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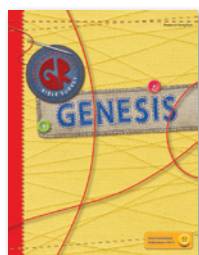
G2R BIBLE SURVEY & G2R GOD'S PROMISES



AS OUR PRETEENS AND TEENS TRANSITION from childhood to adulthood, it's essential that they "grow up into salvation" (1 Pet. 2:2). How will you help them mature in their faith?

Two departments going from Genesis to Revelation are specifically designed to lay a solid foundation for your teens to take ownership of their faith. These studies are sequential; they build on one another. It's essential to have a plan for laying this crucial foundation for every preteen and teen. *G2R Bible Survey* and *G2R God's Promises* are 4 years of Bible studies—208 lessons in all. Adapt as needed to fit your ministry's size and calendar. *And let us know if we can help!*

What are the differences between *G2R Bible Survey* and *G2R God's Promises*?



G2R Bible Survey is an exciting journey through EVERY book of the Bible. At older elementary ages, our kids are beginning to make a lot of connections. They are able to understand chronology and history, and can grasp God's plan through the Bible. They are taking the stories they've heard as children and putting together the ONE big story of God's redemption in Christ. In this series, they connect the dots of the history of God's grace at work in his people, and see how they fit into God's big story.



G2R God's Promises specifically traces the development of God's covenant, beginning with his first promise of a Savior in Genesis 3:15. It does not cover every book of the Bible. Your students will have amazing aha! moments discovering the progressive unfolding of the covenant of grace, culminating in Jesus Christ. Notice the magnifying glass on the cover; students will zoom in on particular people and events central to the covenant of grace. In this age of broken promises and loneliness, think of how amazing it will be for our teens to be reassured that God is trustworthy and that Jesus Christ is our Immanuel, *God with us*.

What age groups do you recommend use *G2R (Genesis to Revelation)*?

G2R Bible Survey is recommended for older elementary ages, 5th–7th grades, and is flexible for 4th–8th. *G2R God's Promises* is best used with students who have a solid foundation of the *who*, *what*, *where*, and *when* of Bible people and events. It builds on students' knowledge of Bible stories and connects them with the scarlet thread of the covenant of grace. The series is flexible for middle school and high school, anywhere from 6th to 11th grades.

Why are these studies important?

The G2R series lays a crucial foundation. Preteens and teens are forming their identities and taking ownership of their faith. They need to grasp God's sovereignty and goodness, and they do this as they discover his redemptive plan in history and his grace in the covenant. They will begin to find their own place in his story and be challenged to claim God's promises for themselves, while directed to Jesus Christ as their Savior, Redeemer, and Friend.

How interactive are these studies?

G2R studies get students in the Word. Leaders are equipped to guide students through the Scriptures, allowing them to discover truths for themselves. Through a variety of interactive methods (games, skits, movement activities, discussion) and creative approaches addressing differing learning styles, your students will engage with God's Word together. Each department also includes devotional tools that are to be used during the week to spend time alone with God in his Word. They can also be used in small-group discipleship settings.

Our children's ministry stops at 5th grade, and we don't meet every week with youth. What do we do?

We know that churches are discipling these age groups in all kinds of different ways—in children's ministry, Sunday school, youth group, and even small groups or discipleship groups. We are here to help you teach these foundational truths before your kids are out on their own. Think of these two departments—*G2R Bible Survey* and *G2R God's Promises*—as tools to adapt to your setting. Get the parents, pastors, and teachers of these age groups together to find a plan that works for your ministry.

These studies are easily adjusted to your ministry calendar and age breakdown. For example, you could use three studies during the school year (39 weeks) and use one as a standalone discipleship group on weeknights or in the summer. Go to www.gcp.org to download master plans for each study and get help on adapting to your setting. Add in *So What? Youth Bible Studies*, and you're giving your covenant kids a solid foundation in the Word, all the way through youth group.

CAN YOU HELP US?

Yes, GCP is always here to train, assist, and guide you in this process. Email us now to set up a coaching session: beth.myers@gcp.org. And remember we are praying for you! "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" (Philippians 1:3–5).

Call **800-695-3387** or email us at curriculumspecialist@gcp.org.



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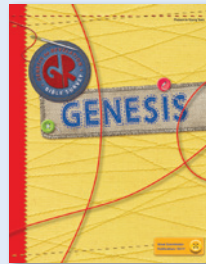
From Genesis to Revelation

A SOLID FOUNDATION



FOUR-YEAR PLAN FOR PRETEENS & TEENS

G2R Bible Survey
8 studies (13 lessons each)



An exciting journey through every book of the Bible



G2R God's Promises
8 studies (13 lessons each)



Amazing Aha! moments discovering God's covenant of grace

start

G2R Bible Survey	Genesis	Exodus-Ruth	1 Samuel-Esther	Job-Malachi	Matthew-John	Acts-Romans	1 Corinthians-Philemon	Hebrews-Revelation
5th or 6th grade	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer				
6th or 7th grade					Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer

next

G2R God's Promises	Genesis-Exodus	Exodus-Joshua	Judges-1 Kings	1 Kings-Malachi	Matthew	Luke	Acts	Romans-Revelation
7th or 8th grade	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer				
8th or 9th grade					Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer

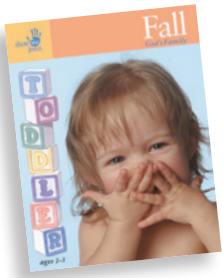
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THE COMPLETE PLAN FOR TEACHING GOD'S COMPLETE WORD



Do you understand your role in the overall scope of Christian education? Do you know how the seven departments of GCP's curriculum fit together? Comparing our plan to a string of beads is a helpful way to see the big picture.

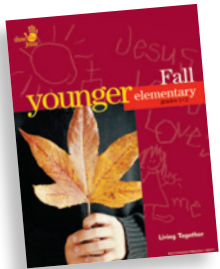


TODDLER AND PRESCHOOL

First you must have beads. In **Toddler** and **Preschool** curriculum, we begin to teach the vocabulary of faith by presenting the Bible stories—the beads. Even children this young are able to put their trust in Christ and understand basic Bible truths.



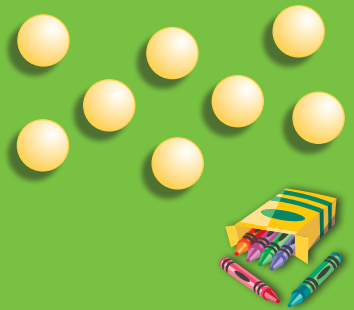
TODDLER & PRESCHOOL *basic components*



YOUNGER ELEMENTARY

In **Younger Elementary**, young children are taught more Bible people and events. As they transition from non-readers to readers, they begin to grasp biblical truths and gain some familiarity with how they relate to one another. Chronology is considered in this department, but it is periodically ignored; children at this age cannot handle it developmentally. They continue to add beads to their repertoire, learning the different kinds of beads and how they relate to each other. This is essential before putting the beads in order.

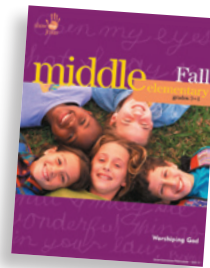
YOUNGER ELEMENTARY *adding to basics*



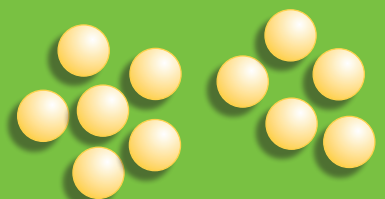
MIDDLE ELEMENTARY

Middle Elementary students are developing skills of conceptual thinking and can discover truths from Scripture through comparing, contrasting, and analyzing. Because of this, Middle Elementary integrates Bible stories around unifying themes such as worship, grace, missions, witnessing, trusting God, and servants of God. *Daily Soul Food* in the take-home paper encourages personal devotions.

The second year of Middle Elementary begins to acquaint students with chronological sequencing. In our bead analogy, this department begins to group the individual beads together thematically.

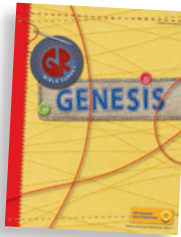


MIDDLE ELEMENTARY *components grouped thematically*



G2R BIBLE SURVEY

Preteens and teens are able to understand chronology and Bible history. In **G2R Bible Survey**, they begin to discover how the stories and people they've studied at younger ages fit together in God's redemptive plan. They take an exciting journey through every book of the Bible—focusing on the *who*, *what*, *where*, and *when*—and developing an understanding of how God has revealed himself in his Word. They see that Jesus Christ is central from Genesis to Revelation. *G2R Bible Survey* puts the beads in order. The holes must line up, and the beads must be in proper relationship to one another. And as students connect the dots of redemption, they are encouraged to spend time with the Author of Scripture in personal devotions.



G2R BIBLE SURVEY
components aligned



G2R GOD'S PROMISES

This series is the capstone of all GCP curriculum—studying God's Word through the lens of the covenant. In **G2R God's Promises**, teens discover amazing aha moments in God's covenant of grace. Why did God make promises to his people, and how did he accomplish his plan of redemption? Students trace the scarlet thread of the promised Messiah from the earliest covenant to fulfillment through Christ in the New Testament. The two departments of *G2R Genesis to Revelation* are sequential; *G2R God's Promises* builds on the historical, chronological foundation of *G2R Bible Survey*. Both are essential.

The doctrine of the covenant is central to understanding who God is and his mighty acts. Covenant is defined in terms of relationship: He is our God, and we are his people. This is the thread that holds everything together. Just as beads will not hold together without a string, neither will our understanding of the Bible without a grasp of the covenant.



G2R GOD'S PROMISES
how they are held together



SO WHAT? YOUTH BIBLE STUDIES

What good is a string of beads if it is never worn?

So What? youth Bible studies address this question—So what difference does faith in Christ make? Once the beads are examined, put in order, and strung together, they should be worn.

So What? studies equip teens to relate faith to life and life to faith. Christians are God's creation, called to use their gifts and skills in service to God. These Bible studies are designed to help students become mature Christians and commit to a biblical worldview by

- trusting and obeying the triune God,
- being the people God created them to be, and
- serving others.



so what?

YOUTH BIBLE STUDIES



A string of beads is valuable when all the beads are in place and worn. The study of God's Word enables us to grow in living out our faith. The goal of Great Commission Publications' curriculum is to raise up mature covenant disciples who are committed to glorifying God and enjoying him forever.



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