



## Top 10 Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What is The Gospel Project?

The Gospel Project is an ongoing weekly Bible study resource with the goal of helping preschoolers and kids see how the **Bible is all one story** of God's plan to rescue people from sin through Jesus.

### 2. How long does it take to complete The Gospel Project?

The Gospel Project is an ongoing weekly Bible study, meaning **there is no completion**—you always have brand-new content each week. One time through the story of Scripture (called a "cycle") takes **three years**, and consists of 12 volumes, each lasting 13 weeks. Six volumes (18 months) cover the Old Testament and six volumes (18 months) cover the New Testament. We then go back to Genesis and begin a new cycle with all new content in every session. This means that kids can go through the story of Scripture four times before they leave children's ministry, going deeper each time, helping them see the beauty of the gospel and giving them a stronger foundation of faith to build on in student ministry and beyond.

### 3. What are the age groups?

The age groups are broadly described, rather than narrowly defined, because each ministry context is unique. You know your kids better than we do. However, in general:

- **Babies & Toddlers:** Birth-2 yrs
- **Preschool:** 3 yrs-kindergarten (6 yrs)
- **Younger Kids:** 1-3 grades (7-9 yrs)
- **Older Kids:** 4-6 grades (10-12 yrs)

The Preteen supplement is crafted as an alternative for 5-6 graders.

### 4. What Bible translation is used?

The Gospel Project is **translation neutral**, meaning no one translation is used in the sessions themselves. You use the translation of your choice. The Key Passage posters are provided in CSB, ESV, NIV, and KJV. A blank PDF is also provided for you to drop in a different translation of your choice. The Key Passage songs are based on the CSB.

### 5. What do I need each quarter?

The printed material is designed for you to begin with one (1) **Leader Kit** for your kids ministry and one (1) **Leader Kit** for your preschool ministry. The *Kit* provides the videos, music, and printables you need for the quarter.

If you want materials for a second full hour of programming (such as Children's Church or midweek activities), you can also purchase the **Worship Hour Add-On** for each age group as needed.

You would then purchase a **Leader Guide** for each leader, and an **Activity Pack** for each kid, being sure to add a few extras for guests. These *Packs* include an *Activity Page*, used in group time and as the primary take-home piece, as well as a set of *Big Picture Cards*.

**Classroom Poster Packs** are also available for each of your groups. These visuals include the Teaching Pictures, Key Passage Posters, *Big Picture Question and Answer Posters*, and Story Point Posters on high-quality 11" x 17" paper. These posters are also included in the *Leader Kit* in PDF format. *Add-On DVDs* and *Enhanced CDs* are also available for purchase if you need more discs than the ones that come in the *Leader Kits*.

The other option is to **go digital**. You can purchase a digital bundle based on the average attendance of your ministry and have access to everything above in digital format. You can then print copies as needed and never worry about running out.

## 6. Is there anything else I need to get started?

Several visuals are available to help you show the one story of Scripture. The **Giant Timeline Bonus Pack** includes a nearly 34-foot long timeline that includes every story covered during the current cycle. This is a great resource to help show kids how the various stories tie together and make up one bigger story. The *Pack* also includes a *Family Line of Jesus* poster showing how several people your kids will meet in the Old Testament are related to Jesus.

While the *Giant Timeline* is perfect for large group meeting areas, the **Small Group Timeline** is designed for each of your smaller meeting rooms, giving kids the opportunity to see, closer up, how the stories are connected. This set also includes four maps with a letter and number grid system helping leaders show kids where the stories they are learning about actually took place.

The **Big Story Circle** is a digital visual that is perfect for printing to show the story of Scripture in meeting rooms where the *Giant Timeline* will not fit. This is also a helpful visual to place near child check-in and drop-off so parents can see the story arc of Scripture and what their kids will be learning about each week. This visual is designed to be roughly 5 feet by 7 feet, but can be scaled to print to the size needed.

## 7. What are the advantages and disadvantages between the print and digital options?

Few churches will be able to print The Gospel Project resources (notably the *Big Picture Cards*) at the quality of the printed resources you can order. But the digital option gives you quicker access to resources and the ability to print items as needed so you never run out, and can also provide cost savings, especially for larger ministries.

Generally, the print option is more cost-effective for smaller ministries, but the cost savings of going digital should be weighed against the additional time that is often needed to print and collate the resources. Also, don't forget to factor in your printing costs (e.g. toner, paper) when running a cost analysis between print and digital.

## 8. What resources are available to partner with families?

We believe, as the Bible teaches, that the home is the primary place of discipleship of children. This is why we provide a number of resources for you to equip families for discipleship in the home. The **Activity Pages** include family discussion and activity ideas. The **Big Picture Cards** also can be used to review each session. The **Family App** is available for iOS and Android devices and includes a number of activities, the Bible story videos, music, and more. A **Parent Resources** document is also provided with suggested emails, status updates, tweets, and more for ministry leaders to use.

A number of B&H Kids ancillary resources are also available for families, including the **Big Picture Bible** and the **It's All About Jesus** storybook. These resources do not follow The Gospel Project exactly, but share The Gospel Project DNA.

## 9. What resources are available to equip my leaders?

We believe that the best teaching comes from the overflow of a heart fixated on the gospel, so we have provided several resources for your leaders to be encouraged in their own faith. A free **Leader Training Video** is provided for every session. Each video is about five minutes long and is designed to help leaders see a key idea of that session. A **Leader Blog Post** is also provided each week. Many leaders also benefit from **The Gospel Project for Adults Daily Discipleship Guide**, which aligns with the preschool and kids content each week.

## 10. So where should I start?

We generally recommend that you **jump in** where we are on our suggested use schedule. Remember, this is an ongoing Bible study, so your kids will have several opportunities ahead to study the parts of Scripture that you missed in this cycle by jumping in, instead of starting from the beginning. By jumping in, you will have easier, quicker access to the weekly leader resources, your Christmas and Easter sessions will align correctly, and you will also have a few cost-savings opportunities, such as setting up a recurring church order and ordering *Activity Packs* instead of *Activity Pages* and *Big Picture Cards* separately.

You can also choose to **start from the beginning** and purchase Volume 1, but know that you will always be trailing behind and miss out on the opportunities mentioned above, as well as be delayed in experiencing the numerous improvements we make each new cycle.