

CHARIS KIDS Curriculum

For ages 8-12
Plus activities for
younger and older kids!

QUARTER 1
WHO IS GOD?

QUARTER 2
WHO IS JESUS?

QUARTER 3
WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

QUARTER 4
WHO ARE YOU?

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What Makes Charis Kids Curriculum Unique?

We want children to be grounded in the Word of God and know biblical doctrines. Most children's curriculum focuses on character traits. When children don't learn biblical truth, they may exhibit good character but don't understand their need for a Savior or the power and authority Jesus gives His followers. There is no junior-size salvation or Holy Spirit, so we believe in teaching about the gifts and encouraging children to use these gifts and to tell others about Jesus.

Charis Kid's Curriculum engages creativity to teach children the practical life-skill of creative thinking that is Spirit-led, so we will raise up a generation of world changers who step in and bring God into the solution of any problem in life.

Charis Kids Curriculum values children using their Bibles to learn truth! Children will learn to find answers to life in the Bible, as well as answers to fun games and puzzles from the lesson. As children regularly use their Bibles, they will learn to treasure and love God's Word.

Your *free* lessons include:

- Teacher text in **bold**
- Questions with (answers).
- Memory verse with a fun activity
- Object lesson or engaging activity to prepare for the lesson
- Bible lesson using multiple scriptures
- Game, discussion, and craft to enhance the lesson
- Worksheet to be done in class or sent home
- Biblical worldview connection
- Missions connection
- Family connection ideas for further learning together

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How To Use Charis Kids Curriculum:

Thank you for understanding the importance of teaching children sound biblical doctrine through relevant, engaging, and powerful lessons. Please take time to read through each section to understand the reasoning behind and the importance of each lesson component. These lessons are designed to be highly adaptable for use with a small group or a large group of children, as well as in the home.

Lesson Components:

- **Key Focus**: Each lesson clearly defines the objective and states what the children will learn through each section of the lesson. Continually reinforce the key focus during the lesson.

- **Scriptures**: All references are listed in the order of their appearance in the lesson. NKJV is used in all lessons.

- **Materials Needed and Prep**: Items are listed in the order of their appearance in the lesson. The optional materials correspond to the Ideas for Working with Younger/Older Children sections. The majority of items are common and do not require a special purchase. For items such as playdough, look online for a recipe and make a large batch.

- **Intro Activity**: This warm-up activity will help you engage with the children and build interest in the lesson's focus. The children will have the opportunity to participate and show prior knowledge of the topic that you can build upon throughout the lesson.

- **Memory Verse**: Each verse is quoted in the New King James Version. If you use a different version, please note that some activities and worksheets will differ in specific wording. You might want to provide Bible highlighters and help the children mark each memory verse in their Bibles. Encourage the children to review the verses on their own and be excited about how much of God's Word they are putting in their hearts and minds.

- **Memory Verse Activity**: Each week, use a projector or handwrite the verse on a whiteboard. You might wish to create a wall with mini posters of each verse to be seen and reviewed throughout the year. Take time to explain the verse's connection with the lesson. Each lesson suggests a fun way to practice the verse. Depending on your classroom size and group of children, feel free to adapt or reuse popular activities.

- **Bible Story**: Depending on your group, you may want the children to look up the references and follow along or read aloud. This curriculum encourages children to bring their Bibles and use them to cultivate a love for God's Word.

  The Bible Story is broken up with questions. These questions are designed to ensure that the children are grasping what the scriptures say. If the children aren't understanding, reread a section or rephrase it. Each verse is important to build understanding.

  Please note: Text within each section of the lesson in **bold** type is to be read aloud by the teacher.

- **Bible Story Questions**: These questions range from simple recall to processing the information and then applying what they have learned to their lives. If you are able to break into small groups with a helper, this will be beneficial to allow each child to participate and verify that they understand what was taught.

- **Bible Story Activity**: Most activities are designed for a large open area to allow the children to move around as they engage with the key focus in a fun activity. You may wish to go outside or move chairs or tables to create an open space.

- **Ideas for Working with Younger Children**: These activities are designed for preschool–Kindergarten age youngsters. Whenever possible, supplement with children's songs and fingerplays that apply to the lesson focus. Look online for children's songs or Bible stories that match the lesson topics.

- **Ideas for Working with Older Children**: These activities are designed for older elementary–middle school age. This age group benefits from small group time where they can build good relationships and accountability. Encourage Bible study and knowing the books of the Bible. Have Bible highlighters available. Share the depth of God's Word to answer the questions young people have and help them develop a love for truth found in scriptures.

- **Worksheet**: The worksheets are optional and could be emailed or printed and sent to do at home. Many of these activities involve looking up Bible verses and reviewing concepts learned in the lesson. There is a BONUS activity the children can do on the back of their papers. Be sensitive to children's reading levels and always ask volunteers to read. It is a good habit to read the entire page aloud, and then have the children do the activity. Allow children to work together in pairs or small groups to help with different learning abilities and to build friendships.

- **Declaration**: The teacher leads the children to repeat these statements. When children make these declarations aloud, they affirm what God says and speak life to their situations. Review these with the children to help solidify the concepts that can help them be overcomers throughout their lives.

- **Biblical Worldview Tie-In**: Everyone has a worldview, but many children are being influenced more by media and peers than by the Bible. This section of the lesson is designed to teach the importance of knowing and believing God's Word so they can filter everything through what God says. Work the concepts presented into the lesson as often as possible. A biblical worldview needs to be shared because truth sets people free.

- **Missions Tie-In**: God's heart is for everyone, everywhere to know Him and worship Him. Typically, people view the topic of missions as missionaries going to foreign countries. The Great Commission (Matthew 28:19–20, Mark 16:15–18, Luke 24:47, John 20:21–23, Acts 1:8) does not have an age requirement. When children say "yes" to Jesus forgiving their sins, they have the same job as adults—to go and make disciples. This section of the lesson helps reinforce that the children's mission field is everywhere their feet take them. They may not physically travel around the world, but they can begin to cultivate a habit of praying for people to learn about Jesus and the free gift of salvation. If your church sponsors missionaries, you might want to read their newsletters and have the children pray for their specific needs. Also, if missionaries are in town, invite them to share with the children.

- **Family Connection**: These ideas could be shared in a parent newsletter email. Engage the parents so the learning continues throughout the week and the concepts are reviewed daily. The partnership between church and home will help ensure that these biblical concepts get rooted and grounded into the hearts and minds of the children. You might want to consider emailing the curriculum to homeschool families to use during the week to review and build on what the children learn at church. Encourage homeschool families to use this as their Bible curriculum.

- **Prayer Points**: This section shows various ways to teach prayer principles and turn scripture and lesson elements into prayer points. By consistently modeling praying aloud, you can help foster an atmosphere where the children feel comfortable praying. Some children benefit from repeating each line of a prayer. Focus on beginning the prayer to God the Father and ending by showing we believe our prayer will be heard and answered through the power of Jesus' name. Create an atmosphere where children eagerly engage in talking to their Father in heaven because they love having a relationship with Him.

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