

iBELIEVE Curriculum by Dian Layton
“BUILDING TRUTH INTO THE LIVES OF CHILDREN”
A 52 Week Children’s Church Adventure

It is so important for children to know what they believe, why they believe, and how to share that belief with others. This curriculum is about equipping kids for life; it is about building faith foundation line upon line, week after week...in ways that kids enjoy!

Some of what kids will learn in the iBELIEVE curriculum:

- To find their way around the Bible
- How to lead someone to Jesus using Scripture
- How to talk and listen to God
- How to obey and have self-control
- What to do when they are afraid or in trouble

Very fun and upbeat versions of:

- The Apostle’s Creed
- Books of the Bible
- The Beatitudes
- The Ten Commandments
- The Lord’s Prayer
- The Fruit of the Spirit
- 52 Memory Raps and Verses

iBELIEVE THEMES

52 weeks in four 13 week UNITS, plus a “Review Party Sunday” following each UNIT

UNIT #1: ONE MODULE (13 weeks long) THE APOSTLE’S CREED

Kids will learn very fun versions of the Apostle’s Creed and the Books of the Bible plus some main Christian doctrines including:

LESSON #1	THE BIBLE
LESSON #2	THE WORD OF GOD
LESSON #3	GOD THE FATHER
LESSON #4	JESUS
LESSON #5	THE TRINITY
LESSON #6	SALVATION BIRTHDAY PARTY!
LESSON #7	WATER BAPTISM
LESSON #8	THE HOLY SPIRIT

A 4 Week Module about the CHURCH

LESSON #9	THE CHURCH is Where...
LESSON #10	THE CHURCH...Happy To Be There
LESSON #11	THE CHURCH...Giving and Sharing
LESSON #12	THE CHURCH...Communion
LESSON #13	REVIEW PARTY

UNIT #2: THREE MODULES (each is four weeks long)

MODULE #1: THE BE-ATTITUDES

Kids learn the “Be-Attitudes” in 4 weeks and will be able to say which number each one is!

MODULE #2: TROUBLE

Kids learn where to run when they are in trouble, what to do when their heart hurts, and how power-filled their praise is!

MODULE #3: HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is a wonderful GIFT – for everyone, including KIDS! They will learn about some things INSIDE the Gift. (This module is easily adapted for a variety of doctrinal beliefs.)

UNIT #3 THREE MODULES (each is four weeks long)

MODULE #1: WISE BUILDERS

Kids learn that they are like “houses” that need to be built strong. They will learn the importance of obedience and following instructions along with the “Ten Command-Meants” (because God meant it!).

MODULE #2: SELF-CONTROL - THE SAMPLE LESSON IS FROM THIS MODULE

Kids get some great tools to help them control their THOUGHTS, FEELINGS, WORDS and ACTIONS

MODULE #3: FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

The Fruit of the Spirit is exactly that - the Fruit of the *SPIRIT!!* They are **God qualities!** This module focuses on kids LOVING Jesus and learning about His goodness, patience etc - so they will WANT to stay close to Him - and as a result, the Fruit will grow in their lives!

UNIT #4 TWO MODULES (each is six weeks long)

MODULE #1: PRAYER

Kids learn the Lord’s Prayer; they learn that prayer is talking and LISTENING to God. They learn that their prayers are powerful, how to pray with faith and persistence and how to PRAY using GOD’S WORDS.

MODULE #2: EVANGELISM

Kids learn that they are ambassadors and how to share the Good News using 5 colours and Scripture; plus they will have a good understanding of how to keep growing in their faith.

iBELIEVE STRUCTURE

The curriculum is structured in four 13 week units, some consisting of four or six week modules that can be purchased individually.

Every unit includes at least one Party/Review Sunday - which is also a great opportunity for the children to present their songs and verses to the congregation!

Children from Kindergarten through Grade 4 will enjoy the materials. Preschoolers might join in for the singing and memorization and then go to their own class for a simplified lesson and craft. For older children, we suggest involving them - welcoming at the door, helping to lead the singing, verses, creative teachings etc; then giving them their own space for the Small Group time.

The curriculum is written in a Large Group/Small Group format with a 75 minute time frame. Some churches find there is too much content and choose to spread each lesson over two weeks.

All lessons are available as digital downloads (both PDF and Word files so leaders can tweak the lessons) and each lesson includes:

40 Minute Large Group

- Large Group leader guide - with the suggested order and transitions
- Singing and worship (with song MP3s and PowerPoints)
- Memory verses and raps (Memorization is a main factor in this curriculum and weekly review is crucial. Video guides are provided for all the raps and verses.)
- Creative Teachings (Easy/fun/dynamic skits, object lessons and creative sermons; plus some video clip links)
- Response time
- Take Home Pages

35 Minute Small Group - "Word-Prayer-Connect"

WORD

The Bible is our Manual for LIFE and kids need to know how to use it! You will need plenty of copies (enough to share between 2-3 kids) of an easy-to understand version. (Suggestion - perhaps a business leader in your church would be interested in covering this cost. What a great investment!)

PRAYER

Each Small group outline includes a suggested prayer that applies to that day's teaching; some include a prayer activity. Kids grow in confidence in praying out loud; and each child is prayed for, by name, every week.

CONNECT

Each Small Group time includes a themed snack and craft; and often a game or activity. Kids are encouraged to build friendships and include any newcomers each week.

The iBELIEVE Children's Church Adventure is a collection of Dian Layton's teaching treasures that have proved effective for many years; and are now available in easy-to-adapt digital format. The teaching materials are in PDF format AND Word (so they can be tweaked and adapted to your setting).

Each lesson includes:

- Song MP3s and PowerPoints
- Memory verses and raps with video guides
- Creative Teachings (easy/fun/dynamic skits, object lessons and creative sermons; plus some video clip links)
- Large Group Leader Guide
- Small Group Leader Guide - including an interactive lesson review and a themed snack and craft, game or activity
- A Team Email - so your team knows the main scriptures and heart of the upcoming lesson
- Weekly PowerPoint
- Take Home Pages

The price is \$8.00 per week (\$10.00 Canadian)