

**God Provides Judges
and a King**

OLD TESTAMENT 3

ENGAGE



Opening Leader Outlines



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Welcome to Cross Explorations



Cross Explorations is a rotation model for Sunday School or Midweek School from Concordia Publishing House.

Basic course resources provide an hour-long program for children ages 5 to 12 in three main sites: **Engage** (opening), **Explore** (Bible lesson), and **Express** (crafts, music, skits, and activities).

You can easily extend the time to two or more hours with the many activities in the *Express Craft Booklet* and on the *Express Skits CD*, *Activities & More CD*, and *Music CD*.

Large-group Engage Openings are planned for fifteen minutes, but you can cut or extend this time as needed.

Engage Children in Openings

Engage Openings teach children how to worship. And because education flows out of worship, where God offers Word and Sacrament to His people, Openings help children recognize things used in both places, such as the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed. This plants the seeds for active and meaningful worship for years to come.

Since children learn by doing, invite participation and capture attention with responsive reading, praying, singing, sharing ideas during discussions, participating in mission projects, lighting or snuffing candles, and collecting offerings.

Choose resources that best fit your needs.

Bible challenge questions encourage students and teachers to talk about a lesson topic as others arrive. Use the PowerPoint slide, and click to give the answer before starting the opening. Or read the question from the *Bible Challenge Question* PDF file.

Opening sentences and prayers change weekly. Add local needs as well as praying the Lord's Prayer, Luther's Morning Prayer, or a thematic prayer. Consider using some time to pray in small groups.

Songs and hymns fit the themes and Bible stories for this quarter, but CD resources give you the flexibility to change them. See the music list on the back inside cover. Track numbers refer to the *Engage CD*. Hymn numbers refer to *Lutheran Service Book* from CPH.

Bible lesson introductions don't tell the Bible narrative; instead, they engage students so that they want to learn more in the Explore and Express sites.

The Apostles' Creed professes our faith in the triune God.

Special days, such as birthdays and Baptism anniversaries, are important recognitions. Get these days from your church office, or ask adults to provide them so that you can recognize all children on these days.

Offerings and mission projects help children learn to share God's love in Christ and to help others. They learn that all we have belongs to God and that we are merely stewards of His gifts.

You Need

- *Engage Leader Outlines*
- *Engage CD* (with music, PowerPoint slides & materials to print & copy, such as *Lesson Handouts*, *Lyrics*, *Bible Intro Posters & Melody-Line Scores*)
- Projection & audio system or CD player, pianist, or guitarist

Leader Tips

- See the quarter overview on the back cover.
- See Music Information & CD contents on the back inside cover.

Using Engage Resources

Pull apart the *Engage Leader Outlines* in this booklet for each week. Read the week's *Preparing the Lesson* on the *Engage CD* to understand the Bible background and lesson focus.

Prepare to use one of these options for participants' resources.

1. Show PowerPoint slides from the *Engage CD*. Choose presentations with or without linked music.
2. Or print and copy PDF resources from the *Engage CD: Lesson Handouts, Lyrics, Bible Intro Posters, Song Scores, and Bible Challenge Questions*. (*Lesson Handouts* have student parts in bold, whereas these *Leader Outlines* have the leader sections in bold.)

For both options, play music on a computer or CD player, or get a pianist or guitarist.

You can adapt PowerPoint presentations to change order and add or subtract activities or songs. To help you do this more easily, see *PowerPoint Tips*, a PDF file on the CD.

Recruit someone to operate PowerPoint slides so you can focus on leading. You may want to recruit someone to lead singing. **Recorded music is not reproducible.** To make copies for your students or for any other purpose, call 1-800-325-0191 or email copyrights@cph.org for permission.

A Word about Lessons

This group of lessons provides a chronological study of a section of the Old Testament. It is part of a set of nine units covering the basic events in the Bible.

Set Up Your Space

If you do not already have an altar in your space, set one up with a small table. Use a white cloth to cover the table. Add a standing cross and a Bible. You might also add traditional candles or electric candle lights and paraments that correlate with the Church Year.

Church Year Connections

To better meet the stated needs of customers, Concordia Publishing House now offers two separate Church Year resources.

1. **Church Year Connections** are available for Series A, B, and C Scripture readings. It includes recordings, melody-line scores, and PowerPoint slides for hymns and songs related to each season and Sunday; weekly object lessons; collects; an order of opening worship; and teaching points for children.
2. **Church Year Worship Kit** teaches the Church Year in child-friendly, age-appropriate ways for young children in preschool through early elementary grades.

The kit includes four extra-large posters with a church altar and furnishings, the Lord's Prayer, Luther's Morning Prayer, and a familiar image of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

The Leader Guide has teaching directions and blackline patterns.

The CD features hymns and songs for the Church Year, Baptism birthday celebrations, reproducible parent connections to send home, and PDF copies of information from the printed booklet.



Lesson 1 Leader Outline

The Twelve Spies in Canaan

Numbers 13–14

Bible Challenge Question

Show the *Bible Challenge Question* slide for people to chat about as others arrive. When ready to start, click to show the answer.

Say We'll find out more about these twelve spies and the new land God promised to give His people.

Invocation

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Song

Sing "Child of God," Track 1.

You Need

- Lesson 1 Engage Leader Outline
- Engage CD
- Lesson 1 slides, projection & audio system; or print/copy Lesson 1 Handouts, Lyrics, Bible Intro Posters from the CD
- CD player

Opening Sentences

Give Thanks

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

People: for His steadfast love endures forever! (Psalm 118:1)

Leader: Let us thank God with our hearts.
A brief silence.

We remember that it is God who has given us our lives, who renews His love to us each day.

People: We thank You, Lord.

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.
(Psalm 103:2)

People: We thank You, Lord.

Leader: It is God who forgives our sin and remembers it no more.

People: We thank You, Lord.

Leader: It is with our hearts and hands that we receive the many gifts that God gives us.

People: We thank You, Lord.

Leader: We thank God not only with our minds, but also with our voices.

People: We thank You, Lord.

Leader: For the gifts of body and soul, eyes, ears, and all our members, our reason and all our senses, for all that He gives to support our bodily life,

People: we thank You, Lord.

Leader: The steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him. (Psalm 103:17)

People: Alleluia! Amen.

Song

Sing "One, Two, Three! Jesus Loves Me!" Track 2.

Introduce the Bible Lesson

Show the *Bible Intro Slide* or *Bible Intro Poster 1*.

Say Let's play "I spy." Explain that someone says "I spy . . ." and briefly describes what he or she sees (e.g., "I spy something red"). Others guess. Play a few times. In our game, spies tell what they see. In our Bible lesson, you'll hear some amazing things the twelve spies saw in the new land God gave His people.

Recognition

Recognize birthdays and Baptism anniversaries. You can add names to the slide. Sing a birthday song, or give each person a small gift.

Offering and Mission Minute

If your Express Leader chose a mission project for the month, or if you designated offerings for a specified mission, talk about it with the students.

Prayers

Baptism Prayer

Leader: Dear heavenly Father, through Baptism, You have made us Your own children. Cleanse our hearts that we might be truly sorry for our sinful nature. Send Your Spirit to us that we may learn of Your intent for our lives. Make us more generous in showing Your love to others. For the sake of our dear Savior, we ask these things. Amen.

Song

Sing "We Are in God's House Today," Track 4.

Last Words

Tell students what they do next and dismiss them to Explore areas.

Say May you know and receive the gifts God gives us in Baptism today and every day.

Lesson 2 Leader Outline

Entering the Promised Land

Joshua 3:1–5:12



Bible Challenge Question

Show the *Bible Challenge Question* slide for people to chat about as others arrive. When ready to start, click to show the answer.

Say We'll find out more about both Promised Lands in our lesson today!

Invocation

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Song

Sing "We Are in God's House Today," Track 4.

You Need

- Lesson 2 Engage Leader Outline
- Engage CD
- Lesson 2 slides, projection & audio system; or print/copy Lesson 2 Handouts, Lyrics, Bible Intro Posters from the CD
- CD player

Opening Sentences

Grace and Peace

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:7)

People: Amen.

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: the name of the LORD is to be praised! (Psalm 113:3)

Leader: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving

People: let your requests be made known to God. (Philippians 4:6)

Leader: They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

People: they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

Leader: they shall run and not be weary;

People: they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31)

Song

Sing "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens," Track 5.

Introduce the Bible Lesson

Show the *Bible Intro Slide* or *Bible Intro Poster 2*.

Ask Have you ever wanted something really, really bad but you had to wait a long time to get it? Maybe it was a birthday present you wanted, or something your parents promised to reward you with. Tell us about it. Let a few people share ideas. Share one of your own ideas if kids need an example.

Say Today, we're going to find out about two gifts the children of Israel received. One gift they waited forty years to get! The other gift they waited thousands of years to get. See if you can find the gifts and tell your teacher about them.

Recognition

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Offering and Mission Minute

If your Express Leader chose a mission project for the month, or if you designated offerings for a specified mission, talk about it with the students.

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Pray for specific needs; then pray or sing "The Lord's Prayer," Track 3.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Song

Sing "My Friend Jesus," Track 6.

Last Words

Tell students what they do next and dismiss them to Explore areas.

Say May you trust in Jesus and His promise to lead us home to the promised land of heaven.