Learning Together

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Learning Together: Snapshot



Learning Together: Celebrations is a dynamic and flexible VBS curriculum centered on the theme of "God's" love for us is a reason to celebrate!" Through five engaging lessons, children explore biblical stories of protection, provision, surprises, inclusion, and joy—each revealing a different aspect of God's love. The program offers a mix of storytelling, hands-on activities, music, and service opportunities, making it both interactive and meaningful. With its adaptable structure, inclusive approach, and thoughtfully curated resources, this curriculum provides a versatile tool for fostering faith and community in a celebratory and engaging way.

Learning Together: The Basics

- Theme: Celebrations: Celebrating God's Goodness
- Publisher: <u>Spirit & Truth Publishing</u>, 2025 (independent; see their <u>Theological</u> <u>Guidelines</u>)
- Intended ages/grades: ages 4 12, with possible intergenerational use
- Format: onsite
- Number of sessions: 5
- Types of activities: storytelling, crafts, games, science, and snacks
- Starter kit cost: \$26 \$302.50 (cost based on church's attendance size)

Learning Together: Scope & Sequence

- Day 1: God Protects Us All Exodus 15:20, Miriam Celebrates
- Day 2: God Provides for Us! Esther 9:18–23, Queen Esther's Victory
- Day 3: God Surprises Us!
 John 2:1–10, Wedding at Cana
- Day 4: God Invites Everyone Luke 14:15–24, The Great Banquet
- Day 5: God Rejoices in Us!
 Luke 15:3–10, The Lost Is Found

Learning Together: Where It Shines

An enriching, inclusive curriculum that fosters joy and spiritual growth

This is a well-rounded, creative, and inclusive curriculum that makes faith interactive and joyful.

User-friendly & well organized

The lessons are short and put together well. Each lesson offers clearly written supply lists, step-by-step instructions, and creative activities to keep participants engaged.

Simple & versatile

The curriculum is highly versatile and can be used for VBS programs as well as traditional or rotation-model classes. The website also mentions that some have found the lessons valuable for youth and confirmation classes.

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Remembering their "why"

Each lesson incorporates fun activities and rotations—such as science, snacks, and music—that are all thoughtfully aligned with the day's theme.

Keeping the conversation going

Each lesson includes a "For Home" take-home sheet that provides families with a summary of the day's discussion, along with conversation starters to help continue the lessons and celebrations at home. I appreciate this feature, as it equips parents with another valuable tool for discussing faith at home with their children.

Learning Together: What We Miss

No additional "misses"

This curriculum is well-structured, flexible, and thoughtfully designed to engage children while making faith lessons accessible and meaningful.

Learning Together: Overall Assessment

Curriculum
Recommended
for 2025