

Training Module for *Wee Believe* Toddler and Preschool

Invite people to look at the *Wee Believe* Toddler and *Wee Believe* Preschool curriculum.

Engage folks in conversation and exploration of the curriculum.

Take a look at the cover.

- There is a seasonal element in the leaves. Each quarter has a different seasonal look.
- On the Toddler curriculum you see two bees, Beatrice and Wee Bee. The bees are a repetitive element used in each Bible story picture.
- You see a group of five children on the Preschool curriculum. These are the Believer Buddies. They have different physical characteristics and are intended to help the teacher see that preschool children come in different shapes and sizes.

Open the Teacher's Book.

- The first section of the Teacher's Book, before the lessons begin, has all sorts of useful information for the teacher to get ready to teach. It includes information about learning centers as well as developmental characteristics of and teaching tips for young children.

Let's take a look at a session.

- The Teacher's Book is designed so that you are able to open the spiral-bound book out flat and see the complete lesson plan on a two-page spread.

Look at the left-hand page.

- The left-hand page gives you information needed to prepare for your session.
- There is a Main Idea of the lesson and an age-appropriate Focus for the Child.
- Things to Prepare is a list of things you need to do before the children arrive. You Will Need is a list of things to have on hand as you lead the session.

What other features do you see in the lesson information?

Now take a look at the right-hand page.

- The right-hand page is the lesson plan. These are the things you do with the children.
- In each session, there is an Enrichment activity that can be used anytime during the session. A compilation of all the Enrichment activities for the quarter is found in the resource pages in the back pocket of the Teacher's Book.

How is the lesson plan organized?

Turn the page.

- The next two-page spread is the Bible story and the Bible story picture.
- The Teacher's Book is designed with spiral binding so that you can turn the book back on itself and hold it up to show the children the picture while you read the Bible story on the page facing you.
- The Bible story is scripted and meant to be read "as is." It is adapted from Scripture with young children in mind.
- The *Wee Believe* Bible Storyteller Bag is used in each session during Bible Story. The Things to Prepare list shows you what to put in the Bible Storyteller Bag. As the quarter progresses, the children learn that the Bible and other surprises are in your Bible Storyteller Bag.

Look at the resource pages found in the back pocket of the Teacher's Book.

- "What's the Buzz?" (Toddler) and "Believer Buddies' Blog" (Preschool) are Web sites for parents and caregivers to learn about what their children did during each session.
- Teachers use this resource and customize and photocopy it for each session to give to parents and caregivers.

What other resources are found in the back pocket of the Teacher's Book?

Make connections.

How would Wee Believe Toddler and Preschool curriculum be used in your congregation's early childhood education program?

What do you see in the Wee Believe Toddler and Preschool curriculum that you really like?

Order *Wee Believe* Toddler and *Wee Believe* Preschool curriculum.

Beginning Fall 2009: [Insert product numbers for Fall Toddler, Fall Preschool, and *Wee Believe* Bible Storyteller Bag.]

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