



## What's ahead for the Gather 'Round curriculum?

*Gather 'Round will continue to provide curriculum for Preschool, Primary, Middler, Multi-age, Junior Youth, and Youth age levels. Here's a quick glance at updates and **changes** beginning with Fall 2010 Gather 'Round materials.*

### New Bible outline

- With Fall 2010, the Gather 'Round curriculum begins a fresh four-year cycle through the Bible. (Find details at [www.gatherround.org/bibleoutlines.html](http://www.gatherround.org/bibleoutlines.html).)
- The Bible outline for 2010-2014 includes many new stories, as well as fresh looks at familiar stories.
- Summers include a new quarter on God's Good Creation and entirely new Bible characters featured in "Stories of God's People."

### Revised session plans for all age levels

- Session layouts in the teacher's guides have been given a fresh new look—redesigned with busy teachers in mind.
- Youth session plans offer more options for group discussion of Bible stories and their application to high-schoolers' everyday lives.

### Preschool

- Each session of the Preschool student book *My Bible Storybook* includes a take-home feature.

### Multiage level

- Teachers will continue to use the Multiage teacher's guide and resource pack.
- For fall, winter, and spring, congregations may order either the Primary (*Good News Reader*) or Middler (*Grow*) student books, or a combination of each, depending on the ages of the children in their Multiage groups. The Multiage teacher's guide makes it easy to have younger children use *Good News Reader* and older children use *Grow* at the same time.
- In the summer, a Multiage student book, *Together*, will be offered.

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## **New Talkabout format**

- Beginning Fall 2010, the Talkabout will be provided in a new format and churches will save money by ordering only one Talkabout for their whole congregation. (Note: the original format—purchased one per family—will no longer be produced. There is no Talkabout provided for Summer 2010.)
- Congregations may either purchase a Talkabout CD for \$24.95 USD, \$28.69 CAD, or download the Talkabout content online for \$21.95 USD, \$24.09 CAD. Each quarter's Talkabout will include several files in Word or PDF, with instructions to the church contact person about how to share them with families—and instructions to families about how to use them at home.
- The new Talkabout includes creative suggestions to help parents and caregivers talk about faith at home with their children—with discussion and activity ideas, scripture verses, prayers, trivia and more based on Gather 'Round's weekly Bible stories and themes. Each Talkabout also includes bonus material for congregations and families.
- Talkabout files may be e-mailed directly to parents, printed for distribution to families, or reprinted in church bulletins and newsletters. The goal of the Talkabout continues to be to foster strong church-home connections, and to guide and inspire parents to talk about faith with their children at home

## **Parent/Caregiver guide discontinued**

- The parent/caregiver guide, *Connect*, will no longer be produced. Congregations are encouraged to provide parents and caregivers with the Talkabout materials each quarter. These materials are produced especially for families, and are an integral part of the Gather 'Round curriculum plan.
- In addition to the content listed above, each Talkabout also includes a Bible commentary article on the Gather 'Round quarterly theme, with questions for reflection geared to adults.

## **Gather 'Round Handbook out of print**

- As of Fall 2010, the Handbook will no longer be available.

**Watch [www.gatherround.org](http://www.gatherround.org) for free sample sessions, sample files from the new Talkabout, the 2010-2011 Bible outline, a Fall 2010 order form, and more coming soon!**