

New Curriculum for Sunday School and Confirmation

There are lots of new Sunday school and Confirmation curriculums to choose from. We have samples of all of them, so come by to take a look and discuss with us the pros and cons of each.

Sunday School Curriculum

[*Feasting on the Word*](#) launches in Fall 2011; it's an ecumenical, downloadable resource based on the Revised Common Lectionary, which incorporates the uniqueness of the award-winning *Feasting on the Word* commentaries. It is available for kindergarten through adult and either as a total church plan or as individual age levels in 9 or 12 month formats. Visit the website to download a session for all age levels.

[*Riteformation*](#) is an online curriculum builder with materials from well known publishers that can be used to create custom lessons for nursery age through adults. There are templates for rotation lessons, Vacation Bible School, and more. The content includes Scripture, song, prayer, response, lecture, ritual, arts and crafts, movement, drama, games, and discussions. There is pricing for downloading a single item or single session as well as an annual fee based on your church's size which allows access to all materials. They are currently offering a 30-day free trial.

David C. Cook has two new curriculums.

[*Tru*](#) uses a large group/small group format, is fully downloadable and has an emphasis on family and spiritual formation. There are two age levels available: preschool and elementary. You can sign up for a limited-time free trial on the website.

[*Rio*](#) uses a classroom format with printed materials as well as online resources. It is family friendly and incorporates spiritual practices. It is available for early elementary, elementary, and preteen age levels. Sample lessons are available on the website.

The doctrinal stance of [*Dwell*](#) flows from its Reformed/Presbyterian interpretation of scripture although it is not denomination-specific. Each lesson is designed to get children involved in "God's big story." It is available for children in grades Kindergarten through 8th. Samples and the Scope & Sequence can be downloaded.

The Episcopal Church has a new three year downloadable curriculum called [*Weaving God's Promises*](#). It is for ages 3-11 and is flexible and undated. It shares the biblical story of salvation while weaving Episcopal tradition through every lesson. Annual access is based on your church's worship attendance.

[*A Joyful Path*](#) is the first year of a new curriculum from the Center for Progressive Christianity and is a "progressive Christian children's curriculum that celebrates a joy-filled life, compassion for all, and the wisdom found within." It is for ages 6-10 and is downloadable.

[*Teeny Tykes & Tunes*](#) can be used for a weekly music activity time, after-school programs, or mother's day out programs. It is a faith-based music program which features carefully selected action songs, bounces, finger-plays, Bible songs and stories. It is available in both an infant and a toddler version.

Confirmation Curriculum

[*Re:form*](#) is “a totally new approach to youth ministry that trusts youth to wrestle with the historic Christian faith and theology.” It includes two DVDs with 40 humorous animated short films, an Anti-Workbook of individual and group activities, and a fully reproducible Leader Guide.

[*Re:form Traditions*](#) are 4-session courses on the beliefs of the Reformed, Methodist, and Lutheran traditions.

[*Credo*](#) comes from the United Methodist Church and brings worship, Sunday school, Bible study, service, and church ministries into confirmation. It can be used over a semester, the course of a school year, a 3-year span, or however you want to plan it. There are print and web components and confirmands have their own section of the website to support what they’ve learned in class with lesson summaries plus games and quizzes designed to reinforce their faith formation.

[*Confirm not Conform*](#) is an Episcopal program that “explores the beliefs and questions that come from the students themselves.” There are 16 class sessions as well as suggestions for field trips, a weekend-long retreat, working with mentors, participating in liturgies, and designing and implementing a service project as a team.

The Lutheran Church (ELCA) has revised their [*Here We Stand*](#) curriculum which can be used as a two year or three year program. Biblical and theological content helps connect students with their Lutheran heritage, along with video, music and other multimedia resources. There is an online platform to help the confirmation leader quickly plan and prepare for each lesson.

The [*Crossings*](#) ecumenical confirmation curriculum includes 30 sessions: 15 from the Old Testament and 15 from the New Testament, as well as three retreats. It can be used for a one year or two year program. There is a leader’s guide, a student journal, and an X-treme Bible Trivia Game. It concentrates on three areas: the eight parts of the core biblical story, relating the core biblical story to our individual stories, and participating in the real life practices of the Christian church through worship, community, devotional life, and service.