

## Basic Guide to Scope, Sequence, and Samples

Two of the most frequently asked questions about curriculum are these:

Which stories and Scripture passages are covered in this curriculum?  
Can I get samples of the curriculum to review with my teachers?

When people at a church ask which stories and Scripture are included, they want to know “the scope” or big picture of what is being taught with each age group. They want to know “the sequence” or the order of stories and Bible passages covered in the curriculum. The answer to the question is to locate the scope and sequence for any curricula the church may review or consider.

Thanks to the Internet and curriculum Web sites, it is now much easier to answer both the scope and sequence and “how to obtain a sample” question. Curriculum publishers post biblical scope and sequence and sample sessions online.

Here is one example of how to visit a Web site and navigate for scope and sequence and samples: Congregational Ministries Publishing.

The best place to start the search is the general curriculum home page at: <http://www.pcusa.org/curriculum/>. From this location you can choose which age group you would like to review. All of the curricula created and/or distributed by our denominational publisher are listed in each category. If you select early childhood, children, or youth, you will find a variety of curricula to review.

Select *We Believe* from any of the age groups and you will find yourself at <http://www.pcusa.org/webelieve/>. The easiest way to find the biblical scope and sequence and samples is to use the side tabs to navigate: children, younger youth, and older youth. For example, select children and you will be at this location: [http://www.pcusa.org/webelieve/children\\_wnt\\_0809.htm](http://www.pcusa.org/webelieve/children_wnt_0809.htm).

Immediately you will see highlighted text: *Review biblical scope and sequence for the quarter and See a sample*. You can find this information for any quarter in the coming year or curriculum cycle by choosing the quarter at the top of the page.

Go back to the curricula selections for children and choose a different product, such as *Faith for Life2*. You will find yourself at this page: <http://www.pcusa.org/faithforlife2/>. You can download an introduction, scope and sequence, ways of learning chart (with samples).

Find the scope and sequence for a variety of curricula by visiting these locations:  
<http://akaloo.org/explore/> (select disciple guide for the scope and sequence)  
<http://www.godlyplay.com/zcom.asp?pg=products&grp=44> (select lesson manual placement)  
<http://www.iamrocksolid.com/>  
<http://www.ilivebig.com/content.aspx?dyn=1161>  
<http://www.kidconnectiononline.org/about/scopeandsequence.asp>  
<http://www.lifecurriculum.org/>  
[http://www.spiritseasons.com/sublevel.taf?sl=yes&site\\_uid1=8833&hallway\\_uid1=14923&search\\_id=&catalog\\_uid1=&link\\_type\\_uid1=&person\\_id=&u\\_currency\\_id=0](http://www.spiritseasons.com/sublevel.taf?sl=yes&site_uid1=8833&hallway_uid1=14923&search_id=&catalog_uid1=&link_type_uid1=&person_id=&u_currency_id=0)  
<http://www.walkwithmeonline.org/>  
[http://www.wholepeopleofgod.com/client46/pdf/08-09\\_year\\_at\\_a\\_glance.pdf](http://www.wholepeopleofgod.com/client46/pdf/08-09_year_at_a_glance.pdf)