

Concordia's Sunday School Summary of Changes

Beginning with the Fall 2015 materials, you will notice some changes to Concordia's Sunday School materials. Some impact both programs, while others only impact either *Growing in Christ* or *Cross Explorations*.

Growing in Christ and *Cross Explorations*

Lessons have been updated and reorganized into themed quarters. The 3-year scope and sequence contains 4 Old Testament quarters and 5 New Testament quarters that cover 117 major Bible stories.



What does this mean?

- **Chronological lessons.** Bible stories are presented in chronological order to provide a solid foundation of Bible knowledge that shows how God's plan of salvation is woven throughout the Old and New Testaments.
- **Undated lessons.** A usage date has been removed from lessons to allow for maximum flexibility.
- **New approach to Church Year and seasonal connections.** These references have been removed from individual lessons, and incorporated into two new products:

Church Year Connections

This annual resource provides a weekly object lesson or children's message, seasonal songs and hymn suggestions, select music recordings, slide shows, teacher talk, seasonal prayers, devotions, and more. The content will be tied to the three-year lectionary found in *Lutheran Service Book*.

Church Year Worship Kit

This kit features a booklet with Church Year teaching suggestions, activity suggestions, and reproducible patterns for younger children. The kit also includes posters, including a classroom altar with seasonal paraments, the Lord's Prayer and Luther's Morning Prayer, and a CD that includes songs and hymns of the Church Year.

- **Bible Story poster sets.** These popular posters featuring realistic Bible art and a simple retelling of Bible stories have been reorganized to match the themed quarters.

Growing in Christ only

The levels offered in *Growing in Christ* have been reorganized for maximum flexibility:

Early Childhood for Preschool and Kindergarten/Ages 3–5
Lower Elementary for Grades 1–2/Ages 6–8
Upper Elementary for Grades 3–5/Ages 8–11
Middle School for Grades 6–8/Ages 11–14
High School for Grades 9–12/Ages 14–18
Adult Bible Study
Director

Cross Explorations only

The Director Handbook content has been expanded, and the format transitioned from a printed book to a CD-ROM.

