



How to Use the Bible Adventure Curriculum

Welcome to the Bible Adventure! This guide walks you through three key areas for implementing this curriculum: the People & Planning, the Room & Materials, and Running the Service.

People & Planning

Bible Adventure is designed to be run in small groups that are led by volunteers.

You'll want to determine how many small groups you plan to have before the service and assign one small group leader to each expected small group. A good rule of thumb is to keep a ratio of one leader for every five kids (1:5). So, in a room of 20 children, plan for four SGLs. If you have fewer SGLs, that's OK! Just coach them to pay special attention to each child in their group.

Bible Adventure uses one video for each unit, and some units are either four or five weeks. Kids will watch the same video throughout the entire unit to reinforce the lessons they're learning.

Room & Materials

Bible Adventure is a robust curriculum that works great in both permanent buildings and portable locations. You'll only need a few key items and supplies.

In the Room

- **Television.** Have a TV and a way to play the video file. Many churches use a USB drive loaded with the lesson video or a Roku plugged into a TV. You won't need internet access as long as you download the video file before service.
- **Space.** Enough space for your kids to spread out into small groups. You can use tables with chairs or have kids sit on the floor—any setup will work.
- **Picture Schedule Cards.** Picture Schedule Cards are a tool for focusing your students' attention on each activity. They have both an image and text to help kids understand each card. Print each card on thick cardstock or laminate and post them somewhere that's easy for the kids to see. Picture Schedule Cards are available as [an independent resource on Open Network](#).

• **Order-of-Experience Guide.** Leaders will need to reference the Order-of-Experience Guide throughout the service to know how and when to transition to the next phase of the experience. We recommend you have at least one copy in the room.

Materials

For each lesson, download the resources outlined on the **Materials List** in each unit. You can find the materials list for each week in the unit resource group on Open Network.

For some units, there are small supporting items you can purchase listed in each unit's materials list. For a more budget-friendly option, feel free to print out an image for each prop talk!

Running the Service

The rest of this guide will show you how to run a Bible Adventure service using the resources provided on Open Network.

Before Service:

- **Preparing the Room**
 - Make sure to review the Room Setup Checklist (see below) before each weekend.
- **Preparing Volunteers**
 - Make sure your volunteers are equipped to lead through the entire service. They'll need the Small Group Leader Guide, Order of Experience, and enough coloring sheets for each kid!
- **Drop-off Time**
 - While parents are dropping off their kids, kids and leaders can play together using [Toys With a Purpose](#). Be sure to turn on music videos in the background.

When Service Starts:

- **Play Time (20 Minutes)**
 - Playtime will run 20 minutes into the service.
- **Clean Up (2 Minutes)**
 - 20 minutes into service, press play on the video to initiate the clean-up song and hit pause when "Prop Talk" shows on screen. While the video plays, clean up the room.
 - Once you're done cleaning up, form small groups.
- **Prop Talk (5 Minutes)**
 - Keep video paused on "Prop Talk" picture and teach through the Prop Talk Guide.
 - *Note: Prop talks are labelled weeks 1-4 on the Open site, but A-D on the actual PDF.*
 - Kids will sit in small groups but the entire room is taught by one volunteer.
- **Movie and Music (23 Minutes)**
 - After Prop Talk, resume the video to play the Bible Adventure. Encourages kids to respond to the video cues as prompted.
 - Kids will remain in small groups as they watch the video.
 - The breakdown of the Movie and Music is in the Order-of-Experience Guide.

- **Picture Passes (5 Minutes)**
 - One leader will teach using the Picture Passes and the Adventure Bag to help reinforce the lessons learned in each unit.
 - Again, kids will sit with their small groups while one leader teaches the entire room.
- **Story Time (until check out)**
 - Use the Small Group Leader Guide, which changes with each lesson, and the Story Cards to walk students through key points from the Bible story.

After Service:

- **Coloring Sheets (during check out)**
 - Hand out coloring sheets at check out time
 - Help kids follow directions on **Coloring Sheets**
 - Play music videos in the background during the checkout window
- **Clean up and prepare for next service**
 - If your church runs multiple services in a row, use this time to reset the room. Use the Room Setup Checklist below as needed.

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Room Setup Checklist:

Before Starting a New Unit

- The Order of Experience Guide is a permanent guide that should stay in the room. We recommend laminating and storing it with the other Bible Adventure materials.
- Place the current unit's Picture Passes in the orange Adventure Bag.
- Print a Story Card Set and Small Group Leader Guide for each leader.

Weekly Preparations

- Swap the previous Small Group Leader Guide with the upcoming week's Small Group Leader Guide and place it with the unit's Story Card Set. The Story Cards are reused from week to week, but the Small Group Leader Guides will change.
- Print out the upcoming week's coloring sheets and make sure you have enough coloring utensils (crayons, colored pencils, etc.)
- Swap out Prop Talk materials for the upcoming week. Print upcoming Prop Talk Guides. These rotate weekly. Double check the Materials list to make sure you're prepared with the prop of the week.

After Each Unit

- Store or discard all paper materials for the unit including the Picture Passes and Story Cards.