

Growing in Grace and Gratitude: New PCUSA Curriculum for Children

New for Fall 2015, there will be new denominational curriculum for children ages 3 through 10, **"Growing in Grace and Gratitude."** "Rooted in the foundation of Presbyterian identity where God's grace and our gratitude are the heartbeat of our faith, life and worship," **Growing in Grace and Gratitude** "extends and invitation to discipleship that inspires children to learn and practice hospitality, generosity, and love." With resources for children and families to use at home, the curriculum "reaches beyond Sunday morning, encouraging children to live their lives as an expression of God's grace." (quotations from online catalog which can be found at http://www.presbyterianmission.org/site_media/media/uploads/curriculum/pdf/gggcatalog2015_2016.pdf . A free curriculum sampler (though you will need to pay shipping) with a sample of each age group is available at <http://www.pcusastore.com/Products/11000S/growing-in-grace--gratitude-sampler.aspx>.

Quarterly materials will include a Leader's Guide with teaching pictures and music lyrics; online resources for children to do at home with their parents; a separate music cd; and an e-book that can be downloaded on i-tunes with the Bible story and illustrations for the week. Something new in this curriculum is that it provides ideas for including children with disabilities and special needs. Materials are available in printed format or in a downloadable format. In addition to age level material for 3-5, 5-7, 8-10 year olds, there will also be a multi age option for smaller church schools.

For churches currently using *We Believe* or *Wee Believe* curriculum, please take note that **Growing in Grace and Gratitude** will replace the current *We Believe* and *Wee Believe* curricula.

If you would like more information, please contact Susan Sharp Campbell, Associate for Educational Ministry, at 304-645-4568 or susan_sharp_campbell@hotmail.com. In addition to have several sampler copies available to those who ask early, she is available to come meet with your Christian education committee, Session, teachers or others responsible for choosing curriculum.