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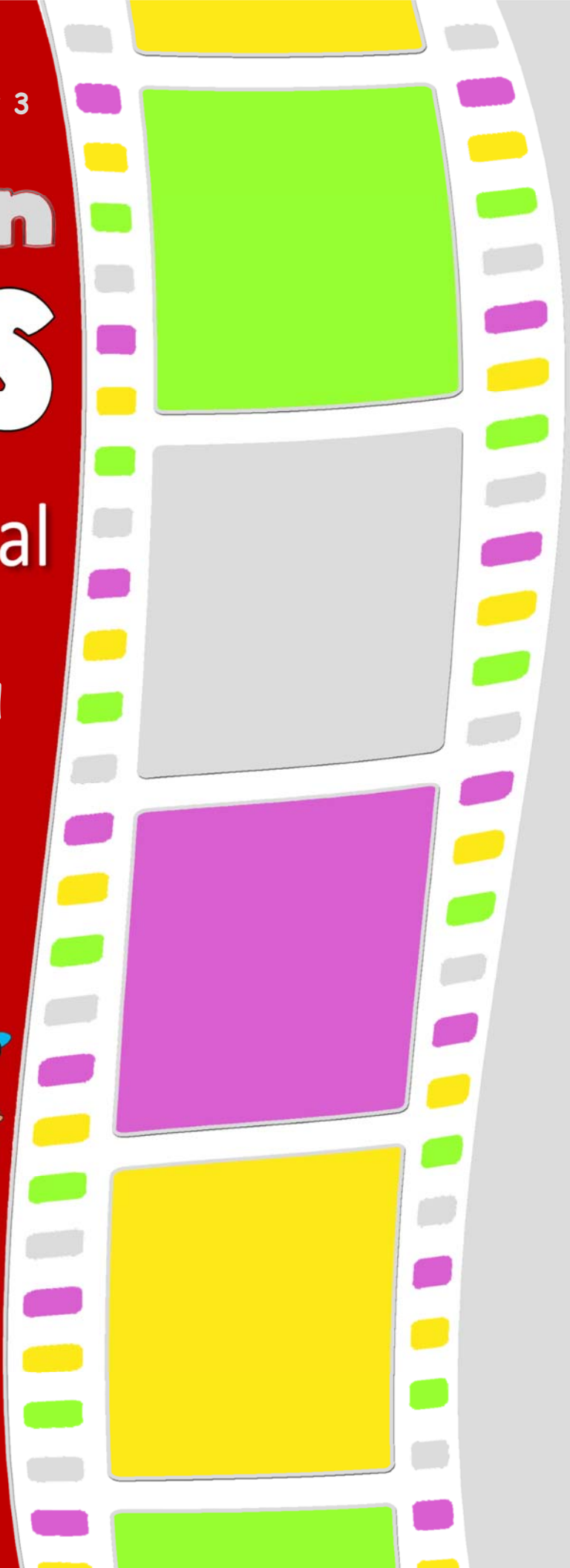
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How To Use This Curriculum

About this Curriculum

The Bible says: Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved—Acts 16:31. Salvation is based on belief in Jesus and this comes through the conviction of the Holy Spirit. So it is possible to believe in Jesus and yet not understand what the gospel is all about.

In our Sunday schools, majority of the children are from Christian homes; and at one time or the other, these children have answered an altar call at least once. Most children who are saved do not understand what exactly happened to them (even some adults don't). Yet that does not make their salvation any less genuine.

Believe In Jesus curriculum is an exciting Bible-based curriculum created to help these saved children know the process of salvation and instil an assurance of salvation in them. For the unsaved children, the hope is that the Holy Spirit will use these lessons to bring conviction to their heart and they will accept the saving grace found only in Jesus.

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. God's solution examines the purposes of Jesus' birth, sacrifice, death and resurrection. 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 can 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 Children 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 story and life application interactively;
- Make an altar call when applicable;
- Use the discussion 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. Be sure to teach the memory verse word-perfect to the children. Where necessary, explanations have been provided for the memory verses. 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 story, life application and discussion build upon the truth of God's Word.

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

Bible Story: The Bible story is taken from the *Easy To Read Version* Bible and modified to allow for smooth comprehension. In teaching the children the Bible story, 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.

Life Application: This is the personal application of God's Word to the children to encourage them to act on what they have learned. As much as possible, personalize the teaching to the children in your class. Encourage participation in form of questions and comments from the children.

Discussion: This serves to involve the children to find out and enhance their understanding of the lesson. In addition, it aids the children process aloud their personalization of the Bible lesson. Discussion points are given. Sometimes, the discussion for the junior and senior age groups are different based on their comprehension levels. Where appropriate, use the children's activity books to guide the discussion.

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 children:

The first activity type is the activity books. Believe In Jesus activity books are 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.

Activity Books

The basis of the Believe In Jesus activity books provided for this exciting Bible-based curriculum (which has two activities per lesson) is to increase the child's understanding of the Bible lessons and memory verses. If a child is finding a lesson activity too easy or too difficult, consider modifying the activity appropriately or allowing the child to use a different activity book instead.

Believe In Jesus Junior Activity Book contains 26 pages of stimulating and enjoyable puzzles to solve including pictures for colouring for younger children. It is filled with exciting activities, such as: decoding activities, word scrambles, mazes, puzzles, cross outs and many more...

Believe In Jesus Senior Activity Book comprises challenging and lively puzzles to decode with pictures that may be coloured for older children. It is 26 pages of interesting activities, including: complex mazes, fill-ins, text conversions, tough puzzles, Scripture searches and many more...

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

Lesson 8—Believe In Jesus

Bible Text

Acts 16:16-34

Memory Verse

They said to him, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved—you and all the people in your house"—Acts 16:31 (NCV).

Truth of God's Word

God's Word says: Believe in Jesus and you will be saved.

Introduction

Tell the children the memory verse. Get the children to discuss why they think they need to believe in Jesus.

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Bible Story

One day Paul and his friends were going to the place for prayer, and a servant girl who had an evil spirit in her kept following them around. (This evil spirit gave her the power to tell what would happen in the future.) This bothered Paul, so he commanded the evil spirit to come out of her in Jesus' Name.

When the men who owned the servant girl saw this, they realized that they could no longer use her to make money. So they grabbed Paul and Silas and dragged them before the Roman officials and lied against them. The officials tore the clothes off both men, ordered that they be beaten with rods and thrown into jail. The jailer put Paul and Silas far inside the jail and bound their feet between large blocks of wood.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing songs to God. Suddenly there was an earthquake so strong that it shook the foundation of the jail. All the doors of the jail opened, and the chains on all the prisoners fell off. The jailer woke up and saw that the jail doors were open. He thought that the prisoners had already escaped, so he got his sword and was ready to kill himself because he thought the leaders would kill him for letting the prisoners escape. But Paul shouted, "Don't hurt yourself! We are all here!"

Then the jailer ran inside and, shaking with fear, fell down in front of Paul and Silas. He brought them outside and said, “Men, what must I do to be saved?” They said to him, “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved—you and all who live in your house.”

So Paul and Silas told the good news about Jesus to the jailer and all the people who lived in his house. The jailer and all his people believed in Jesus. All the people were very happy because they now believed in Jesus and were saved.

Life Application

The jailer and his family heard the good news about Jesus. But that knowledge was not enough to save them. They had to believe in Jesus to be saved.

In the same way, you have heard the good news about Jesus: that though you are a sinner and your sins have separated you from God, yet God loves you and sent Jesus for you; and Jesus died to save you from your sins and He rose from the dead so you can live for God.

But being saved from your sins so you can live for God does not just happen to you or anybody. There is something that you must do as well. God’s Word says: Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved—Acts 16:31 (NCV).

To believe in Jesus to be saved involves two parts of your body: your heart and your mouth. It is written in Romans 10:10: Yes, we believe in Jesus deep in our hearts, and so we are made right with God. And we openly say that we believe in him, and so we are saved (ERV). This means you must truly believe in Jesus in your heart and say with your mouth what you believe out aloud to be saved.

KNOW THAT GOD’S WORD SAYS: BELIEVE IN JESUS AND YOU WILL BE SAVED.

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

Like the jailer and his family, you can be saved from your sins so you can live for God by believing in Jesus.

Here are 4 things you need to know and believe:

- You are a sinner and your sins have separated you from God.
- The good news is that God loves you and He sent Jesus to save you from your sins.
- Jesus died on the cross to save you from your sins and He rose from the dead so you can live for God.
- God’s Word says: Believe in Jesus and you will be saved.

Now would you like to believe in Jesus to be saved from your sins so you can live for God? If yes, say this prayer after me:

“Dear God, thank you for loving me and sending Jesus for me even though I am a sinner and my sins have separated me from You. I believe that Jesus died to save me from my sins and He rose from the dead so I can live for You. I turn away from my sins and receive Jesus into my heart to be in control of my life. God, as You say in Your Word: I believe in Jesus so I am saved. Thank You, God, that I am now a believer. Amen!”

Discussion

Talk with the children about what just happened to them. Not every child will be able to articulate properly what just happened. Whatever answer a child gives you, make sure you repeat it before summarizing what just happened to them by saying, “Hurray, Jesus has saved you from your sins so you can now live for God.” Then add, “You are now a believer.” Explain to them that the term ‘believer’ refers to any person that believes in Jesus to be saved from sin to live for God.

Also, discuss the various term used for a believer: saved, born again, saint, Christian, child of God, brother or sister, follower of Jesus, etc.

Curriculums

BELIEVE IN JESUS Curriculum

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

LIVING FOR GOD Curriculum

- Preschool Teacher's Manual
- Preschool Activity Book
- 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.
For print and eBook copies: Amazon.com and other retail outlets.
For digital PDF download: www.setapartchild.com.

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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