

# **CHOOSE THE RIGHT CURRICULUM FOR YOUR STUDENTS**

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## ***Your Curriculum Evaluation Checklist***

- **Decide which criteria are important to your ministry**
- **Accurately compare curriculum at a glance**
- **Create a realistic program for your class size and teacher availability**



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Use this evaluation process to help determine which Bible club or Sunday school program will best meet the needs of your ministry and the children of your church.

Sorting through the parts and pieces of a Bible club or Sunday school curriculum can be a challenge. Before you begin, pray that God will guide your curriculum evaluation.

This easy-to-use checklist can help. Read through and put a check by the areas that are especially important for your ministry. Then write the names of the curriculum you are considering at the top of the columns. Look through each curriculum and rate it on a scale of 1 to 5 (5 meaning it met all requirements). Make notes explaining your ratings.

Age Levels Being Evaluated: \_\_\_\_\_

CRITERIA	CURRICULUM: _____	CURRICULUM: _____	CURRICULUM: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Faithful to Scripture</b> Does each lesson use the Bible as the basis for all teaching?			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Bible use</b> Do children get hands-on experience developing Bible study skills and using the Bible?			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Makes the Bible come alive</b> Do children understand and relate to Bible characters, events, and concepts?			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Scripture memory program</b> Do children learn to hold God's Word in their hearts?			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Emphasis on witnessing</b> Are children motivated to bring friends and share the Gospel with others?			

<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>CURRICULUM:</b>	<b>CURRICULUM:</b>	<b>CURRICULUM:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Family friendly</b> Do materials encourage parents to get involved with their child's spiritual growth?			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Mission statement</b> Does the curriculum's stated purpose and philosophy match that of your church?			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Christ centered</b> Do lessons present God's plan of salvation through Jesus Christ and encourage children to develop a personal relationship with Him?			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Awards program</b> Does the curriculum have an awards program, and if so, does it promote spiritual, social, mental, emotional, and physical growth? Is competition kept to a minimum?			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Applicable to daily life</b> Do lessons help children develop strong Christian principles and apply them to their lives?			

<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>CURRICULUM:</b>	<b>CURRICULUM:</b>	<b>CURRICULUM:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Age appropriate</b> Are lessons clear and accessible to each age level? Do they help children develop Christian principles and apply them to their lives?			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Spiritual growth</b> Do lessons encourage spiritual growth and discipleship, regardless of a child's level of spiritual development?			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fresh and creative</b> Do lessons encompass a variety of learning styles and activities, so children stay attentive and on task?			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Christian role models</b> Do children have opportunities to spend time with leaders in social and fellowship settings?			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Teacher friendly</b> Are the lessons easy to follow and prepare? Are options given if preparation time is short?			

CRITERIA	CURRICULUM	CURRICULUM	CURRICULUM
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Leader's resources</b> Do materials give suggestions for creating an attractive and nurturing club setting, creative discipline, club structure, and other teacher's tips?			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Well organized &amp; complete</b> Are the lessons presented in a clear, concise, step-by-step manner? Are all supplies clearly listed?			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Flexible</b> Can lessons be adapted to fit the leader's own teaching style, time allotment, and class situation?			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Outreach ministry</b> Does the program include opportunities for children to serve others in the church and community?			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>(Add your own criteria here.)</b>			

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

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