

Curriculum ideas

Finding the right Children's Ministry curriculum for your ministry and budget can be challenging! There are many resources available, and it can be confusing to know where to look. Before you even start, we recommend you spend some time thinking through some key questions which can be found on our website: <https://www.baptistcfm.org.nz/curriculum>.

The book *Children Matter* by Scottie May et.al. has an excellent chapter on curriculum. Email Jan at childrensministry@baptist.org.nz for more information.

This list includes ideas of free and for sale curriculum which people in New Zealand are using. If you would like to talk to someone who is using one of these, please email childrensministry@baptist.org.nz and we will try to put you in touch with someone.

FREE RESOURCES

Chronicles of Paki

Written by Scripture Union NZ to accompany the Chronicles of Paki books on NZ Christian history.



<http://childrenandfamiliesnz.blogspot.com/2016/05/the-chronicles-of-paki-series-one.html>

Disciplr Lite

Uses the Disciplr online platform and gives free access to several curriculum including Heart Shaper and Discipleship Jr.



<https://disciplr.com/lite>

Life Church

Life Church's own curriculum with lots of different topics for both preschool and primary ages.



<https://open.life.church/categories/314-kids>

Max7

A library of resources for children, youth and families. Includes video and training resources.



<https://www.max7.org/en>

Bible Explore

A resource from the Anglican Church of NZ which follows the lectionary.

<https://www.bibleexplore.nz/>



God's Unfolding Story

A preschool curriculum which has the big story of the Bible told across 2 years and includes a series each year for Easter and Christmas.

<https://sundayschoolzone.com/bible-story/gods-unfolding-story/>



Crossroad Kids

For primary aged children which uses videos.

<https://crossroadskidsclub.net/>



RESOURCES TO BUY

Dig In – Group Publishing

A digital curriculum which has 12 different components you can choose in order to build your programme. Available in different versions and can be purchased in quarters.

<https://www.group.com/category/ministry-resources/childrens-ministry/sunday-school/dig-in.do>



Grow

A digital curriculum which has resources for children, volunteers and parents. Annual subscription but you can get a month free trial.

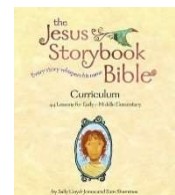
<https://growcurriculum.org/childrens-ministry-curriculum/>



Jesus Storybook Curriculum

Curriculum based on the Jesus Storybook Bible which you can buy in a kit. There are additional resources available to supplement the kit – email childrensministry@baptist.org.nz for a copy. Available from online booksellers like Amazon or Koorong.

<https://www.bookdepository.com/>



Light - Scripture Union

A range of resources for a variety of ages. Available in book form.

<https://www.sunz.org.nz/shop/>



Orange

First Look for preschoolers and *252 Basics* for Primary. Virtues based digital curriculum which places high value on relationship building and partnering with parents.

<https://thinkorange.com/kids-ministry-curriculum/>



Spark House Digital

Digital curriculum with a free 30 day trial.



www.sparkhousedigital.com

TRUStory (primary) and TRUWonder (preschool)

Teaches the Big God Story and creates space for children to respond to God. You can buy it through the Disciplr online platform for a year, or in quarters through David C Cook.



See <http://www.truministry.com/how-to-buy/> for links to both stores.

Wonder Ink

Digital curriculum from David C Cook which also comes with a parent portal. Teaches the truth of the Christian faith while also giving space for kids to wonder and be curious about God.



<https://wonderink.org/>

Gospel Project

Looks at the whole story of the Bible and how it points to Jesus.



<https://www.gospelproject.com/kids/>

RESOURCES FOR A WIDE SPREAD OF AGES

Epic Explorers

Epic Explorers is a version of *Christianity Explored* specially designed for 4-11 year olds. Introduces children to the gospel of Mark. Comes in book form.



<https://www.thegoodbook.co.nz/outreach/epic-explorers/>

Explore Together – Scripture Union

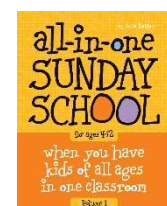
Explore Together comes from a desire to see people hear from God and learn more of his love for them. It works with big groups, small groups, mixed-age groups, single-age groups, older people, young people, children, families... Comes in book form.



<https://www.sunz.org.nz/shop?subcat%5B%5D=105>

All-in-One Sunday School

For when you have ages 4 to 12 in one group. 4 volumes of material in books.



<https://www.koorong.com/product/all-in-one-sunday-school-for-ages-4-9780764449444>

Mosaic – Scripture Union

A range of resources for 2 to 14 year olds in book form.

<https://www.sunz.org.nz/shop/?s=Popularity&search=mosaic>



We have a library of resources and curriculum housed at the Baptist Resource Centre in Auckland. You can request a resource via our website and we will post it to you.

If you have used a curriculum that you would recommend to others, and it is not in this list, contact Jan at childrensministry@baptist.org.nz and tell her about it. We would love to know what you are using.

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