



RIDGEDALE KIDS PATHWAY

Discipleship at Every Age and Stage of Development

VISION

Helping Every Child Become a Lifelong Disciple-Maker of Jesus Christ

VALUES

GOSPEL-CENTERED

Everything must be seen through and point to the Gospel.

BIBLICAL COMPETENCY

Children will be taught how to read, use, and understand scripture for themselves.

FAMILY EQUIPPING

All ministry programs will equip families in some capacity.

INTER-GENERATIONAL

Children will connect with all generations in the church.

PATHWAY AT A GLANCE

INTRODUCTION

FAMILIARITY

MASTERY



SUNDAY SCHOOL

KIDS WORSHIP

VBX (MIDWEEK)

MARKERS	2 YRS	3 YRS	4 YRS	K	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	TOTAL
Bible Teaching	Half of the Bible	Half of the Bible	Half of the Bible	Half of the Bible	Half of the Bible	Half of the Bible	Half of the Bible	Half of the Bible	Half of the Bible	Entire Bible (4x's)
Big Thoughts for Tiny Tots Questions	16 Questions 2x's	16 Questions 2x's	16 Questions 2x's							16 Questions (6x's)
Books of the Bible	Half of the Books	Half of the Books	Half of the Books	Half of the Books	Half of the Books	Half of the Books	Half of the Books	Half of the Books	Half of the Books	All Books (4x's)
Service Opportunities			4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28
Family Services			14	14	14	14	14	14	14	98
Big Picture Questions	8 Questions	8 Questions	9 Questions	8 Questions	9 Questions	8 Questions	9 Questions	8 Questions	9 Questions	All 76 Questions
Memory Verses	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	32 Verses (3x's)
Hymns				5	5	6	5	5	6	16 Songs (2x's)
Doctrine	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	81
Memory Verses	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	81
Challenges				9	9	9	9	9	9	54

WHY THIS STRATEGY?

STRONG BIBLICAL FOUNDATION

A strong biblical foundation isn't developed by accident. It requires an intentional scope and sequence around three key components of biblical competency:

1. **Navigation** - Teaching that helps kids know how to use and navigate the Bible
 - *Primary focus of Sunday School*
2. **Location** - Teaching that helps kids locate every passage of Scripture within the grand-narrative of the Bible
 - *Primary focus of Kids Worship*
3. **Saturation** - Teaching that saturates children in the truth and stories of Scripture
 - *Primary focus of VBX*

HOLISTIC DISCIPLESHIP APPROACH

Helping kids become lifelong disciple-makers of Jesus requires more than knowledge. Children need a holistic approach that is:

- **Relational** - Children cultivate meaningful relationships within the church
 - *Primary focus of Sunday School and Family Services*
- **Instructional** - Children receive rich, gospel-centered teaching
 - *Primary focus of Kids Worship*
- **Experiential** - Children experience the love of Christ and live out their faith.
 - *Primary focus of VBX and Service Opportunities*

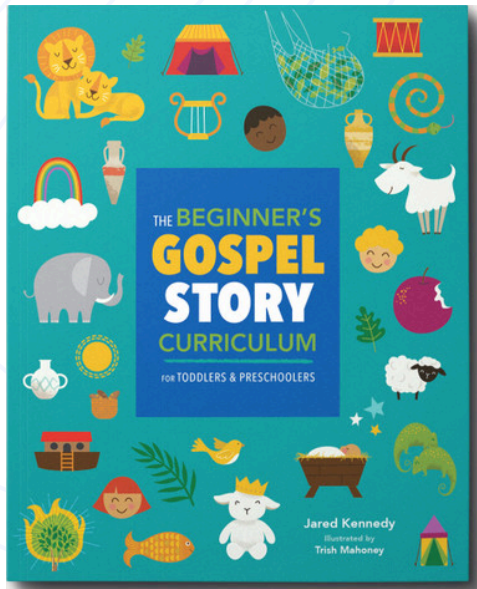
LASTING CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

To follow Jesus faithfully for a lifetime, kids need a consistently Christian view of the world. A Christian worldview is developed in three phases:

1. **Introduction** - Children are introduced to all the concepts we desire them to learn or experience.
2. **Familiarity** - Children revisit concepts taught in the Introduction Phase. This familiarity helps them connect the dots of what they are learning.
3. **Mastery** - Children revisit the concepts taught in the Introduction Phase a second time. This allows children to master the concepts through deeper contemplation and personal application.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Pre-School)

Sundays | 9:45-10:45am

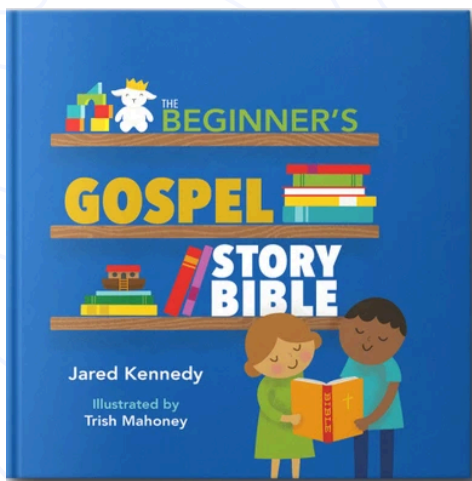
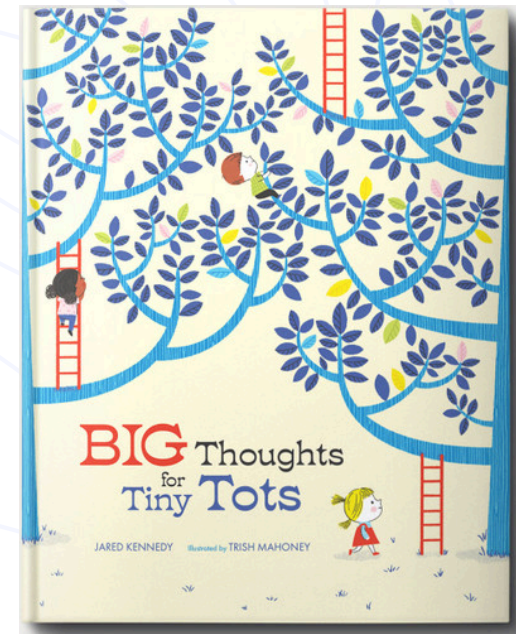


CURRIUCLUM SPECIFICS

- The Beginner's Gospel Story Curriculum by New Growth Press covers 52 Bible lessons and 16 Big Thoughts for Tiny Tots questions.
- Each story points to the Gospel story.
- Children will learn how to navigate scripture as they are introduced to the Bible's main stories through teaching, singing, and play.

FAMILY RESOURCES

- The Beginner's Gospel Storybook Bible
- Big Thoughts for Tiny Tots book



BIG THOUGHTS FOR TINY TOTS QUESTIONS

- Who made the world?
- What else did God make?
- Why did God make you and the world?
- What is sin?
- What are God's rules?
- Does everyone break God's rules?
- Who is Jesus?
- What did Jesus do to save us?
- Where is Jesus now?
- How can I be saved?
- What happens when I trust Jesus?
- Who is the Holy Spirit?
- What does the Holy Spirit do?
- Will Jesus come back to earth again?
- When is Jesus coming back?
- What should we do while we wait?

SUNDAY SCHOOL (K-5TH)

Sundays | 9:45-10:45am

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

OLD TESTAMENT (39 BOOKS)

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy
- Joshua
- Judges
- Ruth
- 1 Samuel
- 2 Samuel
- 1 Kings
- 2 Kings
- 1 Chronicles
- 2 Chronicles
- Ezra
- Nehemiah
- Esther
- Job
- Psalms
- Proverbs
- Ecclesiastes
- Song of Solomon
- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Lamentations
- Ezekiel
- Daniel
- Hosea
- Joel
- Amos
- Obadiah
- Jonah
- Micah
- Nahum
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Haggai
- Zechariah
- Malachi

NEW TESTAMENT (27 BOOKS)

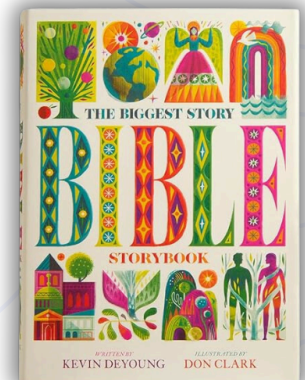
- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- John
- Acts
- Romans
- 1 Corinthians
- 2 Corinthians
- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians
- 1 Thessalonians
- 2 Thessalonians
- 1 Timothy
- 2 Timothy
- Titus
- Philemon
- Hebrews
- James
- 1 Peter
- 2 Peter
- 1 John
- 2 John
- 3 John
- Jude
- Revelation

CURRICULUM SPECIFICS

- The Biggest Story Curriculum by Crossway covers 104 Bible lessons (52 in the Old Testament and 52 in the New Testament).
- Each lesson has a “Christ Connection” that points to the Gospel.
- Children will learn how to navigate scripture by memorizing the books of the Bible and looking up passages in a physical copy of God’s word.

FAMILY RESOURCES

- The Biggest Story Bible Storybook
- The Biggest Story Video Series
- The Biggest Story Podcast



KIDS WORSHIP

Pre-School + Elementary

Sundays | 11am-12pm



CURRICULUM SPECIFICS

- The Gospel Project curriculum goes through the Bible chronologically and covers dozens of Big Picture Questions & Answers in a catechistic (question and answer) format.
- Kids are encouraged to ask questions and grow in their wonder of God.
- Children will learn how to locate every story of the Bible in its redemptive-historical context.



EXAMPLE MEMORY VERSES

- Genesis 1:1
- Genesis 1:26-27
- Romans 3:23
- Romans 5:8
- Hebrews 10:23
- Psalm 34:17
- 1 Samuel 2:2
- Romans 8:28
- John 1:12
- Romans 8:31-34
- Exodus 3:14
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- Psalm 119:89-90
- Isaiah 45:5
- Psalm 83:13
- Matthew 6:31,33

HYMNS

- How Great Thou Art
- Amazing Grace
- Standing on the Promises
- Great is Thy Faithfulness
- Be Still My Soul
- How Firm a Foundation
- Praise to the Lord
- Crown Him with Many Crowns
- Come Thou Fount
- The Solid Rock
- In Christ Alone
- O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
- Holy, Holy, Holy
- Doxology
- I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
- What a Friend We Have in Jesus

FAMILY RESOURCES

- A weekly Family Guide made by the Ridgedale Kids team.
- Access to Lifeway's Big Picture Question and Answers for Kids.

EXAMPLE OF BIG PICTURE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- What is the Trinity?
- Why did God create everything?
- How can we be saved?
- What is the Bible?
- What is the Church?



VBX (Very Brite Xperience)

Wednesdays | 6-7:30pm

“It’s Like VBS... But Every Week!”

SPECIFICS

- The Brite Curriculum goes through the Bible chronologically every year.
- Each lesson points to Jesus.
- Children will saturate themselves in the stories of scripture as they learn a variety of Bible stories each year.

FAMILY RESOURCES

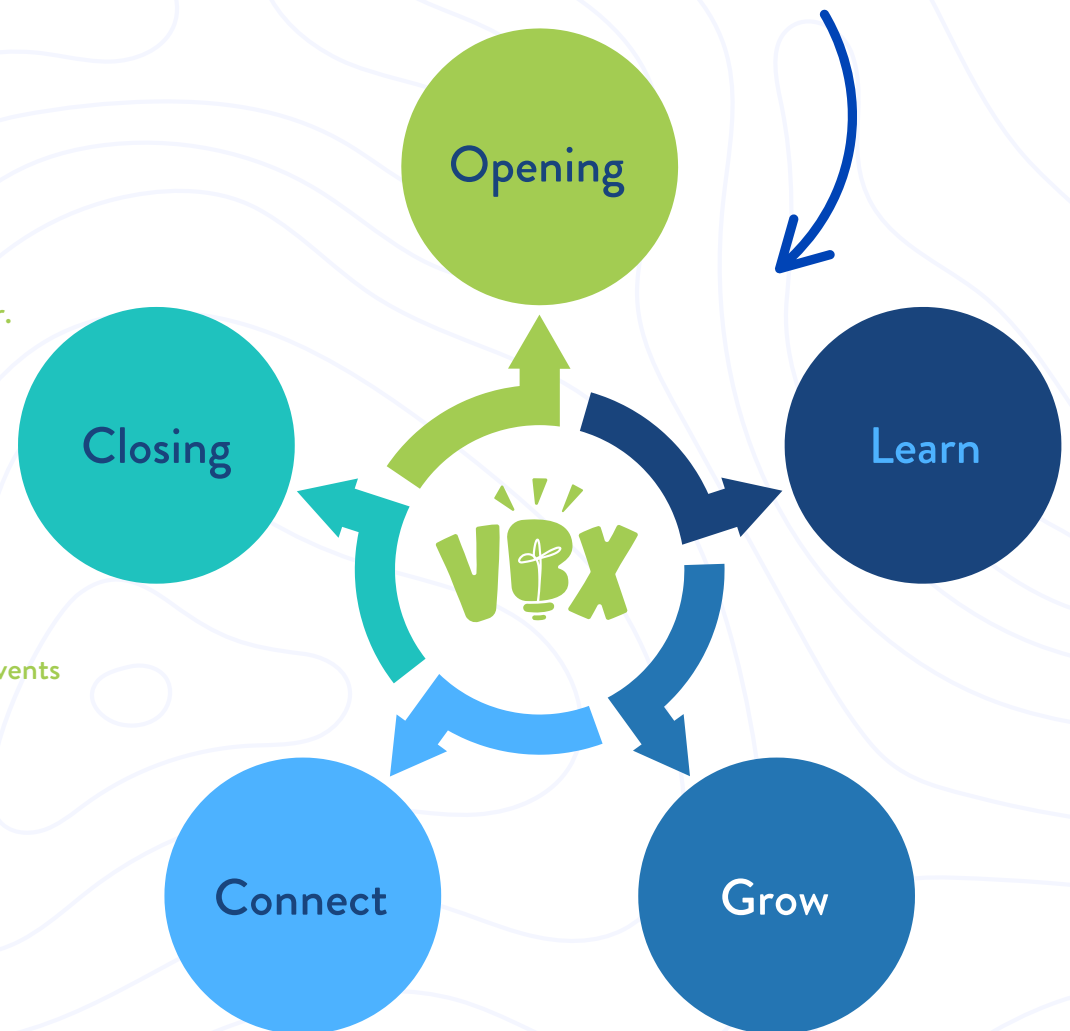
- Weekly take-home sheets.
- Access to the VBX music playlist.

EXAMPLE OF CHALLENGES

- Collecting food and paper goods for local charities and events
- Inviting friends to church
- Sharing the Gospel with Others

EXAMPLE OF DOCTRINES

- God is omnipotent (all-powerful)
- God is omniscient (all-knowing)
- God is omnipresent (present everywhere at all times)
- Jesus is both fully God and fully man
- The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin



FAMILY SERVICES & SERVICE OPPURTUNITIES

FAMILY SERVICES

- On the first Sunday of every month, children ages 4 and up are invited to join their families for the service.
- This Family Service gives children the opportunity to worship with multiple generations and deepen their connection to the entire family of God.
- Worship packets are specifically designed and made available for children during these services.



EXAMPLES OF SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- Packing snack packs for local elementary schools
- Making cards for Sunday School classes
- Passing out desserts at the Food Box Distribution
- Caroling for shut-ins
- Greeting guests at the entrances
- Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



FAMILY EQUIPPING

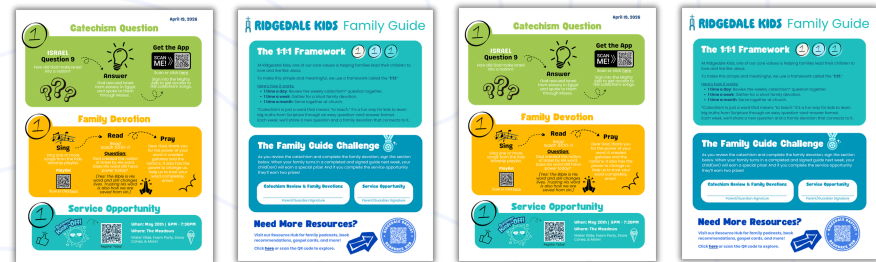
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FREQUENCY

TOOLS + TRAINING

WEEKLY

New Family Guide Created Every Week



MONTHLY

Family Newsletter
Released Every Month



New Recommendations
Added Every Month



YEARLY

Training on Topics in Parenting,
Discipleship, & More



Connecting families through
food, fun, and fellowship

