

Feature Sheet for *We Believe* Younger and Older Elementary

Let's take a look at the *We Believe* curriculum for elementary-age children.

It consists of a quarterly Teacher's Book and a Resource CD for two age groups:

- Younger elementary (grades K–2)
- Older elementary (grades 3–5).

The Teacher's Book contains six-page lesson plans with information for the teacher on the first page and the lesson using the familiar A, B, C, D, E, F organization:

1. First Page
 - a. Lesson Information
 1. Scripture, Main Idea, Something to Remember, Catechism Question and Background for Teachers
 - a. Something to Remember may be used as a memory verse. Older Elementary encourages this with the use of optional "S2R Cards," and "S2R Pictures," weekly cards with the verse to send home, and weekly pictures with the verse to display in your classroom. Younger Elementary will include the "S2R Pictures."
 - b. Catechism Questions are used in each session. Two to three questions are chosen for each quarter. The questions are used in more than one session to help the children become familiar with the questions and answers.
2. Lesson Plan
 - a. Planning Chart with lesson's activities, multiple intelligence designations, and supply lists
 - b. Activities marked with a heart symbol take you through the "heart of the lesson."
 - c. Assemble, Bible Study, Claim, Depart
 1. Each session mirrors the flow of worship: **Assemble** in God's name, study the **Bible**, **Claim** and respond to God's Word, **Depart** into God's world.
 2. Depart activities are repeated over several sessions for continuity and ritual
 - d. Evaluate and Future
 1. Help the teacher reflect on the session and prepare for future sessions

Posters are found inside the back pocket of the Teacher's Book. The full-color posters for use during the sessions may include Catechism Questions, Scripture posters, maps, diagrams, or pictures.

The Resource CD is where you will find all the essential resources for each session, plus many other helpful tools.

- All documents are black and white. A few color pictures for use in the classroom are included, if you choose to print in color.
 - You may make as many copies as you need for your class from week to week. No waste! No over-purchasing!
1. Resource Pages
 - a. Instructions, scripts, patterns, puzzles, games, worksheets, pictures, maps, and more
 2. For the Home
 - a. One-sided newsletter format to send home or e-mail to children's homes
 - b. Engages parents or caregivers with information about what happened in class, questions for conversation, and suggested activities connected to the lesson to do with the child
 3. Consider the Season
 - a. Three liturgical season supplemental resources
 - b. One-sided newsletter format to send home or e-mail to children's homes
 4. Music
 - a. MP3 files with instrumental and vocal tracks
 - b. You may download songs to your computer and burn them to a music CD to use in class
 5. Supplemental Teacher Helps
 - a. Lesson Planning Worksheet, Stock Your Closet lists, Hints for Substitute Teachers, Evaluation Form, and more!