

Curricula

“Tweens” and Younger Youth

This is an overview of materials designed for “tweens” and younger teens. These materials are offered through Cokesbury. While not all of these materials are specific to United Methodism, the theology expressed within them “fits” with United Methodist theology and teaching. Clicking on the links will take you to Cokesbury’s information for ordering and viewing of supplemental products to be used with these materials.

[The Way I'm Wired](#): 6-week DVD Curriculum series will help your teenagers discover how they are wired and how they can cooperate with God to lead the lives they were meant to live.

[Young Teen Encounter](#): Young Teen Teacher's Convenience Kit contains 1 teacher book, 1 student book, 6 posters, 4 pages of reproducible masters, one set of Encounter(TM)--The Magazine, and an enhanced CD-ROM (which includes 4 audio skits, 6 posters in digital format, 2 virtual student pages in Macromedia Flash(R) format, 6 QuickTime(R) video clips, and 13 Bible memory puzzles). Order 1 per classroom. Flash(R) is a trademark registered in the United States Patent and Trademark Office by Adobe Systems Incorporated. Used by permission. Quicktime(R) is a trademark registered in the United States Patent and Trademark Office by Apple Computer, Inc. Used by permission.

Every week, Encounter(TM) teen Sunday school curriculum challenges students with an engaging Bible Study that helps them understand God, the Bible, doctrine, or a biblical worldview. Students experience lessons in ways that fit their learning styles--hands-on activities like drama, art, and games, as well as intellectually engaging small group discussions, research, and reporting. Students explore what it means to encounter God in their everyday lives. Encounter(TM)--The Magazine (take-home) reminds students of how the lesson fits into their lives with engaging articles and stories, daily lesson-related devotions and invitations to go online and share their response to the week's topic. Each week's lesson follows 4 easy steps: 1. Setting the Stage--students define the week's topic 2. Searching the Word--students get into the Bible 3. Making It Real--students learn how the topic applies to their world 4. Living It Out--students apply the week's topic to their personal lives.

[The Bible in Life](#): The *Middle School Teacher's Guide* is an excellent tool that provides stimulating lessons designed for a wide variety of students. Middle school probably represents the most diverse age group you'll find in terms of personality and cognitive ability. A reflective "Teacher Devotional" prepares your heart and mind for the study, a short "Understanding the Bible" article helps you gain perspective on the Scripture, and a section on "Classroom Tips" makes your class time run more smoothly. There's also a pre-session activity for students who arrive early to class. Each four-step lesson plan starts with a "Lesson Focus" that is applied in each step. Then, you have an easy-to-follow guide that will take you step-by-step through the lesson.

[Tales of the Not Forgotten](#): Follow these real-life stories as they take you on a journey to faraway lands and unknown faces. Travel through their challenges and see the hand of the great Storyweaver writing endings you'd never imagine. Joel dares to ask for what he can't have. Seraphina sacrifices what she can't afford to give. Ibrahim looks for an answer buried out of reach. Christiana, saved by a mission, searches for her own. These are the tales of the ones the world doesn't see . . . the tales of the not forgotten. In this collection of four real-life stories written for preteens, a compelling storyteller paints a picture of God's dynamic movement in four foreign cultures, inspiring children to trust that God is weaving a story in their lives as well. This resource will shrink the macro picture down to approachable, individual stories of real children and teach about fundamental survival issues. The stories address some of the challenging questions that kids have and weave God's promises to orphans into each one. The "Tales of the Not Forgotten Leader's Guide" is a 6-session kids' missions resource (sold separately) that walks adults through an easy-to-follow guide for making the abstract real and for designing an action plan to help others. Preteens and young teens will be challenged to answer the questions: "How do I pray? What can I give? Where can I go? Who will I serve?"

[Grapple](#): Middle schoolers often feel like they're standing alone-but they aren't. God is on their side, ready to intervene and offer a love-infused helping hand. In the truest sense, teenagers need help-help with their spiritual condition, help resisting temptation, and help interacting with the, um, interesting people in their lives! Each 12- lesson theme volume includes games and a bible-based DVD lessons to help Junior High students "grapple" with topics such as "Hope in a Hopeless World," "Smart Decisions," "Living, Loving, Leading."

[Grapple Pre-Teen](#): Using the same format as *Grapple* for the middle schoolers, this program is designed for 4th and 5th graders.

[Blay](#): A comprehensive 6-year curriculum (designed to take your youth from 6th – 12th grades), applies the Bible real-life issues that your youth face. Complete Scripture texts are printed in all books. (No need to pause while everyone hunts for the appropriate verse.) Thought-provoking activities are sure to engage as they help youth examine the Scriptures in their own context. It helps them to apply what they are reading to individual experiences and live out the Scriptures in their daily lives.

Fall Unit Theme: Faith

Scriptures:

Psalm 46

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Hebrews, Acts