

Overview of the Praise Factory Curriculum

10 Key Facts about the 3 Praise Factory Curriculums

<p>1. SAME BIBLICAL THEMES</p>	<p>The Praise Factory is a family of three, inter-related curriculums:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hide 'n' Seek Kids (focus group: ages 2-4; adaptable range: ages 2-pre-K 5's) • Deep Down Detectives (focus group: ages 4--6's; adaptable range: ages 3-2nd grade) • PFI: (focus group: grades K-5th grade; adaptable range: pre-K 5's-6th grade) <p>Each curriculum teaches the same sixteen, biblical themes.</p>
<p>2. SIXTEEN UNITS, SIXTEEN BIG QUESTIONS</p>	<p>The sixteen, biblical themes form the sixteen units within each curriculum. The theme of each unit is presented as a Big Question (and Answer) about God and His Truth, as revealed in the Bible.</p>
<p>3. DIFFERENT AMOUNTS OF DEPTH</p>	<p>While all three curriculums use the same units and biblical themes, each offers a different amount of depth to suit the very different developmental needs of preschoolers and elementary school age children.</p> <p>Hide 'n' Seek Kids presents the 16 themes as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 Bible Truths, • each with 1 Bible story <p>Deep Down Detectives provides more depth by presenting the 16 themes as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 units made up of • 69 Bible truths, • each with 1 Bible story <p>Praise Factory Investigators provides the most depth by presenting the 16 themes as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 units made up of • 104 Bible truths, • each with 3 stories, an Old Testament, New Testament and Story of the Saints (church history or missions story).

**4. SEEKING
MASTERY,
NOT JUST
EXPOSURE TO
CONCEPTS**

The Praise Factory curriculums seek not just to **INTRODUCE** children to key, biblical concepts, but to present them in such a way as to help them **REMEMBER** the concepts.

Ideas are reinforced **WITHIN** each lesson by use of activities that reinforce.

Ideas are reinforced **OVER A NUMBER** of lessons by repetition.

In Hide 'n' Seek Kids,

- 5 lessons of curriculum are included
- for each of the 16 Bible themes,
- the same Bible story used for all 5 lessons. (i.e., 16 stories in all)

Yes, that's right... the same truth and Bible story for 5 lessons, but with different reinforcement activities. Instead of getting bored, these little 2 and 3 year olds love the opportunity to hear the same story again. How many times do children this age bring you the same book to read over again? This is applying this same approach to the classroom. You don't have to do all five lessons, but we find that it takes this many for the truth to stick with these little ones.

In Deep Down Detectives,

- 3 lessons of curriculum are included
- for each of the 69 truths
- that make up the 16 Bible themes,
- the same Bible story used for all 3 lessons. (i.e., 69 stories in all)

That's three lessons on the same truth and using the same Bible story. Again, the curriculum provides different reinforcement activities each lesson to provide variety. These children are older and need less repetition to remember their Bible truths. Here at CHBC, we use two or three of the lessons with our 4 and 5 year olds. This is our target group for this curriculum and we have built it to provide the appropriate amount of repetition for them. If using the curriculum with older, K-5, 6 and 7 year olds, (which have also done sometimes), you would use only one or maybe two of the lessons per Bible truth. Again, the curriculum is written so you can do as few or as many of the three lessons and you want.

In Praise Factory Investigators,

- 3 lessons of curriculum,
- each with a different story (an Old Testament, New Testament and Story of the Saints--church history or missions story) are included
- for each of the 104 truths,
- that make up the 16 Bible themes. (i.e., 312 stories in all)

There are three lessons which all reinforce the same Bible truth, but present a different story each lesson that reflects it. This provides the repetition that elementary age children, but also their readiness for something new with each lesson.

<p>5. CONDUITS OF TRUTH: IMPORTANT REINFORCEMENT THROUGH ENJOYABLE ACTIVITIES</p>	<p>A conduit of truth activity is one that uses the enjoyable-ness of the activity to fill the children with the important truths of your lesson. There are a wide variety of activities included with each lesson, including a craft, multiple games, songs, sheet music and audio, snacks (only PFI) and drama activities (only PFI). All of these are designed to be conduits of truth to make the most of your time with the children.</p> <p>You can use them all or pick just a few. The curriculum is very flexible.</p> <p>The large number of activities available with every lesson makes the Praise Factory curriculums a good choice even for Vacation Bible School.</p>
<p>6. DOWNLOADS OR HARD COPIES</p>	<p>Everything is available for download at the Praise Factory website or you can order hard copies.</p>
<p>7. TONS OF MUSIC</p>	<p>Every Big Question and all the Bible verses are set to music. These songs are also available for download. What makes this music different it that it is directly related to each lesson. Your kids are listening to what you are teaching in class and through the power of music, are far more likely to retain it.</p>
<p>8. NIV 1984 AND ESV VERSIONS</p>	<p>The curriculum is currently available in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIV 1984 (the Bible version used for the 1st edition of the curriculum) and • a (largely) ESV version <p>The only difference between the two versions (besides the translation used, of course) is that ALL of the songs for the ESV version were recorded in studio.</p> <p>The older, NIV 1984 Bible verse songs were done in our church worship hall in less professional quality.</p> <p>And in case you're wondering...The reason the ESV version isn't exclusively ESV is that sometimes I felt the translation of particular verses was too confusing for the children. In those cases, I chose the HCSB (Holman Christian Standard Bible) and in a last resort, kept the original NIV 1984 text.</p>
<p>9. A WORK IN PROGRESS</p>	<p>About 50% of PFI is available at this point. (PFI units 1,4,5,6,7,8,10,11 and 12. This is three years of curriculum. Units do NOT have to be used in order.) Hide 'n' Seek Kids and Deep Down Detectives are next in line to be added. Then, Lord willing, the rest of PFI. Need more curriculum now for preschoolers? Go to praisefactory.org for full curriculum for the predecessors of Hide 'n' Seek Kids and Deep Down Detectives (i.e. Teach, Take & Tell and Big Questions & Answers for little people). The old versions aren't as pretty, but there's a lot of good material that can keep you going until all of the new versions are available on the praisefactory.org website.</p>
<p>10. PRICING</p>	<p>The curriculum is as cheap as possible. I think you will find the hard copies significantly lower than any other curriculum on the market. Currently, the downloads are free.</p>