.

Notes: Space for taking notes during your preparation is provided for each lesson. Sometimes, notes are added to help you teach the lesson more effectively.

Children's Activities

There are two types of activities for the preschoolers:

The first activity type is the Believe In Jesus Preschool Activity Book. The activity book is available in both electronic and hardcopy forms. The digital PDF format can be downloaded from www.setapartchild.com; while the print and eBook formats are available on Amazon.com and other retail outlets.

The second type of activity is ideas for craft on the lessons. These are available on www.setapartchild.com.

Believe In Jesus Preschool Activity Book

The essence of the Believe In Jesus Preschool Activity Book provided for this exciting Bible-based curriculum is to strengthen the preschooler's comprehension of the Bible lessons and memory verses. Each page is a colouring sheet with fun and simple but engaging activity for the preschooler to do. Two activities per lesson are provided.

Believe In Jesus Preschool Activity Book is 26 pages of fun colouring and activities, including: Connect The Dots, Word Shapes, Jigsaw Puzzles, Trace The Lines, Matching, Simple Mazes, Drawing, etc.

Solutions to the activities are on www.setapartchild.com.

Lesson 8—Believe In Jesus

Bible Text

Acts 16:16-34

Memory Verse

This is what God commands: that we believe in his Son, Jesus—1John 3:23 (NCV).

Truth of God's Word

The Bible says that God wants you to believe in Jesus.

Introduction

Tell the children the memory verse. Get the children to talk about why they think God wants them to believe in Jesus.

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Bible Lesson

Paul and Silas were beaten and thrown into jail. In the middle of the night, there was an earthquake and all the doors of the jail opened. The jailer thought that the prisoners had escaped. The jailer decided that it would be better to kill himself than to be punished for losing the prisoners. But Paul told him not to kill himself and that all the prisoners were still there. Then Paul told the jailer and his family the good news about Jesus. The jailer and his family all believed in Jesus and their sin hearts became Jesus hearts.

You have a sin heart. And the only way for your sin heart to become a Jesus heart is for you to believe in Jesus. God says in the Bible: This is what God commands: that we believe in his Son, Jesus—1John 3:23 (NCV).

KNOW THAT THE BIBLE SAYS THAT GOD WANTS YOU TO BELIEVE IN JESUS.

To do an altar call with this lesson, continue:

(Do not force nor discourage any child from participating. It is the Holy Spirit who changes hearts.)

Remember that your sin heart makes you far from God. The good news is that God loves you and sent Jesus for you. Jesus died to take away your sin heart. And Jesus rose from the dead to give

you your Jesus heart. The Bible says that God wants you to believe in Jesus.

Would you like to believe in Jesus so that God takes away your sin heart and gives you your Jesus heart? If yes, repeat this prayer to God after me:

"God, I know that You love me and sent Jesus for me. I believe that Jesus died to take away my sin heart. I believe that Jesus rose from the dead to give me my Jesus heart. I don't want my sin heart anymore. God, give me my Jesus heart. I believe in Jesus like the Bible says God wants me to. Thank You, God, for taking away my sin heart and giving me my Jesus heart. Amen.

“Hurray, you now believe in Jesus and have your Jesus heart.”

Follow-up Talk

Talk with the children about what just happened to them. Most likely, they may not be able to articulate what just happened. Whatever answer a child gives you, make sure you repeat it before summarizing what just happened to him by saying, "Hurray, you now believe in Jesus and have your Jesus heart." Then add, "You are now a Jesus follower." For this age group, being a Jesus follower is a tangible term of referring to the child as being saved.

Introduce the term “Jesus follower” to them as a person who believes in Jesus to have a Jesus heart so they can live for God everyday. To help them grasp the concept of being a Jesus follower, do the “follow the leader” game but turn it into “follow Jesus” instead.

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Curriculums

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- Preschool Teacher's Manual
- Preschool Activity Book
- Teacher's Manual
- Junior Activity Book
- Senior Activity Book

LIVING FOR GOD Curriculum

- Preschool Teacher's Manual
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- Teacher's Manual
- Junior Activity Book
- Senior Activity Book

GROW IN LIVING FOR GOD Curriculum

- Teacher's Manual
- Junior Activity Book
- Senior Activity Book

BIBLE STUDY ON JOSEPH (For Older Children & Youth)

- Leader's Guide
- Student Workbook

These curriculums are available in digital and print versions.
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About The Author



Bisi Adeyi is more than anything else a Christian who loves the Lord.

She has a calling to minister to children and children's ministry teachers which God blesses and equips her for. Her children's ministry experience which started in 1985 includes teaching children of all age-groups, organizing summer camps and Bible clubs, speaking at children's conferences and programs, coordinating children's ministry department in churches, and training children's ministry teachers.

She writes exciting Bible-based curriculums & resources to teach children to know and live for God daily. The resources include Bible studies, devotionals, tracts, newsletters and articles. Empowered by the Holy Spirit's revelation to her on John 17:17, she ministers to children to be set apart by the truth of God's Word to live for Him. By the grace of God, her heart's desire through her writings is to birth and nurture the *set apart child*.

In addition to writing and children's ministry, Bisi enjoys reading, making memories with her family, batch cooking, hosting people in her home, sewing and personal events planning. She is married to her best friend and together they have two young adult children.

For more information about her and what she believes, please go on her website at www.setapartchild.com.

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- **PRESCHOOL TEACHER'S MANUAL**

Must have resource to help preschoolers learn about salvation.

- **PRESCHOOL ACTIVITY BOOK**

Contains 26 pages of engaging and fun colouring activities on the Bible lessons and memory verses for preschoolers.

- **TEACHER'S MANUAL**

Essential aid to teach children about salvation.

- **JUNIOR ACTIVITY BOOK**

Stimulating and enjoyable 26 pages of puzzles to solve on the Bible lessons and memory verses for younger children.

- **SENIOR ACTIVITY BOOK**

Comprises 26 pages of challenging and lively puzzles to decode on the Bible lessons and memory verses for older children.



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