



PRC -Practical Resources for Churches

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Choosing Curriculum for a One Room Sunday School

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In many churches, we're seeing less children in Sunday school. Adapting to decreased attendance may mean reevaluating how children are grouped and going to a multigraded or one room curriculum. Publishers are responding to these changes and there are now a number of choices available.

The [One Room Sunday School](#) has been around for a long time; it comes from Cokesbury, the United Methodist publisher, and is considered part of their Deep Blue curriculum line. It is for ages 3-12 and the retail price per quarter is \$76.99. Deep Blue also offers a [Large Group/Small Group](#) option for elementary age children which lists for \$99.99 per quarter. Beginning Fall 2018, the theme for Deep Blue is "At Home with God" which emphasizes families today, families in the Bible, and what it means to be part of God's family; the curriculum follows a three year cycle. The One Room Sunday School kit includes everything you need for lessons including a leader guide, reproducible kids' book, resource pack, and a CD-ROM with music resources; the Deep Blue DVD can be purchased separately for \$29.99. The Large Group/Small Group kit also includes everything necessary; it has the leader guide, student sheets, and other material available as PDFs on a CD. The DVD as well as music resources are also included in the kit.

Sparkhouse, the ecumenical branch of the ELCA publisher, is introducing two options for multigraded Sunday school classes starting this September. They are both for a classroom with children ages 5-12 and follow a two year cycle. [Spark All Kids](#) sells a quarterly leader guide for \$24.99. Reproducible learner leaflets are not available; they must be purchased for each child at a cost of \$5.99 per quarter. Many of the activities in the leader guide use the leaflets. A separate music CD for the year can be purchased for \$19.99. [Whirl All Kids](#) is a video-based curriculum. The leader guide sells for \$24.99 per quarter; the quarterly DVD is also \$24.99. Learner leaflets sell for \$6.99 per child per quarter. The Whirl music CD sells for \$19.99.

[Shine: Living in God's Light](#) is a Sunday school curriculum from the Mennonite Church and Church of the Brethren with an emphasis on spirituality and peacemaking. It is used by churches in a number of other denominations. Shine offer a multiage component for ages 5-12. For each quarter, you will need a teacher's guide for \$13.99, a resource pack for \$24.99, and student leaflets for \$9.99 per child. The songbook and music CD for the year sells for \$19.99.

For Presbyterian (PCUSA) churches, the [Growing in Grace and Gratitude curriculum](#) offers a multiage component for ages 5-10. The Leader Material is available as a download for \$50 per quarter or in print for \$75 per quarter. One copy of the student Stories, Colors and More is included with the Leader Material; additional copies are \$20.

If you'd like to use a multiage curriculum based on the lectionary, there are a few options. [Feasting on the Word](#) is an ecumenical curriculum from the PCUSA publisher which offers a multiage component for children in grades 1-6. The price for Feasting on the Word varies as it is available as a download or as a printed product; churches can purchase one quarter at a time or select a 9-month or 12-month subscription. The curriculum includes leader guides, reproducible resource sheets, and more. Full-color visuals are included in a printed color pack. A yearly music CD is available to

purchase separately. Another lectionary-based curriculum which offers a multiage component is [Living the Good News](#) which is ecumenical and comes from the Episcopal publisher. It is downloadable and costs \$139.99 per year for each age level. Seasons of the Spirit is another option for churches wishing to use a multigraded, lectionary-based curriculum. It comes from Woodlake Publishing, an ecumenical publisher based in Canada. Seasons of the Spirit offers worship resources as well as a curriculum for ages 3 through adult which includes a multiage component for ages 5-12. Student resource sheets are reproducible. Pricing is available for 1 quarter, 3 quarters, or all 4 quarters in three different formats: web, printed, or on a CD.

Samples of all curriculums mentioned are available on the publishers' websites. As Sunday school attendance continues to diminish, we can expect to see more options available for one room or multigraded classes.

[Debbie Kolacki](#)

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WEBINARS AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2018

Click the title for more information or the register. All webinars are recorded and after the live presentation you will receive a link to the recording.

[**Reclaiming the Gospel of Peace:
Challenging the Epidemic of Gun
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Tuesday, August 7, 2018
7:00 – 8:00 PM Eastern
Leader: Sharon Ely Pearson

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Thursday, August 9, 2018
7:00 – 8:00 PM Eastern
Leader: Christine V. Hides

[**Beyond the Offering Plate: Exploring
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Tuesday, August 21, 2018
7:00 – 8:00 PM Eastern
Leader: Adam Copeland

[**Doubts and Questions as Teachers of
the Faith**](#)

Thursday, August 23, 2018
7:00 – 8:00 PM Eastern
Leader: Traci Smith

[**Rural Ministry Field Notes**](#)

Tuesday, August 28, 2018
7:00 – 8:00 PM Eastern
Leader: Jonathan LeMaster-Smith

[**Meet the Author: Faithful Celebrations**](#)

Wednesday, September 12, 2018
7:00 – 7:30 PM Eastern
Leader: Sharon Ely Pearson

[**How to Preach a Dangerous Sermon**](#)



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With the Staff of the PRC
Join us for a light luncheon
from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM.

A great opportunity to network with others who are in the same field. All are welcome.

Wednesday August 22, 2018,

PRC at the LI Presbytery, 42 Hauppauge Road,
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Thursday August 23, 2018,

PRC at the Congregational Church, 95 East Main
Street, Patchogue

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Join Us for a Day with Brian McLaren The Future of Christianity:

**Does Christian Faith have
a future, and does the future
have Christian faith?**



**Saturday October 13, 2018
9:30 am to 3:30 pm**

Arumdaun Presbyterian Church ,
[1 Arumdaun St, Bethpage, NY](#)

Registration and breakfast will start at 8:30

The Theological Future of Christianity
The Liturgical Future of Christianity
Lunch
The Missional Future of Christianity

Wednesday, September 19, 2018
7:00 – 8:00 PM Eastern
Leader: Frank Thomas

[*The Lifesaving Church: Faith Communities and Suicide Prevention*](#)

Thursday, September 20, 2018
7:00 – 8:00 PM Eastern
Leader: Rachael Keefe

[*The Best Children's Messages Ever*](#)

Tuesday, September 25, 2018
7:00 – 8:00 PM Eastern
Leader: Debbie Gline Allen

[*Meet the Author: All Creation Waits*](#)

Wednesday, September 26, 2018
7:00 – 7:30 PM Eastern
Leader: Gayle Boss

[*An Ounce of Prevention \[Creating a Safer & More Secure Church\]*](#)

Thursday, September 27, 2018
7:00 – 8:00 PM Eastern
Leader: Dwight Lee Wolter

On Line Courses

[*Called to Teach Online Course*](#)

Monday September 10, 2018 through October 1, 2018
Leader: Debbie Kolacki
Cost: \$45

[*The Changing 21st Century Sunday School Online Course*](#)

Monday October 8, 2018 through Monday, October 29, 2018
Cost: \$45
Leader: Debbie Kolacki



Summary & Closing - A Religion Will Be ...

Brian D. McLaren is an author, speaker, activist, and public theologian. A former college English teacher and pastor, he is a passionate advocate for "a new kind of Christianity" - just, generous, and working with people of all faiths for the common good. He is an Auburn Senior Fellow, a contributor to We Stand With Love, and a leader in the Convergence Network, through which he is developing an innovative training/mentoring program for pastors and church planters. His most recent book is The Great Spiritual Migration, 2016

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Card Ministry Stamp-a-Stack

Saturday, August 4, 2018
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM Eastern

PRC Patchogue, [95 East Main Street, Patchogue NY – In the Congregational Church of Patchogue](#)

Leader: Karen Smith

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