

# Empowering Kids

## Curriculum Philosophy

### Curriculum That Enables Growth

Our philosophy is to provide a consistent, creative and age-appropriate curriculum that includes fun and focused learning. Our curriculum has and is developed to offer a next step and involve families in the learning process with their children. Family EnterAction Guides, Activity Books, and Weekly handouts are all methodologies designed at helping children and families dig deeper and build Christ centered characteristics into their lives. We want kids and families to “walk the talk.” We want our lessons to be “sticky” and memorable for each learner.

### Foundational Verses

*So the next generation would know, and all the generations to come—Know the truth and tell the stories so your children can trust in God...* Psalm 78:6-7 Msg

*Since childhood, you have known the Holy Scriptures that are able to make you wise enough to have faith in Christ Jesus and be saved.* 2 Timothy 3:15 CEV

### Curriculum Overview & Snapshot

Purpose	Plan	Power	Process PreSchool	Process Elementary
I <b>K</b> now the truth	Information	John 8:32	Picture This	What Should I See?
I <b>N</b> eed the truth	Clarification	1 Timothy 2:4	Hear This	What's The Key?
I <b>O</b> bey the truth	Realization	Psalm 119:32	Sing This	What's That To Me?
I <b>W</b> alk the truth	Application	Psalm 86:11	Do This	How Should I Be?
I <b>S</b> eek the truth	Motivation	1 John 3:18	Family EnterAction Guide	Family EnterAction Guide

## Overview Explained

Each column in the overview shows a portion of our strategy.

## Purpose

The first column is what we envision each child saying as they move through the elements for a particular lesson.

## Plan

Our plan is to bring the child and his or her family along on the journey. We begin by giving each child the **Information** to help them know an important truth. We then move to bring **Clarification** to the truth we are teaching. From that moment we help each child to come to the **Realization** that obeying the truth is an important step to their growth. Our next step for each child is to continue their learning through Application. Through carefully designed questions and interaction we help each child apply the truth they have learned. The final component is **Motivation**. We want each child to be motivated to explore the truth on their own and to be an independent learner motivated to seek and apply the truth.

## Power

The biblical power and reminder behind each component of our strategy.

## **Process**

The process elements are the key components in our curriculum and defines what is happening at that moment. In the case of the Elementary Process we ask each child the following four questions.

What Should I See? (What truth is being taught here?)

What's The Key? (How do I unlock this truth for my life?)

What's That To Me? (Why is this important for me to know in my life situation?)

How Should I Be? (How should I act as a result of what I learned?)

By asking and answering these four questions in each lesson we provide each child the components for life change. We want each child to not only “learn” the truth but “live” the truth.