



Grace Link

Sabbath School Program for Children

A Leadership Certification Course #1



WHY DO WE NEED A NEW CURRICULUM?

- **Children have not understood God's grace**
- **More than 50% young people leave the church**
- **We understand more now about how children learn and how we teach**
- **Children are living in a different world with many distractions**

Beginners



Bible Study Guide

Third Quarter
B

**GraceLink
Sabbath
School
material**

**0 - 14
years**

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PRIMARY

Sample Copy

- Primary Bible Study Guide
- Leader/Teacher Guide
- FAQs
- Ordering Information



First Quarter

Year B

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FOUR DYNAMICS OF GRACELINK



- *Grace*
- *Worship*
- *Community*
- *Service*



Spiritual Dynamics

GRACE: Jesus loves me

COMMUNITY:
We love each other

SERVICE:
**Jesus loves you,
too**

WORSHIP: I love Jesus

Total Christian Faith Learning

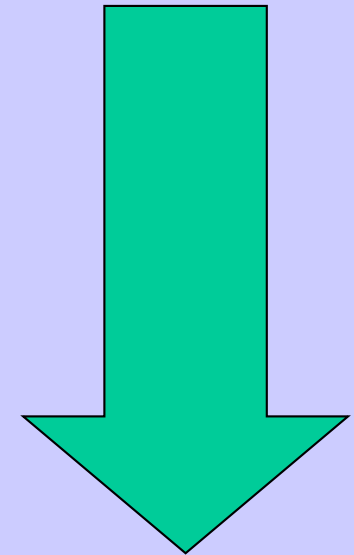


Spiritual Dynamics

GRACE

Jesus Loves Me

Comes down from God



- God loved us when we were sinners
- There is nothing at all we can do to earn that favour
- God's grace is enough to cover all our needs

How much Jesus loves us is shown by the fact that He would have come to earth and died for us had we been the only ones on earth who needed His help.

GRACE is what God does for us even though we don't deserve it.

Romans 3.20 "God does not accept people because they obey the law. No indeed! All the Law does is point out sin."

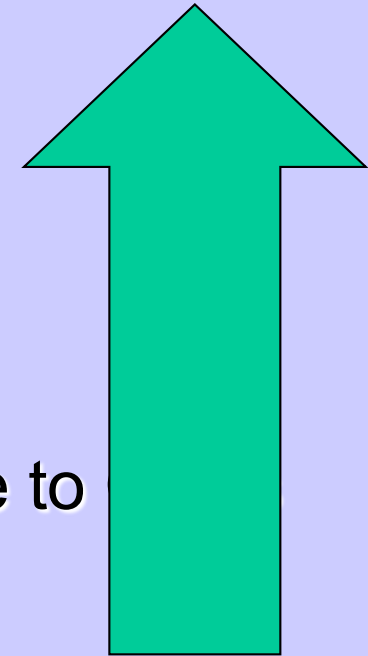


Spiritual Needs

WORSHIP

I Love Jesus

Reaches up to God



WORSHIP is everything we do in response to wonderful gift.

It is:

- Our beliefs, values, and behaviour
- Our praise, prayer and Bible study
- Our decisions about life-style choices: friends, school, church, home, hobbies, sports, entertainment, and more

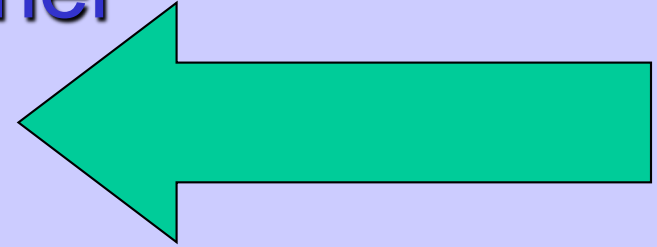
Ephesians 3.20 "I pray that Christ Jesus and the church will forever bring praise to God. His power at work in us can do far more than we dare ask or imagine."



COMMUNITY

We love each other

Reaches inwards



Spiritual Dynamics

COMMUNITY is the church family. We learn to share faith, worship, fellowship, acceptance, trust, involvement and outreach.

Church members can:

- create a community of faith where children's Christian experience can be fully developed
- involve children in religious activities in home and church
- encourage children to explore their own faith and to grow spiritually
- demonstrate to children how they can support their family and community through prayer and acts of kindness.

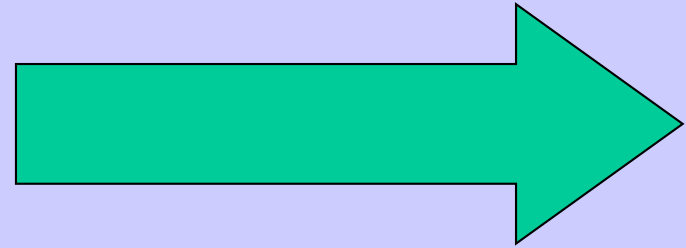
Phillipians 3.20 "But we are citizens of heaven and are eagerly waiting for our Saviour to come from there. Our Lord Jesus Christ"



SERVICE

Jesus Loves You Too

Reaches Outwards



Spiritual Dynamics

SERVICE is how we treat others outside our church. It is another opportunity to respond to what God has done for us.

Church members can:

- model service by extending hospitality and encouraging others
- teach children how to be Christ-like in all their dealings with others
- provide opportunities for young children to serve others so that they will enjoy a lifetime of service for God

Revelation 3.20 "Listen! I am standing and knocking at your door. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and we will eat together."



THE SABBATH SCHOOL PROGRAM

As a result of educational research



- Focuses the entire Sabbath School time on one message from the Bible story.



TOTAL HOUR TEACHING

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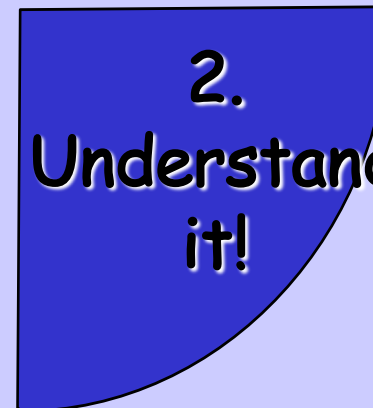
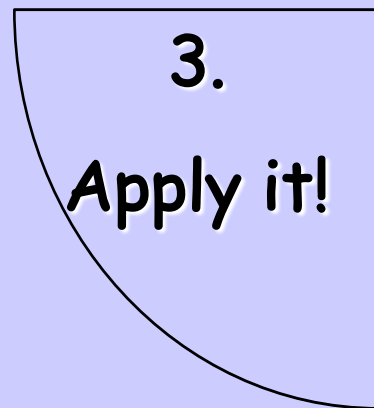
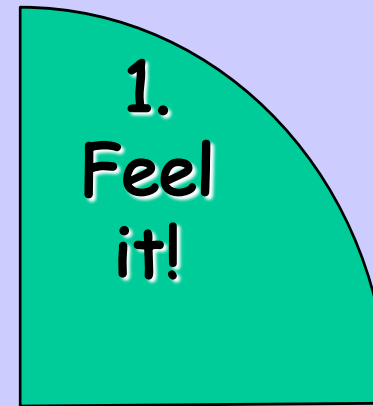
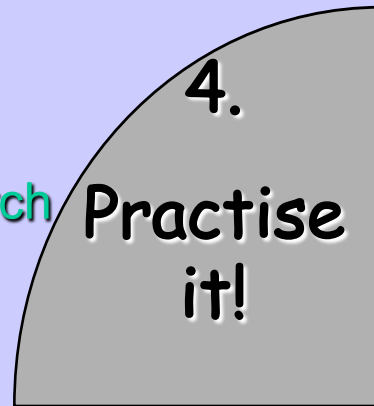


The entire Sabbath School time is a complete learning cycle, teaching and reinforcing the point or message of the lesson.



TOTAL HOUR TEACHING

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- Segment 1
- Segment 2
- Segment 3
- Segment 4



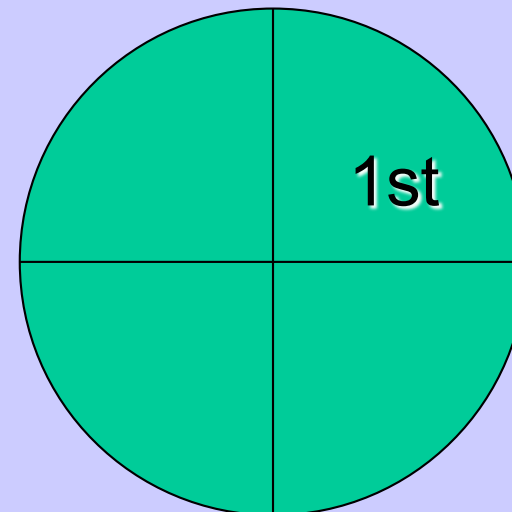
READINESS ACTIVITIES

- The **first** segment of the “hour” involves one or more activities which connect students emotionally with the topic for the lesson. These are known as “Readiness Activities”.

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- This section helps students see **WHY** they should learn the lesson.





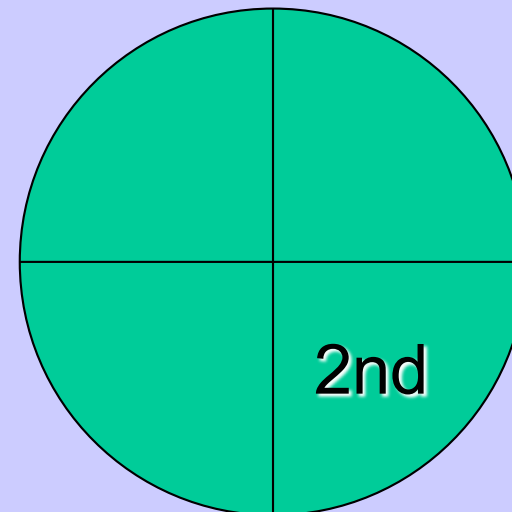
BIBLE STUDY

- The **second** segment is experiencing the Bible story.
- It answers the learning style question:

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What is it I need to learn?





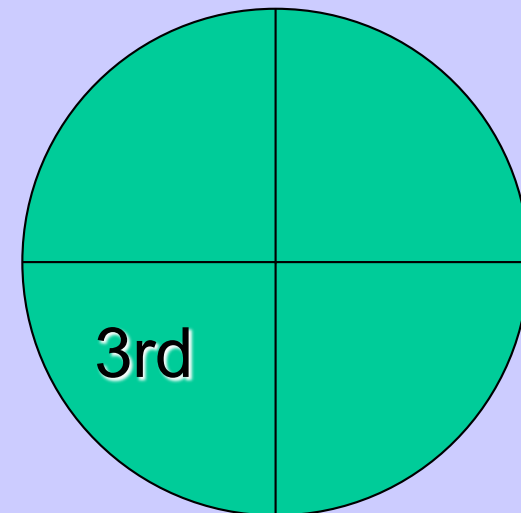
APPLYING THE MESSAGE

- The **third** segment of the total hour puts the message in the context of the children's lives today.

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- It answers the question:

How does this apply to my life?

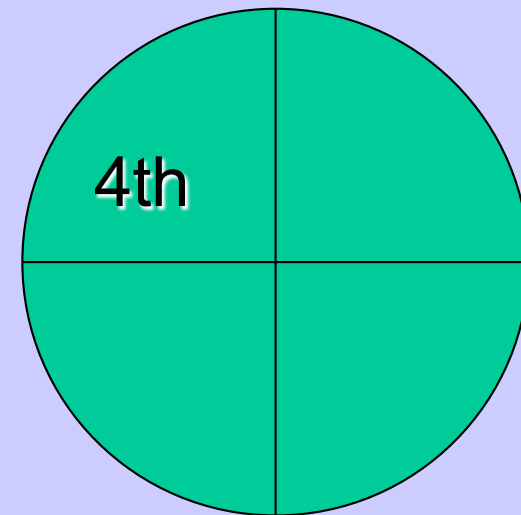




SHARING THE MESSAGE

- The **fourth** segment of the hour deals with what the student can do with the newly learned concept to bless others in the coming week.
- **What if ... ?** is the typical learning style question.

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PRAYER & PRAISE

- This important part of Sabbath School - mission story, offering, singing & prayer can be fitted into the program wherever the leader feels it will work best.
- It is recommended that the Sabbath School hour begin with the readiness activities.

