

2026-2027 Curriculum Overview and Highlights

Children need Jesus! How will they know Him unless they are taught? CEF Press® is committed to providing Bible lessons which uphold the truths of Scripture and follow the methods taught in the *Children's Ministries Institute*®. We also strive to provide effective teacher helps, resources, and examples that are relevant and practical to the many needs of today's children.



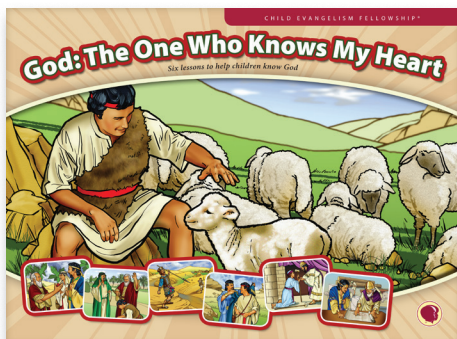
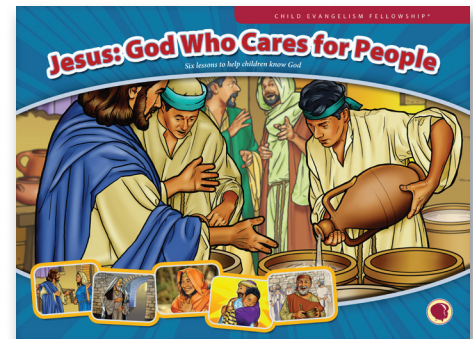
Fall Party—Dinosaur Tracks!

Bigger than buildings and taller than trees, dinosaurs ignite the imagination! Children love dinosaurs! Sadly, dinosaurs are used extensively as evidence or even “proof” that God’s Word is unreliable and outdated. But dinosaurs are remarkable evidence pointing to a God who knows everything and can be trusted. You can use this themed Bible lesson to help children understand that they can fully trust God’s Word and respond to His love by believing in His Son as their Savior.

Foundational Series—Jesus: God Who Cares for People

Starting with Jesus’ first miracle, children will hear that the miracles Jesus did show that He is the Almighty God who came to save them from their sin. This lesson series will help children see the deity of Jesus and know that by believing in Him they can have a friendship with God. Children will hear the clear Gospel message through the Bible lessons and see how knowing Jesus can make a difference in their lives daily.

Missionary Story: *Gladys Aylward*



God: The One Who Knows My Heart

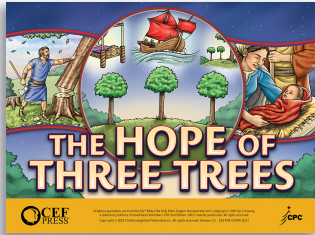
God: The One Who Knows My Heart covers the life and times of King David. The series begins with the world David was born into—Israel clamoring for a king, and Saul’s reign and disobedience. The lessons continue with David’s anointing, fight with Goliath, run from Saul, and kindness toward Mephibosheth. At the end of this series, children will see the big picture—that God used David so the King of Kings would be born through his family! Throughout this series, a special focus is placed on what it means to follow God with your whole heart.

Missionary Story: *Lottie Moon*

Choose one of these *Christmas Party Club*® lessons.



Good News of Great Joy tells the biblical account of Jesus' birth by highlighting three times people received big news that changed their lives and the world. God did many amazing things to show that Jesus is the Savior of the world. You can let children know this good news of great joy is for them and encourage them to share it with others.

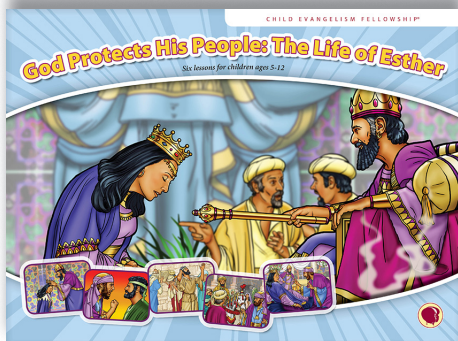
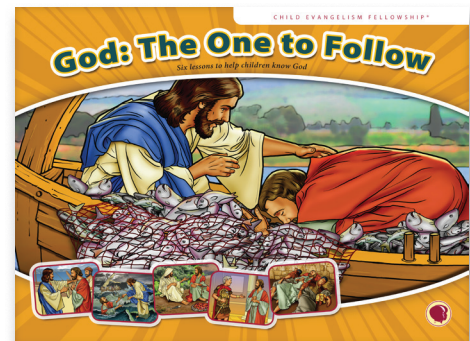


The Hope of Three Trees tells the story of three trees who had grand dreams of being something special. They thought their dreams were ruined after they were made into ordinary objects. But when Jesus used them, they realized the greater purpose they fulfilled. When you teach *The Hope of Three Trees*, you'll give children the opportunity to believe in Jesus as Savior and learn about the hope they can have when Jesus is in their lives.

God: The One to Follow

Children have so many voices calling to them, tempting them to follow in their words, actions, styles, or habits. Some of those voices are worth following, but sadly, many are not. Children need to know who the one worth following is—and why. In the series, *God: The One to Follow*, children will see why Jesus is worth following as they hear about the life of Peter. Through this series children will learn what it practically looks like to follow Jesus amidst the other voices in this world.

Missionary Story: *Pete Menjares*



God Protects His People: The Life of Esther

God Protects His People: The Life of Esther has intrigue, a powerful king, an evil villain, a beautiful queen, and ultimately good triumphing over evil. Most importantly, it shows how God preserved His people in a time of national crisis to ensure the Messiah could come through the line of David. While children enjoy the ongoing story of Esther, they will also get to know the sovereign God who ruled over those events in the past and who rules over our present lives as well.

Missionary Story: *Robert Foster*

Easter Party—Because God Loves You

This Bible Lesson has a fun Gospel visual that opens to help children understand how Jesus revealed God's love for them. Unfold a cross-shaped visual to reveal scenes from the life of Jesus as you teach the children how God demonstrated His perfect love through the life, death, and resurrection of His Son. The children will learn that God did all of this because He wants them to know Him and have a friendship with Him that lasts forever.

Song Audio and Video Album Downloads include all the songs suggested in these series, making it easy to have all your music in one place. Find these songs and more at <https://cefpress.com/collections>.

CEF Press also offers a variety of supplemental lessons. Many of these offer additional growth lessons for *GNC*™ or are for use in a church or other teaching setting. Go to cefpress.com to discover what is available.

We trust this year of curriculum will be a blessing to you and will help you meet the needs of the children you will be teaching. We always appreciate your service as together we reach children with the Gospel.

