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Sola Publishing: "Sunday



Schoolhouse" Curriculum

The Sunday Schoolhouse Series

Sola Publishing's *Sunday Schoolhouse* series is a flexible Sunday School curriculum focusing on the priority of God's Word. The emphasis in the series is on teaching Bible stories, with multiple presentations of the story built in to each lesson. The "one room schoolhouse" approach allows for children of varying ages and grade levels to meet together. The *Sunday Schoolhouse* series is designed with the particular needs of small churches, mission congregations, and house churches in mind.



The philosophy underlying the *Sunday Schoolhouse* series is that the primary purpose of Sunday School is to introduce children to the stories of Scripture. Each session in the basic **Bible Story Lesson Book** of the *Sunday Schoolhouse* series offers at least three different ways to tell the same Bible story. This repetition is intentional. It not only allows for the children to approach the stories through different learning styles, it keeps the focus on God's Word.

The series as a whole is based on a three-year cycle, with a full Bible overview each year. Each year features four units of seven sessions each: two on stories from the Old Testament and two on stories from the New Testament. The years are color-coded as follows:

Blue Year

Red Year

Green Year

Each year is a full Bible overview; it is not based on the lectionary calendar.

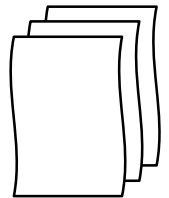
The pattern for each year includes stories from each of the basic time periods covered by the Old and New Testaments.

The Program Leader's Manual

The program **Leader's Manual** provides an overview of the whole *Sunday Schoolhouse* series. In addition to laying out the structure of a Sunday School program for pastors, coordinators and superintendents, it contains basic information for teachers and helpers on: using the curricula, conducting class sessions, and creating a disciplined teaching environment. It also includes a number of ideas on incorporating into the classroom: storytelling, drama, memory work, and creative activities. The single Leader's Manual applies to all three years in the series.

Photocopy Permission

Purchase of a book in *Sunday Schoolhouse* series includes permission to photocopy the reproducible resources in that book, including stories, dramas, and picture pages, as well as worksheets and handouts. Teachers, leaders, and parents are free to choose which reproducible sheets to use within the time limits of their class schedule and the capabilities of their students.



Free Activities on Our Website

To go along with the *Sunday Schoolhouse* series, a number of additional free resources are posted on our blog "Sola Publishing - Table Talks" at:

<http://www.solapublishing.org>

Weekly activities, suggestions, and other free resources are provided as support to congregations and teachers using this curriculum. Go to the menu tab marked "Free Sola Resources" and look under the heading for Sunday School. New activities are added regularly.

“Sunday Schoolhouse” Series — Three Year Lesson Cycle

BLUE YEAR (A)

RED YEAR (B)

GREEN YEAR (C)

UNIT 1

OLD TESTAMENT (Stories from the Beginning)

1) Creation	Adam & Eve’s Temptation Genesis 3:1-21 <i>Consequences</i>	Creation of Humans & Animals Genesis 2:4-25 <i>Together</i>	Days of Creation Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a <i>Creation</i>
2) Prehistory	The Tower of Babel Genesis 11:1-9 <i>Pride</i>	Cain & Abel Genesis 4:1-16 <i>Anger</i>	Noah and the Ark Genesis 6-7 <i>Trust</i>
3) Ancestors	Jacob Tricks His Father Isaac Genesis 27:1-45 <i>Deception</i>	Abraham & Sarah Promised a Child Genesis 18:1-15 <i>Promise</i>	Joseph’s Brothers are Jealous Genesis 37:1-35 <i>Envy</i>
4) Slavery	Joseph and the Dreams in Prison Genesis 40:1-23 <i>Explanation</i>	Joseph Explains Pharaoh’s Dreams Genesis 41:1-45 <i>Preparation</i>	Joseph Forgives his Brothers Genesis 45:1-20 <i>Forgiveness</i>
5) Exodus	The Parting of the Red Sea Exodus 14:1-31 <i>Salvation</i>	Moses and the Burning Bush Exodus 3:1-20 <i>Identity</i>	Baby Moses in the Basket Exodus 1:8 - 2:10 <i>Protection</i>
6) Wilderness	Commandments & Golden Calf Exodus 32:1-24 <i>Idolatry</i>	Moses and the Bronze Serpent Numbers 21:4-9 <i>Complaint</i>	Water from the Rock Exodus 17:1-7 <i>Providence</i>
7) Conquest	Joshua and the Walls of Jericho Joshua 6:1-21 <i>Victory</i>	Rahab and the Spies at Jericho Joshua 2:1-24 <i>Safety</i>	Crossing the Jordan Joshua 3:1-17 <i>Remembrance</i>

UNIT 2

OLD TESTAMENT (Stories of Prophets and Kings)

1) Judges	Ruth Cares for Naomi Ruth 1:1-18 <i>Love</i>	Gideon and the Jars and Torches Judges 7:1-23 <i>Grace</i>	Samson Knocks Down the Walls Judges 16:4-31 <i>Endurance</i>
2) Monarchy	David Fights Goliath 1 Samuel 17:1-49 <i>Courage</i>	David is Anointed as King 1 Samuel 16:1-13 <i>Election</i>	Solomon Asks for Wisdom 1 Kings 3:3-15 <i>Wisdom</i>
3) Division	Elijah is Taken Up into Heaven 2 Kings 2:1-14 <i>Loyalty</i>	Elijah Challenges the Priests of Baal 1 Kings 18:17-40 <i>Faith</i>	Elijah & the Widow of Zarephath 1 Kings 17:1-16 <i>Sharing</i>
4) Prophets	Isaiah’s Vision of God’s Throne Isaiah 6:1-13 <i>Calling</i>	Jonah Flees from God’s Calling Jonah 1 & 2 <i>Message</i>	Jeremiah: Potter and the Clay Jeremiah 18:1-11 <i>Warning</i>
5) Exile	Daniel in the Lion’s Den Daniel 6:1-28 <i>Persistence</i>	The Fiery Furnace Daniel 3:1-30 <i>Resistance</i>	Handwriting on the Wall Daniel 5:1-30 <i>Judgment</i>
6) Return	Esther’s Brave Decision Esther 4:1-17 <i>Decision</i>	Nehemiah Rebuilds Jerusalem Nehemiah 4:1-23 <i>Responsibility</i>	Ezekiel’s Vision of the Dry Bones Ezekiel 37:1-14 <i>Resurrection</i>
7) Writings	Praise the Lord! Psalm 150 <i>Worship</i>	The Lord is My Shepherd Psalm 23 <i>Comfort</i>	Job’s Suffering Job 1 & 2 <i>Suffering</i>

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UNIT 3

NEW TESTAMENT (Stories from Jesus’ Life)

1) Beginnings	Boy Jesus in the Temple Luke 2:41-52 <i>Purpose</i>	John the Baptist Points to Jesus John 1:19-34 <i>Preparedness</i>	Jesus’ Temptation by the Devil Matthew 4:1-11 <i>Resistance</i>
2) Discipleship	Jesus Calls Matthew Matthew 9:9-13 <i>Repentance</i>	Mary Listens to Jesus Luke 10:38-41 <i>Priorities</i>	Jesus Calls a Fisherman, Peter Luke 5:1-11 <i>Discipleship</i>
3) Parables	Parable of the Forgiving Father Luke 15:11-32 <i>Forgiveness</i>	Parable of the Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37 <i>Compassion</i>	Parable of the Seeds and Soils Matthew 13:1-23 <i>Adversity</i>
4) Miracles	Peter Tries to Walk on Water Matthew 14:22-33 <i>Salvation</i>	Lazarus is Raised from the Dead John 11:17-44 <i>Confidence</i>	Jesus Raises Jairus’ Daughter Luke 8:40-56 <i>Hope</i>
5) Arrest	Peter Denies Jesus Three Times Luke 22:47-62 <i>Denial</i>	Judas Betrays Jesus in the Garden John 18:1-14 <i>Betrayal</i>	Mary Anoints Jesus Feet John 12:1-8 <i>Generosity</i>
6) Crucifixion	Pilate Has Jesus Crucified John 19:13-30 <i>Suffering</i>	The Thief Repents on the Cross Luke 23:32-43 <i>Contrition</i>	Simon Carries Jesus’ Cross Luke 23:13-34 <i>Obligation</i>
7) Resurrection	Mary Encounters the Risen Jesus John 20:11-18 <i>Promise</i>	The Resurrection Matthew 28:1-15 <i>Fulfillment</i>	The Road to Emmaus Luke 24:13-35 <i>Surprise</i>

UNIT 4

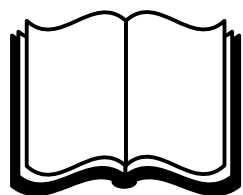
NEW TESTAMENT (Stories from Acts and the Letters)

1) Commission	Witnesses for Jesus Luke 24:36-53 <i>Witnessing</i>	Jesus Appears by the Sea John 21:1-19 <i>Sending</i>	Jesus Sends Out His Disciples Matthew 28:16-20 <i>Evangelism</i>
2) Power	The Spirit Comes at Pentecost Acts 2:1-21 <i>Spirit</i>	Peter & John Heal a Lame Man Acts 3:1-16 <i>Power</i>	Jesus Ascends into Heaven Acts 1:1-14 <i>Glory</i>
3) Service	Barnabas Gives, Ananias Lies Acts 4:32 – 5:11 <i>Honesty</i>	Deacons are Chosen to Serve Acts 6:1-15 <i>Integrity</i>	Tabitha is Raised Acts 9:36-43 <i>Compassion</i>
4) Conversion	A Slave-girl & Jailer are Set Free Acts 16:16-34 <i>Release</i>	Paul on the Road to Damascus Acts 9:1-31 <i>Transformation</i>	Paul in Athens Acts 17:16-34 <i>Instruction</i>
5) Mission	Demetrius Stirs Up Trouble Acts 19:23-41 <i>Rejection</i>	Lydia Hosts the Apostles Acts 16:1-15 <i>Hospitality</i>	Paul is Shipwrecked Acts 27:13-28:10 <i>Deliverance</i>
6) Letters	Paul Asks Philemon to Forgive Philemon 1 <i>Reconciliation</i>	Timothy Learns How to Be a Leader 1 Timothy 4:6-16 <i>Leadership</i>	Letter from an Eyewitness 2 Peter 1:1-21 <i>Remembrance</i>
7) Revelation	John’s Vision of New Jerusalem Revelation 21:1-4 <i>Hope</i>	Multitudes Before the Throne Revelation 5:1-14 <i>Praise</i>	Resurrection Day Revelation 20:11-15 <i>Fulfillment</i>



What’s in a *Bible Story Lesson Book*?

The primary volume in each installment of the *Sunday Schoolhouse* series is the **Bible Story Lesson Book**. This seven-session classroom resource book contains the core materials needed for leading a Sunday School class. In keeping with the “one room” audience, the resources provided are suited to various age levels – from simple coloring pages and worksheets to interactive dramas. For each lesson, there are four consistent pages included:



1 Story Page

The first page in each lesson contains a number of sections, focusing on the story and theme:

- a. **Vital Statistics:** The top section of each page lists the story title, Scripture basis and Testament, along with the more specific section (or Bible time period) from which the lesson comes.
- b. **Bible Story:** The main column of the page features a traditional “Bible Story” version of the Scripture text in vocabulary suited for elementary-aged children.
- c. **Theme Word:** At the top of each sheet is a box containing a “theme word” from the lesson. This is intended not only to help children learn a new word, but to get a handle on the main topic being addressed.
- d. **Bible Rhyme:** Each Bible story has also been translated into a short rhyming poem, especially suited to young children. It may be used as simple song lyrics or as an aid in remembering the action of the story.
- e. **Listening to God’s Word:** Each lesson includes two standard discussion questions that are meant to identify how Law and Gospel are at work on students through the Scriptures.
- f. **Prayer:** The story page concludes with a prayer based on the theme of the session. This may be used as an opening or closing prayer for the class session.

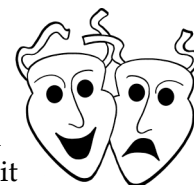


2 Picture Page

Each lesson includes a Picture Page illustrating the Bible story covered in the lesson. It can be displayed as the story is read and also used as a coloring page worksheet.

3 Drama Page

The third written version of each story in the *Lesson Book* is in the form of a Bible Drama. This one-page skit allows older children to read the story in parts; it also provides teachers of younger students with a puppet script for use in class.



4 Worksheet Page

A classroom worksheet for each lesson is included for use with varied ages. The Worksheet Page is aimed at a general elementary-aged audience; most of the worksheets allow students to work on either an easier or a harder level.

What’s NOT in the *Lesson Book*?

Unlike many children’s curricula on the market, the materials in the *Sunday Schoolhouse* series are designed to focus on the stories of Scripture, rather than on “crafts and candy.” Teachers are welcome to add activities and classroom projects to the foundation of the Bible lesson, but are encouraged to keep God’s Word central.