



Powered by God

Curriculum Project Description

Baptists for Life is developing a curriculum for junior-age children, 4th-6th grades. Designed to teach biblical concepts of sexual purity and the sanctity of human life, the 13 lessons of the Powered by God curriculum follow the Christian worldview framework.

INTRODUCTORY LESSONS

Lesson 1: Decisions, Decisions, Decisions (*decision-making skills*)

Lesson 2: The Big Picture (*worldview overview – Creation, Rebellion, Redemption, Consummation*)

Lesson 3: God Gives Life (*the source and significance of life as God's gift*)

WHO AM I?

Lesson 4: CREATION – Who Am I? (*human beings are made in the image of God from conception*)

Lesson 5: REBELLION – What's the Problem? (*sin and the sanctity of human life*)

Lesson 6: REDEMPTION – Jesus is the Only Way (*Jesus - the perfect Image of God*)

MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Lesson 7: CREATION – God and Me (*God's intent for my relationship with Him*)

Lesson 8: REBELLION – Replacing God (*sin's effect on my relationship to God*)

Lesson 9: REDEMPTION – Powered by God (*restoration of the relationship through Christ*)

MY RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS

Lesson 10: CREATION – Role Play (*God's intent for our relationships with others*)

Lesson 11: REBELLION – Who's Who? (*sin's effect on our relationships*)

Lesson 12: REDEMPTION – Take Off the Old, Put On the New (*enablement of renewed of relationships by the Holy Spirit*)

SUMMARY

Lesson 13: CONSUMMATION – What Are We Waiting For? (*the ultimate restoration of image and relationship in the new heaven and new earth*)

Two formats

Powered by God will be presented in two formats. One, an interactive website, will be aimed at children. On the Powered by God website, they will be able to move through the 13 lessons, reading Bible studies, responding to questions, viewing flash animations, writing essays, and participating in activities beyond the web. Scores for correctly completed lessons and activities will be stored on the site; students can "compete" with other users. They'll also be able to access the moderated essay responses of other users.

The second format will be downloadable lessons available for purchase by teachers and parents to use in a variety of settings: Sunday schools, home schools, and Christian schools. These lessons coordinate with the website and offer supplemental material that could not be shared with young children without parental guidance. Since it cannot be assumed that everyone understands, embraces, or is prepared to teach the biblical basis for the sanctity of human life and sexual purity, the lessons offer extensive teacher preparation for these concepts.