



CURRICULUM COMPARISON

Based on *A Ten-Question Tool for Choosing Children's Ministry Curriculum* by CRCNA Faith Formation Ministries. crcna.org/ChooseCurriculum

Evaluate the children's ministry resources you're considering by using these ten questions:		dwell		
REFORMED THEOLOGY	ASK: Does this curriculum interpret the Bible as the story of God and approach each story as part of the one story of God's redemption and restoration of this fallen world through Jesus? Does it avoid focusing on biblical heroes, morals or virtues or us more than it does on God?	YES	YES	⊗
SCOPE AND SEQUENCE	ASK: Does each year build on the previous so that learners will have the opportunity to hear a broad span of both Old and New Testament stories while also hearing stories with major themes—creation, fall, redemption, restoration—more than once and with greater complexity as they age their way through the curriculum?	YES	YES	⊗
LEARNING STYLES	ASK: Are the sessions taught using principles of universal design—paying attention to multiple intelligences and varying abilities—so that all learners can be fully engaged?	YES	YES	YES
CULTURALLY RELEVANT (AND FUN!)	ASK: Do the sessions connect with children by paying attention to the culture in which kids are living today?	YES	YES	YES
DIVERSE	ASK: Do the images and the text reflect diversity in racial/ethnic groups, gender, socioeconomic status, family structures, age, appearance, and abilities?	YES	YES	YES
LEADER SUPPORT	ASK: Do the sessions include background information and/or a brief devotional to inspire and inform leaders? Are training resources available and easily accessible?	YES	YES	YES
LIVING INTO GOD'S STORY	ASK: Do the sessions invite reflection by providing learners with the opportunity to ask questions, to wonder about God, and to discover new things?	YES	YES	⊗
LIVING OUT OF GOD'S STORY	ASK: Do the sessions invite a response by which learners feel called and equipped to live out of God's story in a way that shows God's love in their community and around the world?	YES	YES	YES
FAITH NURTURE AT HOME	ASK: Does this resource encourage and equip families to nurture the faith of children at home?	YES	YES	YES
FAITH NURTURE IN THE COMMUNITY	ASK: Are there opportunities within each session for leaders and learners to develop meaningful relationships with each other? Are there opportunities for interaction with other members of the faith community?	YES	YES	YES
DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION	ASK: Which denomination is affiliated with the curriculum?	CRC & RCA	PCUSA	NONDENOM
FAMILY STORY CARDS	ASK: Is there a faith nurture tool to use at home after each lesson?	YES	YES	YES
COST	ASK: What is the <i>approximate</i> cost for a church with 4 leaders and 30 kids doing 24 lessons per year (essential materials only)?	\$1028^{US} includes full-color resources for all students and leaders	\$600^{US} plus cost of printing student materials, no middle school	\$910^{US} plus cost of printing everything
REUSABLE LEADER GUIDES	ASK: Can print and electronic Leader Guides be reused each year?	YES	⊗	⊗