



CHOOSING CURRICULUM

MISSION

THE STARTING PLACE OF ALL
PROGRAMMATIC CHOICES

01

HOW DO YOU LIVE OUT YOUR MISSION ALREADY?

Sunday school? Children serving in worship? Kids Church? Wednesday nights? All church festivals?

02

HOW CAN YOU BE MORE INTENTIONAL?

What programs can be revised? What is missing? What are you using energy on that doesn't help you reach your mission?

03

WHAT DO YOU WANT KIDS TO KNOW WHEN THEY GRADUATE TO YOUTH GROUP?

What does the youth director expect your kids to know when they move into the youth group?



WHO ARE THE KIDS

in your church and
community?

01

HOW MANY KIDS ARE IN EACH GRADE?

02

HOW MANY CLASSROOMS ARE AVAILABLE?

03

HOW CAN YOU ARRANGE THE AGE LEVELS INTO CLASSES?

A person is lying in bed, reading a Bible. The Bible is open, and the person's hands are visible holding the pages. The background is a window with blinds. The entire image has a teal overlay. The text "TIME TO EVALUATE" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image. Below it, the text "all the options!" is written in a smaller, orange, sans-serif font.

TIME TO EVALUATE

all the options!

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Download samples, the Scope and Sequence, and any catalogs with the available products listed.

01

WHAT IS THE PUBLISHER'S MISSION? THE SELLER? THE CURRICULUA?

Does it match up to the mission of your ministry and congregation?

02

HOW IS THE SCOPE AND SEQUENCE ORDERED? HOW MANY YEARS IS IT? WHAT IS INCLUDED/EXCLUDED?

Does it teach what you want your kids to know?

03

HOW ARE THE AGES BROKEN UP? IS IT DONE AGE-APPROPRIATELY?

04

HOW IS EACH SESSION ORDERED? IS IT EASY TO USE? DOES IT REQUIRE A LOT OF SUPPLIES OR EXTRA PIECES?

05

WILL THE LESSONS ENGAGE CHILDREN IN THE BIBLE STORY THROUGH VARIOUS LEARNING STYLES?

06

DOES THE SERIES HAVE FAMILY FAITH COMPONENTS?

07

**DOES THE RESOURCE
CONNECT THE BIBLE STORY
TO LIFE TODAY IN
MEANINGFUL WAYS?**

08

**IS THE CURRICULUM
SPIRITUALLY FOCUSED OR
STORY-FOCUSED? DOES IT
LEAVE ROOM FOR BOTH?**

09

**DO THE LESSONS REFLECT
THE THEOLOGY AND
TRADITION OF YOUR
CONGREGATION?**

A photograph of a family—a father, a mother, and a young boy—sitting at a table and reading together. They are all smiling and looking at books. The books have "Bible Storybook" written on the covers. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent teal color. The text "THANK YOU" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the top. Below it, "for your time!" is written in a smaller, orange, sans-serif font. In the center, there is a large yellow circle containing a white question mark. At the bottom, "ANY QUESTIONS?" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

THANK YOU

for your time!

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ANY QUESTIONS?