



Training Session for  
**Bible Study Leaders**

# The Gospel Project for Kids

## Kids Edition

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The intention of this 1-hour training outline is to help new users of The Gospel Project for Kids to become familiar with each part of this 75-minute session plan.

### Preparation:

**Option 1:** Utilize the online Presentation at:  
[www.prezi.com/y4isw7m0wgry/the-gospel-project-for-kids-training/](http://www.prezi.com/y4isw7m0wgry/the-gospel-project-for-kids-training/)

**Option 2:** Prepare three “headers” sized to sit above the Giant Game Floor Mat as illustrated below. Print the inserts (see TGP\_Topic Headers File), and place inset pages into the mat face down.

Small Group 15 minutes	Large Group 30 minutes		Small Group 30 minutes	
Welcome Time	Count Down Clock	Timeline Map	Bible Story Review	Key Passage Activity
Activity Pages	Big Picture Question	Key Passage	Activity Choice	Activity Choice
Session Starter	Bible Story	Music	Coloring Page	Bible Skills
Session Starter	Prayer	Discussion Starter	Prayer	Journal

·Choose a sample session to share with the group. Print one leader guide (including activity pages, Big Picture Question, and unit Key Passages) for each participant expected.

·Place a TV/DVD player where participants will be able to view the unit Countdown video and the chosen session’s Bible Story and Discussion Starter videos.





# Decorate the Room and Make it FUN:

The Gospel Project for Kids is a fun and exciting Bible study opportunity for kids. The room where this training takes place should reflect that attitude. Consider these suggestions to help create a fun and exciting atmosphere:

- Use the decorating suggestions given for the unit from which the chosen sample session was taken.
- Display the Timeline Map. Display the entire 34 foot timeline or individual timeline posters around the room.
- Use the sample session Coloring Page for a coloring contest among participants. Provide crayons and encourage participation by awarding a door prize to the “best” entry. Allow time at the end of the session for participants to “vote” on their favorite.
- Create a word search using words/phrases from the outline (see illustration above). Instruct participants to find the hidden words/phrases when that word/phrase is being discussed.
- Provide light refreshments. Add to the fun by serving refreshments that start with T, G, and P (i.e., Tea, Tortilla Chips, Toffee, Tangerines, Grapes, Gumdrops, Granola, Ginger Ale, Pretzels, Pineapple, Pickles, and Popcorn).

## Lead the Training:

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**COUNT DOWN** { Begin the unit countdown video three minutes prior to the designated time for the training session to start.

Introduce

### The Gospel Project for Kids

Say, “The Gospel Project for Kids” is a three-year chronological study through the Bible that uniquely connecting each Bible story to the gospel of Christ. The Gospel Project helps kids to see that the gospel is not just the first four books of the New Testament, but the entire Bible pointing to God’s redemptive plan through Christ Jesus.”

Continue, There are three major sections of The Gospel Project Bible Study Session:

- **Small Group** (15 minutes), a gathering and introductory time
- **Large Group** (30 minutes), a time when all kids come together for study
- **Small Group** (30 minutes), an opportunity for kids and teacher to relate the Bible content in a smaller setting where application and conversations can happen more naturally and easily.

Share about the “Christ Connection:” The Christ Connection connects the weekly Bible story with the gospel. Every Bible story connects to Jesus Christ and teachers will see that stated and worked out each session.

Walk through a session of The Gospel Project for Kids using the Giant Game Floor Mat and “flipping” or “turning” each “insert page” face forward as you go through the outline. Use the following helps/talking points as you share:

## SMALL Group

15 minutes

- 1 { WELCOME TIME :** The gathering time is an opportunity for teachers to greet the kids, take roll, and start interacting with kids as they enter the room.
- 2 { ACTIVITY PAGES :** Each week a simple activity page will be available for teachers to use during the first small group. This page can be used with the first child who enters the room, as an early arrival activity, or as a take-home page.  
**NOTE:** The activity pages can also be used as take-home pages. (Distribute sample copies of the Activity Pages for participants to review.)
- 3 { SESSION STARTER :** Each week teachers will have a choice between two session starters. These session starters are designed for use at the appointed start time for Bible study. The first session starter is designed as low/no prep, the second is a more traditional prep. (If time permits, lead the group through one of the Session Starter options).

## LARGE Group

30 minutes

- 1 { COUNT DOWN VIDEO :** Remind participants of the Countdown Clock that played at the beginning of this training session. Share that each quarter leaders will be provided with a 3-minute countdown video. These countdown clocks incorporate graphics found in the theme for the appropriate volume. This video can be used as kids gather for large group to excite them or settle them down. The countdown video is a good way to help kids transition from small group to the large group experience.
- 2 { TIME LINE :** The Gospel Project for Kids uses a Timeline to give kids a visual of the biblical chronology. Each week in large groups teachers will lead kids to see how the Bible story fits into the big picture. There is a large poster (approximately 3-foot by 4-foot) for each quarter of the project. When all 12 posters are attached to each other it makes for a 34-foot visual or backdrop to be used in the classroom, in large group, or as a visual outside the classroom for parent to see and kids to interact with. Additionally, there is a smaller timeline (11-inches by 17-inches) that can be used in the classroom. (**Option:** If the Timeline Maps are available, display and refer to them during this time).
- 3 { BIG PICTURE QUESTION :** Each session will emphasize a Big Picture Question with its Big Picture Answer. Boys and girls will learn systematic truths about God each session (The Big Picture Question) through a variety of learning methods throughout the session. A teacher can know success when kids will successfully answer the Big Picture Question at the end of each session.



- 4 { **KEY PASSAGE** : The Gospel Project for Kids offers one key passage (Bible verse or verses) for each unit (not each session). Kids will experience opportunities to study, memorize, and quote the key passage each session and build on throughout the unit. The Key Passage will be available electronically for printing and projection in HCSB and KJV (ESV, NIV, NASB will be added for Volume 2). Should a church choose another translation they will simply create their own in the translation of choice.
- 5 { **BIBLE STORY** : In each session boys and girls will have the opportunity to hear an important part of the biblical chronology. These Bible stories can be told in a traditional Bible story telling method or by using the provided Bible story videos. These videos use a variety of story telling methods to provide kids with an excellent, factual, and Christ-centered Bible story. Each story includes the Christ connection The Gospel Project is built around. Play the Bible Story Video from the selected sample session.
- 6 { **MUSIC** : Kids learn in a variety of ways. Music helps to reinforce Bible truths, key passages, and The Big Picture Question and Answer. Each unit will include a contemporary theme/praise song and a Key Passage song for each session (six songs per volume). These music videos include projectable lyrics that can be used in both the Bible study and Worship sessions.
- 7 { **PRAYER** : Boys and girls will be led in prayer opportunities during each session. These opportunities will vary in method helping kids understand the importance of talking with and listening to God.
- 8 { **DISCUSSION STARTER VIDEO** : Discussion Starter Video: The discussion starter videos are short, fun, and interactive segments designed to help connect large group to small group. These videos help pose questions and discussion that will take place during small group learning. The intent of these videos is to help engage conversation between the kids and the small group leader. Play the Discussion Starter video from the selected sample session.

## SMALL Group

30 minutes

- 1 { **BIBLE STORY REVIEW** : During this portion, small group leaders will use a variety of ways to review the Bible content taught in large group.
- 2 { **KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY** : Reinforcing the key passage through games, memory activities, and other fun and interactive learning methods is a valuable part of The Gospel Project. Not only will kids memorize the passage, but the small group leader will work towards helping them to understand what they are memorizing.



- 3 { **ACTIVITY CHOICE** : Each session will include two small group activity choices from which the small group leader can choose one. These activities will include games, drama, art, music, creative writing, and research activities. The first activity choice will always be a low preparation activity, the second will have a more traditional preparation. Each activity will allow kids to become involved in the learning and to personalize the biblical content. **NOTE:** Should a leader need to extend the Small Group portion of the Bible Study session, both activities can be chosen. (If time permits, lead the group in one of the Activity choices from the selected sample session).
- 4 { **BIBLE SKILLS** : Older kids will have opportunities to build Bible skills during small group time. Being able to locate the Bible content being studied is a valuable partnership with understanding the content. Kids will learn to find book, chapter, and verse as they apply it to the chronology.
- 5 { **COLORING PAGES** : The younger kids resource includes a biblically accurate coloring sheet option utilizing the same art found on the Timeline Poster and The Big Picture Cards for Families. These coloring sheets are excellent take-home sheets, time extenders, and content reinforcers. **NOTE:** Older Kids have a second Activity Page instead of a Coloring Page.
- 6 { **JOURNAL & PRAYER** : Each session kids will have the opportunity to reflect on what they've learned by age appropriate journaling and prayer time. Should a child journal through the three-year chronology he will in effect have written a personal Bible commentary.

## ADDITIONAL POINTS WORTH NOTING

### -SUGGESTED DECORATING FOR LARGE GROUP:

In each unit there will be themed options for decorating your room. These options provide as little or as much decorating as you choose.

### -TEACHER BIBLE STUDY:

A short teacher Bible study is provided for leaders to use for a deeper personal growth and understanding of the session's Bible content.

### -LEADERSHIP INSIGHT:

Teaching advice and insights to help teachers be successful.

### -GOD'S PLAN FOR ME (PLAN OF SALVATION):

The plan of salvation is presented at least once per quarter. These five key ideas include God Rules, We Sinned, God Provided, Jesus Gives, and We Respond. Beginning in Volume 2 God's Plan for Me will appear as an option in each session.

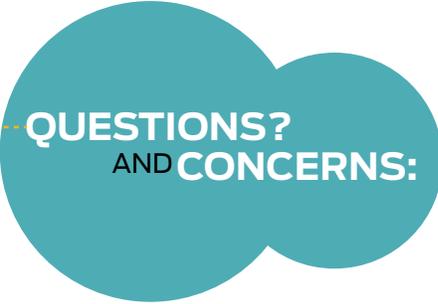
### -THE BIBLE PICTURE CARDS FOR FAMILIES:

A weekly "take home" card is available to help families know what their kids have studied so that they might reinforce that learning in the home. This "trading card" style resource provides families with the Bible content studied, The Big Picture Question and Answer, and the Christ Connection. Additional social media options are provided for your customization: emails, texts, Facebook status, and Tweets. Hand out one pack of cards to each child per quarter.

### -WHAT ABOUT CHRISTMAS AND EASTER?

Christmas and Easter sessions will be available for leaders to use each year.





**QUESTIONS?  
AND CONCERNS:**

{ Ask the group if they have specific questions or need clarification on the information presented and those raised.

**PRAY** AND  
**DISMISS:**

Lead in a time of prayer and dedication for these leaders. Ask God to guide the group as they share His Story with His kids.

