

# ROOTED KIDS' CURRICULUM

## WHAT IS ROOTED?

We are so happy you have decided to use Rooted Kids' Curriculum in your local church! We believe this resource helps kids get to know God by learning who He is and who they are in Him.

Rooted is a unique curriculum that **stems from a Pentecostal and evangelical worldview**. While many kids' resources center around thematic units, Rooted **explores the Bible chronologically**, giving kids a framework for how one story connects to the next while simultaneously examining how all of Scripture points to Jesus.

Additionally, **Rooted highlights events from the Christian calendar** (like Advent, Jesus' birth, Christ's resurrection, and Pentecost) instead of centering lessons around modern and country-specific holidays. This emphasis helps families see themselves as part of God's story and discover that all time is "God's time."

Rooted curriculum also **teaches kids how to love God by practicing foundational spiritual disciplines**. The lessons seamlessly guide you on how to teach children to pray, worship, memorize Scripture, read the Bible, and so much more.

Next, Rooted curriculum is **committed to digging deep in Scripture**. By providing biblical explanations, context, and teaching tips, we help teachers make the most of the small amount of time they have with the children each week.

Finally, here is additional information we believe you should know before beginning Rooted in your church:

- 1. Every unit is four weeks long.** We release twelve units a year. Each set of lessons has its own "big idea" and memory verse. While you can teach the units in random order, we recommend following our sequence to help children understand how Scripture flows chronologically. For months with five Sundays, we encourage you to insert one of our bonus lessons. These stand-alone lessons provide unique opportunities to teach topics often overlooked, such as Christian practices and disciplines (like Bible Study and worship), special days in the Church calendar (like Pentecost), and Christian sacraments (like Communion).
- 2. Teaching Tips are embedded in every lesson.** All teachers benefit from practical tips, so we've created several types of "teacher help" categories for you represented by specific symbols. For example, each time you see the symbol of a teacher with a group of children, you will find a classroom management strategy. The symbol of a hand inside another hand provides suggestions on how to provide additional support for children who need it. You can find a detailed description of each teaching tip in the Introduction tab, "Symbol Explanation."
- 3. There are two age-levels of the curriculum.** Rooted offers a pre-K curriculum and an elementary curriculum. Both age levels follow the same units, same big ideas, and memory verses.

The primary difference is in the difficulty of the content and activities. This strategy makes it easier for families to discuss the same biblical content at home with all of their preK and elementary age children.

- 4. Every lesson intentionally starts and ends with prayer.** Prayer is one of the most important practices we teach our children. By prioritizing prayer, we highlight our relationship with God, our need for Him to guide us, and intentionally focus (and refocus) our attention on Him.

