



Using the Curriculum *Sing God's Word – Psalms in Tune*

This simple curriculum was created for a Sunday school class containing a mixed age group of children, or for early elementary school classes.

It is best to review the curriculum pages well in advance of the class to gather materials and make preparations for each class period. The "Blessed Is the Man" Segment, for instance, has an object lesson that requires planting marigold seeds in two pots, about 4 weeks prior to the day of that particular class.

Each curriculum page consists of seven components in addition to the Key Scripture Verse and Devotional Theme for each song segment:

- (1) Needs:** Any materials that are needed for the lesson are clearly described. Significant consideration was given to suggesting items that will be likely on hand or easy to find and very affordable.
- (2) Listen to:** Devotional and song tracks listed.
- (3) Activity/Object Lesson:** Provides a visual or hands-on component to strengthen the message.
- (4) Commentary:** Guide for the teacher to help explain the activity/object lesson to the children and connect it to the overall lesson.
- (5) Coloring Page:** Downloadable and free from the website (www.godstruckkids.com).
- (6) Bible Passage:** A supporting passage is suggested. The passage can be read from a standard Bible, given as a summary from the same, or the teacher can read the Bible story that is listed from the *My First Study Bible: Exploring God's Word on my Own*, published by Thomas Nelson. In some cases, quoting a portion of the text from the actual Bible along with reading the Bible story will lend clarity to the lesson.
- (7) Listen to the Song Again:** A suggestion is given for something that can be done along with this review of the song.

It is our hope and prayer that this curriculum will provide an easy way for you as a teacher to make the most of the devotional aspect of *Sing God's Word – Psalms in Tune*. As the children learn the words and music, adequate lessons with visuals and movement will confirm God's truths and help the students understand how these verses can be applied in their daily lives. May your desire to teach the Word of God to children bring as much joy to you as it brings eternal benefits to them.

Sing the Word – Learn for Life



"Sing the Word"

Key Scripture – Colossians 3:16 (*God's Word Translation*)

Devotional Theme: It is important to know and live by the Word of God; using music is a great way to learn the Word.

(1) Needs: A CD with the ABC song, or an accompaniment instrument you or someone else can play.

(2) Listen to: Devotional track and song (Tracks 1-2)

(3) Activity/Object Lesson: Choose one of your students to recite the alphabet. Make sure at this point that your student is just *saying* the letters. Encourage the class to applaud the effort. Ask the student if he remembers how the alphabet was taught to him.

If you have a student who is unable to say the letters of the alphabet, ask this particular student if he thinks it would be easier to sing the alphabet.

(4) Commentary: Many people learned the alphabet when they were very small by singing what we call the "ABC Song." Do you know that song? Why don't we sing it together? (Use piano, guitar, another accompaniment instrument or a sing-along CD, if available. If not, just sing a cappella.) Very good! Wasn't it easy to remember all the letters of the alphabet by singing the song? Singing is a very good way to memorize information.

We are going to spend some time over the next several weeks listening to songs and stories that will help us learn the Word of God. Each song we will sing is a Bible verse or small passage that is set to music. Music is a wonderful gift from God. Music can make us happy, but God knows that His gift is also useful. Some of the verses in the Bible were actually first written as songs so people could easily remember God's Word and things that happened in the past. The songs were also used to give thanks and praise to God. God is very wise and loving to give us the special gift of music!

(5) Coloring Page: "Sing the Word"

(6) Bible Passage: Read the following Scripture and the recommended page from *My First Study Bible*.

Colossians 3:16 (*God's Word Translation*) "Let Christ's word with all its wisdom and richness live in you. Use psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to teach and instruct yourselves about God's kindness. Sing to God in your hearts."

My First Study Bible – "Psalms" page 221
(David talks about the book of Psalms.)

(7) Listen to the Song Again: (Track 2) Clap and sing along. Try clapping on the off beats (beats two and four) of every measure. Then try clapping on beats one and three. Finally, clap on all four beats of each measure. Doing something active can enhance learning and memorization.

