## **CBOQ CURRICULUM RECOMMENDATIONS**

## **CURRICULUM OPTIONS**

I Need Curriculum	
that is:	CBOQ Suggested Curriculum:
Suitable for Toddlers/PreKs	<ul> <li>ABC Jesus Loves Me (homeschool Style)</li> <li>First Look (Orange Curriculum)</li> <li>PLAY (preschool component of Dwell)</li> <li>Beulah Land (Felt Stories)</li> <li>Godly Play (Montessori)</li> <li>Tru*Blessings</li> </ul>
Useful for a small church with a gathering of mixed ages	<ul> <li>Godly Play</li> <li>252 Basics</li> <li>Jesus Storybook Bible</li> <li>Seedlings</li> <li>Telling God's Story</li> <li>DWELL</li> <li>Growing in Grace &amp; Gratitude</li> </ul>
Older Elementary/Tweens	<ul> <li>Grapple</li> <li>LIVE (Gr.5-6 Curriculum)</li> <li>The Story</li> <li>Tru*Identity</li> </ul>
Brings together adults & children in learning the same themes	<ul> <li>Messy Church (Intergenerational Gathering)</li> <li>D6 (Ages separated but learning the same themes)</li> <li>Whole People of God</li> </ul>
Is in a Montessori/Play-based Format	<ul> <li>Beulah Land</li> <li>Godly Play (Liturgical)</li> <li>Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Liturgical)</li> </ul>
Is Classroom Format	<ul> <li>Bible-In-Life</li> <li>D6</li> <li>Buzz</li> <li>Discipleland: Core Bible</li> <li>Faithweaver NOW</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>Heart Shaper</li> <li>RIO</li> <li>Rooted</li> <li>Telling God's Story</li> <li>Whole People of God</li> </ul>
Is in a Large Group/Small Group Format	<ul> <li>252 Basics</li> <li>Living Inside Out</li> <li>RIO</li> <li>Tru*</li> </ul>
Useful for children/adults with Special Needs	<ul> <li>Friendship Club Materials</li> <li>Growing in Grace &amp; Gratitude</li> <li>Heartshaper (special-needs-friendly tips and activity adaptations</li> <li>Tru* (adaptable for special needs program)</li> </ul>
Suitable for a Midweek Program	<ul> <li>Pioneer Club</li> <li>Awana</li> <li>Messy Church</li> </ul>
Could be used for Homeschooling	<ul> <li>Telling God's Story</li> <li>The Jesus Storybook Bible</li> <li>ABC Jesus Loves Me (PreK)</li> <li>Telling God's Story (Elementary)</li> </ul>
Has High Level of Media Support (Teaching component of Lesson done through video)	<ul> <li>Holy Moly</li> <li>252 Basics</li> <li>LIVE (Childrens' &amp; Gr.5-6)</li> <li>Living Inside Out</li> </ul>

## **CURRICULUM DESCRIPTIONS**

Curriculum	Foundation Statement	Content & Articulation	Teacher Support	Format	Ages	Cost / Usability	Publisher (Denominatio n)
252 Basics (Orange)	To discover and develop a relationship with Jesus Christ	252 Basics is built around 3 basic truths, which are	Multitude of "job descriptions" for a team of leaders; conferences held	-LG gr. & SM gr. -Web based & streamlined videos	JK-Gr. 5	Annual license \$6,040-2,415.00 based on children's	The re-Think Group (Independent) http://whatisorang

	(modeled on Basic Truths by Jesus in Luke 2:52); the Gospel narrative of redemption	amplified through 36 monthly themes and 150 Bible stories. (1 virtue each month)	throughout the U.S.	-worship  *Home, Church & Camp		program attendance	e.org/ 252basics/
ABC Jesus Loves Me	ABC Jesus Loves Me is a comprehensive, research-based preschool curriculum for ages 2-5 that focuses on academics, development, and the Bible.	ABC Jesus Loves Me is a comprehensive, research-based preschool curriculum for ages 2-5 that focuses on academics, development, and the Bible.	Weekly Emails, Online supports for academics and resources. Link to helpful sites.	-Classroom -lesson plans - printables - supportive ideas -Lesson plans and workbooks are available to order in book form. *Home & Church	PreSchool Ages 2-5	\$100-\$300 for 5 years of Curriculum. (Each year contains 36 weeks of lessons)	ABC Jesus Loves Me
AWANA	Awana establishes welcoming, supportive environments where kids, from every background and cultural setting, learn how a personal relationship with Christ affects their everyday lives.			-MidWeek Program	Puggles (2-3 Yrs) Cubbies-PreK (3-5Yrs) Sparks (SK-Gr.2) T&T (Gr.3-6)		
Beulah Land	Felt Bible storytelling materials for developing a visual vocabulary of faith	OT Heroes, NT, Acts & Adventures, Salvation Story, and Miracles & Parables stories (Montessori / open-ended	Felt materials includes background on worship & spirituality with children	-Playbased -Uses felt figures (need assembly) for storytelling; CD of story script along with art & craft activities	Ages 3-10	\$80 Curriculum \$175 Starter Set (needed for all) \$150- 225 for other sets print REUSABLE	Gretchen WolffPritchard (independent) www.beulahenter prises. org

		approach)					
Bible-in-Life	Evangelical guidance to present basic Bible truths without being distracted by doctrines over which Biblebelieving Christians may disagree. Having a personal relationship with Christ; a desire to witness, minister and serve	Bible story based (with small denominational supplemental 'wraps') 100% New Testament core lessons (NIV/KJV)	Teacher preparation for each lesson – questions (with answers) provided; "easy- to-teach & easy- to-prepare"	-Classroom -Relies on student booklets - Built-in flexibility -Developmentally appropriate for each level to foster spiritual growth Designed for multiple learning styles - Encourages application in real-to-life situations and activities.	Toddler/2 – Adult	Per quarter: \$7.70 Teacher \$16.50 Aids \$4.15 Craft book \$4.15 Take home \$4.40 Student book print & digital DATED	David C. Cook (independent) www.davidccook. com/c urriculum/davidcc ook/
Buzz	Buzz is as easy as playing a game. Children decide which direction the lesson goes, keeping them engaged and learning more. Digs deep into parts of the Bible most curriculums ignore. Kids are introduced to new stories and people in the Bible.	2-year Bible story based focused on individuals in the Bible. Buzz lessons each focus on one specific Bible Point each week, and use a variety of activities to reinforce that simple message. (NLT)	All is contained in a box for easy teacher use. No lesson preparation needed.	Classroom	5 age levels: Preschool – Grade 6	\$109.99 Buzz Kit per quarter (per classroom) \$2.99 Teacher Devotions \$7.99 Media CD DATED	Group Publishing (Independent) http://group.com/ sunday - school/buzz
D6 Curriculum	D6 Curriculum (based on Deuteronomy 6:4-9) aligns	Bible story based in which all ages study the same scripture together	Leader's Guides Downloadable resources and pages dedicated	-Classroom -power points, - coloring sheets -memory sheets	All ages learn about the same theme/topic	\$33.99 Teaching Essentials \$7.49 Teacher \$4.99 Bible Storybook	Randall House (Free Will Baptist)

	small group environments at church to where the entire family is studying the same theme at the same time	each week in quarterly units 41% OT, 38% NT, 21% Gospel (KJV, ESV, NKJV)	for teachers, children, parents			\$4.49 Take & Talk Sheets \$4.40 Take Home	
DiscipleLand Core Bible: Elementary	Discipleland is built on the Children's Discipleship System – an intentional, relational, and transformational process to help make lifelong disciples who know God intimately, love God passionately, and serve God selflessly.	6 levels (24 quarters) of sequential Bible story curriculum: Bible lesson, world missions story, bible memorization, application stories/scripts, response activities	Teacher Guide, website	-Classroom -45-90 minutes of weekly lesson material	6-14 years (six levels by grade) Curriculum also has corresponding modules for other ages	Quarterly by grade: \$20.95 Teacher \$4.55 Student \$21.95 Pictures \$10.95 Bible cards UNDATED	Through the Bible Publishers (Independent) www.discipland.c om
Dwell	DWELL presents the Bible as the life-transforming story of God's amazing love for his creation—which is at the heart of Reformed theology. It invites children to find their place in the story and join God's mission to transform the world through	DWELL helps kids experience God's big story, find their own place in it, and join God at work in the world. Encourages kids to ask "wondering" questions and share their thoughts.	-additional support for leaders available -Downloadable resources, including DWELL Planning Guide, and interactive training modules are available online at DwellCurriculum. org.	Classroom/Sm. Group -Story symbols -At-home components include God's Big Story Cards -activities based on multiple intelligence theory.	Play*- PreK Imagine*- SK- Gr.1 Wonder*- Gr.3-4 Marvel*- Gr.4-5 Dive*- Gr. 6-8	Preschool Kit \$125.00 / Cards \$10.00 per child	Faith Alive Resources (Reformed) http://dwell.faithali veresources.org/ home

	Jesus Christ!						
Faith for Life Bible Studies (Logos)  "God Loves Me Curriculum"	LOGOS Intergeneration al Ministry: generations learning and growing together in faith modeled after the early church in Acts 2:42	"God Loves Me" is a 25 session downloadable curriculum for use in LOGOS or other weekly Bible study settings and is divided into four themes:  God Made the World  God Made My Body with Many Parts  God Loves Children  We Can Return God's Love	Teacher's Guide is purchased once and used year after year so that all of your kindergartene rs will learn this important foundational understanding that they are loved by God.	Can be used in a JK/SK or SK/Gr.1 classroom environments or in a midweek children's program.	JK-Grade 1  Updated courses for Grades 2, 4, 6, and 8 available for fall of 2016 Grades 1, 3, 5, and 7 for fall of 2017. Current versions of Faith for Life will be available until we "retire" a course as we replace it.	Cost: \$148 (downloadable)	GenON Ministries
FaithWeaver NOW	Weave together a family's journey in faith by teaching the same Bible truth across all age levels. That way, families can apply those	3 year quarterly Bible story based (Summer/Fall OT & Winter/Spring NT) All ages study same stories. With editable digital version.	Teacher Guides include background and dialogue script for speaking to class	-Classroom -30- 60 minute time frameBible memory verses, - drama, arts & crafts, stories – implies families study together at home as well	Infant – Adult / Parents -all ages study the same scriptures at the same time.	Quarterly: \$49.99 Class Pak \$11.99 Teacher \$5.99 Student \$9.99 CD DATED	Group Publishing (independent) http://group.com/ sunday - school/faithweave r

	truths together in their daily lives, growing in their faith individually and as a family unit.						
First Look	First Look gives preschoolers a first impression of their heavenly Father and the wonder of His love for each one of them.	Biblically based (100% accurate, reliable, and authoritative) God Made Me, God Loves Me Jesus wants to be my Friend Forever.	Large and small group scripts include worship, introductory sketch, bible story and memory verse.	-Classroom or home, or LG gr. SM gr. -components to share with parents; - downloadable	Birth – 5 years	Online based licensing agreement \$575- \$2,225 on Pre/K attendance	The re-Think Group (Orange) (Independent) http://whatisorang e.org/ firstlook/
Friendship Club Bible Studies	The nineteen units (each with four sessions and a review session)	Bible Based: Broken down into 3 sections (Father, Son & Holy Spirit) -Topical bible studies on different figures/characters as well.	Lessons, Leader/mentor guides, activity sheets, take home papers, music CDs,	-Classroom -dramas, -stories - Colouring Sheets	Lessons not age specific. Material appeals to children & adults with cognitive difficultiesNew curriculum contains digital/video support		Friendship Ministries
Godly Play	To teach children the art of using religious language (parable, sacred story, silence & liturgical action) through wonder in a way that is playful and meaningful.	Montessori approach of presenting scripture – OT & NT, seasonal & liturgical stories	8 Volumes of stories. Training helpful for successful implementation. DVDs available for training purposes. www.godlyplayf oundation.org	-Play Based -Multi-sensory materials -child directed choices; chapel, church school, hospital or home use	Ages 3-11	\$29.95 per book \$3.25 Parent pages Pre-made wooden materials range from \$15- 500+ REUSABLE	Morehouse Education Resources (Episcopal) www.churchpubli shing. org/godlyplay
Grapple	Answers tough preteen questions – and	12 attention- grabbing lessons and Bible studies	Basic booklet with lesson plans and DVD of video	-Sm. Group DVD and online with class	4th-6th grade (preteen) and Junior High	\$210/Year (Quarterly: \$69.99)	Group Publishing (Independent) www.group.com/s

	helps kids discover the power of a growing faith in Jesus	with access to create your group's own online community (90% NT)	clips; online support	discussion	modules		unday - school/grapple
Growing in Grace & Gratitude	God's grace and our gratitude are the heartbeat of our faith, life, and worship. We extend an invitation to discipleship that inspires children to learn and practice hospitality, generosity, and love; and reaches beyond Sunday morning, encouraging children to live their lives as an expression of God's grace.	Each session is rooted in bible stories that reveal God's grace. Children and their leaders will celebrate the meaning of this grace in their lives as they encounter a living God. Through fun activities, prayer, and singing, children will gather in God's grace and learn to respond joyfully in gratitude.	Teacher Manual available in hard copy & PDF. Online Teaching Training and resources (ie. ideas for working with pre-readers, articles on specialized topics)	- Classroom/ Sm. Group -stories, colours, downloadable music, e-book for families, Special Needs Online Support/printable materials	Can be purchased in age segregated components or in a multi-aged unit.	\$130/Year (9 Months, Fall- Spring)	Congregational Ministries Publishing (Presbyterian) www.pcusa.org/w ebelie ve/
Hands On Bible Curriculum	Use unique games, snacks and crafts to help kids learn about God, because kids retain more by interacting with a lesson instead of just hearing it. Jesus used everyday things to teach important truths—and now	2 year Bible story based of 4 seasonal units per year. Each age level studies a different story each week. (60% OT and 40% NT) Each lesson contains one Bible Point based on a specific Bible verse.	Use objects to teach the bible. Voted "easiest to teach" in a national poll of children's ministry leaders. With step-by-step teacher guides.	-Classroom -30- 60 minutes each, use of "gizmos" to teach bible truths	Infants through Grades 5&6	\$77.99 Learning Lab (per class) \$29.99 Teacher Guide \$9.99 Media CD \$34.99 Puppet	Group (Independent) www.group.com/s unday - school/hands-on- biblecurriculum

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HeartShaper	Introduces children to God, His Son, His Word, and His Church through active participation in Bible stories and Bible study, multi-sensory learning, Bible skillbuilding activities, and focused life application.	2 year Bible story based OT: Summer/Fall NT: Winter/Spring (NIV/KJV)	Teacher and family resources on web with activity options and learning styles. Answers are giving to teachers for questions. Downloadable teacher guides available.	-Classroom: - Bible Memory activities, seasonal ideas, service projects -	Toddlers/Twos – Preteen (6th Grade)	Per quarter: \$8.49 Teacher \$17.49 Resources \$17.49 Pictures \$44.99 Kit \$4.49 Activities \$18.49 Take Home paper	Standard (Independent) www.heartshaper .com
Holy Moly	Ignite a biblical imagination that lasts a lifetime.	Every Holy Moly lesson follows a four-part sequence: Discover, Relate, Connect, and Create. Follows the arc of the biblical narrative. Kids of all ages interact with the Bible in every lesson.	Provides animated videos to assist in the teaching aspect in the classroom.	Classroom/LGg r.SMgranimated Bible story video + discussion -creative leaflet activity Ten units that can be covered in two years, spanning the Old Testament and New Testament. *Church	SK- Gr. 4	resources are available for kids in kindergarten through fourth grades by unit or as downloadable lessons a la carte, or you can access content for all lessons with a Sparkhouse Online	Sparkhouse
Jesus Storybook Bible Curriculum	Seeks to teach the overarching promise and story of Jesus throughout each story	One Year Curriculum		-Classroom or Sm.Group 50 Weeks of Curriculum, Printable Lessons, Audio CDs, 44 Animated Videos			Harper Collins Publishing

LIVE Children's Curriculum	The digital curriculum that gets kids into the Bible and the Bible into kids.	3 year Bible story based. Pulls pieces of scripture (OT & NT) to learn about God. (NLT)	An "intuitive online system" to help teachers plan their lessons	-Classroom - mobile ready plans	Gr. 1-4	\$450/3yrs (\$149 Pack per year)	Group (Independent) http://group.com/ sunday - school/live
LIVE Gr. 5&6	The digital curriculum that gets kids into the Bible and the Bible into kids.	72 weeks to help younger students explore key biblical truths and scriptural moments all with the goal of helping them live Jesus-centered lives as they discover what the Bible is all about.	- Helps bridge the gap between children & youth ministry -An "intuitive online system" to help teachers plan their lessons	-Sm Group	Gr. 5-6	\$249/72 Wks	Group (Independent) http://group.com/ sunday - school/live
Living Inside Out	Makes it easy for churches of every size to have high-impact Bible learning.	3 year Bible story based. 75% large group, 25% small group format; 13 lessons per quarter (NLT)	DVD, high energy music, (think VBS)	-Lg.Group/Sm. Group format -30-60 minute sessions	Preschool Lower elementary Upper elementary	\$299 per kit per season DATED	Group (Independent) http://group.com/ sunday school/living- inside-out
Messy Church	Messy Church is a way of being church for families involving fun; value are about being Christ-centered, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality, and celebration	Part of the Fresh Expressions (Emergent Church) movement in the UK it is thematic following a number of book ideas and web based activities	Books offer ideas for creating your own "event." View website blogs.	-Play Based/ Intergeneration al None traditional Sunday School – usually involves paint, a food activity and a meal! Often held on Friday nights or Saturdays	Children and families	Messy Church books with 15+ units in each \$15.00 not including supplies	Bible Reading Fellowship (Church of England) http://www.messy churc h.org.uk
Pioneer Clubs	Helping Children Follow Christ in Every Aspect of	Welcome Skill-Building Activities		-Mid-Week Program	Voyager- Gr. 1-2		

	Life	Bible Exploration Bible Memory Games Optional Singing and Snacks Prayer			Pathfinder- Gr. 3-4 Trailblazer Gr. 5-6		
RIO deep and wide	Rio is about helping kids, leaders, and parents form relationships with God and each other, speaking from a overflowing life rather than a simple script.	Follows the same God-centered unit themes for each quarter. 2- year program. 48% OT 40% Gospel 12% NT (NIV)	Online forum, newsletter, etc. for leaders in addition to traditional lesson plan.	- Classroom/Lg.G r & Sm.Gr. Leader Guide, Activity Pages, Break Out Cards, Big Bible Panorama, Family Cards, Posters, DVD or online	Early elementary, Elementary and Preteen levels	\$135 per age level per season	David C. Cook (Independent) http://www.sunda yscho ol.com/curriculum /bran ds/rio
Rooted	Use key stories of the Bible to help people enter into a relationship with Christ and then live in Christ. Discover God's love for each one of us and understand that He sent Jesus to make it possible for us to be in relationship with Him.	1 year Bible story based 13 customizable lessons for basic discipleship, new believers, outreach follow- up, missions, home churches and church plants 25% OT 75% NT (NLT)	Downloadable and customizable (30- 45 minute sessions); designed to be facilitated by 1 leader	-Classroom Lesson plans with coloring sheets; Also in Spanish and Chinese; downloadable	1st – 6th grade Youth & Adults	Quarterly: \$24.99 Leader \$5.99 Coloring Creations Ancillaries tied into Hands-On Bible Curriculum	Group Publishing (Independent) www.group.com
Seedlings	for small churches flexibleBiblicall y basedin the Episcopal	4 year cycle Bible story based (36- 40 lessons) gives an introduction to all the major Bible	2 page lesson plan includes goals, background, and resource ideas	- Classroom/Sm. Group Clean art, messy art, Bible search,	Broadly graded for preschool- Grade 6	\$55.00 per year \$10.00 per unit UNDATED	Seedlings, Inc. (Episcopal) www.seedlingsinc .co m

	tradition	stories		drama, music, stories			
Telling God's Story	Begin with introducing small children to Jesus as presented in the gospels as opposed to teaching them over simplistic renditions of Old Testament accounts.	2 Years of Curriculum Available Max. Telling God's Story begins in grades 1-4 by grounding children in the faith by introducing them to Jesus as he is presented in the four Gospels.		-Classroom/Sm. Group -Story/Parable Based, Unconventional Sequence of Teaching	Years 1 & 2 target grades 1- 4, but lessons might be read aloud to entire family (not an aged based curriculum)	\$45/Year Instructor Guide \$15 + Student Activity Book (\$29.99)	Olive Branch Books
Tru*	Tru* teaches children that God made them, God loves them, and God is with them.	Because young children learn best through repetition, each portion of Scripture is repeated for two weeks. Activities and the way the section of The Big God Story is told varies, but the narrative and Ponder Point (God statement) repeats.	Parent take home sheets to teach the kids the story ahead of time. Parent Magazine.	-LG Group/Sm. Group -Worship Elements -Take Home activities	Tru*Blessings- 2- 3 yr olds Tru*Wonder JK/SK Tru*Story Gr.1-6	Tru*Blessings- \$160/Year Tru*Wonder- \$160/year Tru*Story- \$160/Year	David C. Cook
Wee Believe	Created specifically for Presbyterians, focuses on Reformed heritage. In different ways, each age level includes content	Wee Believe nurtures the development of faith through age- appropriate Bible stories and activities. Recognizing that young children	Leader Guides with specific plans; online training, downloads and newsletter	-Classroom or Workshop model; variety of activities, posters, downloads, home pages (English/Spanish )	Toddlers-PreK	About \$200/Yr. \$44.00/Quarterly	Congregational Ministries Publishing (Presbyterian) www.pcusa.org/w ebelie ve/

	from Reformed creeds, confessions, catechisms and statements of faith.	learn best through repetition, some Bible stories are explored over two sessions.		esource pages, enrichment activities for parent or caregivers to use at home, and full- color Bible story pictures.			
Whole People of God	A simple, easy-to-use curriculum for your entire Christian Education family.	The Best of Whole People of God Online is a simple, easy-to-use, online Lectionary- based Sunday school curriculum. It includes weekly age-level lessons as well as worship resources for leaders.	Weekly biblical backgrounds, theme conversations, suggested hymns, prayers, liturgies, and many experiential activity ideas are included. Teachers and leaders are thoroughly supported.	Classroom/Lg. Group Materials for classrooms, worship, Printed pictures of the story, hands on activity descriptions, Activity Sheets	All ages	\$99-1,300 Annual license (Sept- August) on church size or home use	Wood Lake Publishing (Independent) www.wholepeopl eof god.com