

## Baby Christian Curriculum

(Areas important for a young Christian to be grounded )

### 1. ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

A. FACT--FAITH--FEELING the place of experience in conversion and growth

#### B. TRUTH OF SALVATION

- 1) I will come in Rev.3:20
- 2) New creature-at core of being 2Cor.5:17
- 3) Forgiveness of ALL sins past/present/future  
Heb.10:12, Eph.4:32
- 4) New relationship with God  
-really lost before Christ  
-genuine son now  
-never again separated from God  
Heb.13:5b, Col.2:13-14

\*Jesus has said:

we can't run away Heb13:5b

He won't throw us away Jn.6:37

we can't be taken away Jn.10:27-28

\*ONCE YOU'RE IN, YOU'RE IN

#### C. Application

Without thorough understanding/grasp of this concept the young believer will be unable to battle the fiery darts of the evil one. "But now, on top of the normal, everyday bummers and disasters of life, this new Christian has just engaged the prince of darkness as his sworn enemy. The brand new Christian is in a terribly vulnerable state. Satan's main objective at this point is to convince him that "praying that prayer" was insignificant. If Satan can do this, he has killed the seed before it has sprouted."  
(Adsit, pg.127)

#### D. Materials

**Books:** Salvation, Lewis Sperry Schaffer  
Knowing God, J.I. Packer  
(Chpt. 19 "Sons of God")  
More Than a Carpenter, Josh McDowell

**Tapes:** T1002 The Omnipresence and Immutability of God  
T1927 Resolving Prob. Passages  
Heb.10 Gary Delashmutt

## 2. SCOPE & SIGNIFICANCE OF SALVATION

### A. Condition Before Christ:

1. Condemned sinner Rom.3:23
2. Separated from God Is.59:2
3. Destined for hell Rev.20:11-12
4. Unable to please God Is.64:6

### B. Condition After Christ:

1. Righteous in eyes of God Heb.10:12-14
2. Sins forgiven and forgotten Heb.10:15-17
3. Holy spirit entered your life Rom.8:11
4. Born again spiritually Jn.3:1-8
5. Eternal life 1Jn.5:11-12
6. New creation 2Cor.5:17
7. Reconciled to God 2Cor.5:18
8. No longer at war with God Rom.5:1
9. Redeemed from hand of enemy Col.1:13-14
10. Brought into Kingdom of God
11. You became an adopted child of God with accompanying rights & privileges including suffering Rom.8:15-17
12. Wall of supernatural protection surrounds you Ps.34:7, 1Cor.10:13
13. Angels rejoicing over you Lk.15:10

### C. Application

After receiving Christ these things are immediately true for all believers. It is important for the new believer to see the significance of what he has done from God's perspective and how God has responded to to his faith. Understanding these conditions in Christ should be exciting and motivating to the new believer. It would seem a good opportunity to begin to cultivate a thankful attitude in the new believer for these things by engaging in prayer to thank God for them.

### D. Materials

**Books:** Liberation of Planet Earth, Hal Lindsey  
Mere Christianity, C.S. Lewis  
How To Be a Christian Without Being Religious, F. Ridenour  
The Green Letters, Miles Stanford  
Chpt.3, "Acceptance"  
Knowing God, J.I.Packer  
Chpt.19, "Sons of God"

**Tapes:**

### 3. FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

#### A. Definitions

1. Indwelling Rom.8:9-11
2. Baptism 1Cor.12:13
3. FILLING Eph.5:18 "The directing, controlling and empowering influence of the HS in the life of a believer who has submitted his will to the will of God. Filling may occur frequently, even daily and hourly, in a believer's life. Filling depends upon the initiative and obedience of the believer." (Adsit,pg.165)

#### B. Filling and Spiritual Growth

The goal is to help our disciples develop balance in their walk with God between:

1. Depending on the supernatural empowering of the HS  
AND
  2. Developing personal obedience and discipline
- "If we think only about the HS, not bothering to obey God in such things as Bible study, prayer, fellowship, witnessing, etc., we might be emotionally tied to God, but we would be of little use due to a lack of depth in our lives. Conversely, if we are intensely disciplined in carrying out the mechanics of the Christian life to the exclusion of developing a genuine relationship with God through the HS, we might be well-informed and impressive, but still be of little use because God has not been allowed to steer that knowledge toward where He wants it." (Adsit,pg.167)

#### C. Your Choice & the Result

1. 3 Kinds of Men: natural/spiritual/carnal  
1Cor.2-4
2. Abundance/Abiding: Jn.10:10; 15:5
3. Fruit: Gal.5
4. Examples: the drunk (Adsit,pg.176)  
the hot rodder (Adsit, pg.176-177)

#### D. Materials

**Books:** Baptism & Fullness, J.R.W. Stott

**Tapes:** T2523 Walk in the Spirit  
Eph.3-5 Martha McCallum

T2926 How to be Filled with the HS  
Eph.5:18 Gary Delashmutt

#### 4. IDENTITY IN CHRIST

Who we are in Jesus Christ, the characteristics of the true believer in Christ as a result of the work of the HS at conversion is the basis of our identity in Christ. And yet the struggle that exists between the old nature and the new nature is very much a reality. The objective is to teach him Biblical principles about his new identity as well as how the two natures war for control. Without an understanding of this material the young believer can fall prey to disillusionment ("if I'm really a new creature why do I still sin?"), judgementalism ("look at all these other Christians...just so many hypocrites...I know lots of non-Christians who are much better than these Christians"), and accusations from the evil one when they do sin.

##### A. Biblical Basis

1. New creature in Christ  
2 Cor.5:17, Gal.2:20
2. Given a new nature  
Rom.6:5,6, Col.3:9-10
3. New nature now one of righteousness, completeness, and perfection.  
Rom.8:28-30, 2Ptr.1:3
4. Old nature exists and wars with new  
Rom.7:15-23, Gal.5:16-18, 24-25

##### B. Illustrations

1. Two wells: Original well, convenient(close to home) contaminated, made you sick, but all you knew and all you had access to. New well(new nature) more difficult to access, but clean/pure, frees you from sickness and now offers you a choice of where to drink. Obviously, though the farmer is free to drink from either. The old well represents the old self, the new well represents the new creature in Christ, the farmer represents our minds. The natural man, before Christ, doesn't realize he is sick because he has only drunk from the contaminated well. The contamination represents our sinfulness. Christ talks about

the relationship of what we do coming from what's within in Mk.7:20-23. Eph.2:1-3 Paul tells us we were all like this at one time. So like the farmer who only had one well to draw water from, before Christ we only had one nature to look to in making our choices. The contaminated well produces behavior called in Gal.5:19-21 the works of the flesh. But when we receive Christ we now have access to a new well that is free from contamination. The behavior that comes from drawing water from the new well the Gal.5:22,23 calls the works of the Spirit. Rom.8:1-2 explains how the law of the Spirit of life has set us free from the law of sin and death. Yet almost immediately we notice something is wrong, sometimes we're not loving, etc. The farmer may go back to the old well and draw water from it. "The farmer may, from time to time, think it's too far to walk all the way over to the new well. After all, the new well is over this hill, through these bushes, across this ravine and down this hill, while the old well is right outside the door." Or other times the farmer may doubt that the old well is really contaminated and will rationalize that a little bit of that water couldn't really hurt him. In Rom.7:18-25 Paul talks about wanting to quit drinking from the old well, i.e. he wants to stop following the dictates of his old nature. But what we find is that it is not easy to do. In fact Paul says there is a war going on. Paul ends Rom.7 by saying the only way he can do it is with God's help. That is where the HS comes in. The HS is like a big neon sign outside your front door directing you to the new well. However, even though the HS will empower us to make the right choice he will not over ride our free will. Eph.4:20-24 Paul says that we should "put off" the old self and "put on" the new self. That requires an act of our will. Rom.12:1-2 Paul urges that we be transformed by the renewing of our minds. As Christians our minds are the battle ground and they have to be re-taught to draw upon the supernatural resources of our new nature instead of the contaminated water of the old nature. (see Adsit, pg.186-192)

2. Two dogs: becoming a Christian like having 2 dogs living inside you, a good one and a bad one. They are always fighting. Which one wins? The one you feed!

3. The old sea captain

### C. Materials

Books: Sit, Walk, Stand, Watchman Nee  
Men Made New, J.R.W. Stott  
Green Letters, Miles J. Stanford  
Inside Out, Larry Crabb

Tapes:

## 5. BASIC GROWTH PRINCIPLES

The bible gives us certain specific activities that a disciple can engage in that will help him gain victory over Satan and his old nature and help him grow to become more like Christ. It is important for the young Christian to know that these activities do not "buy" us favor with God. God's love for me does not increase or decrease depending on how many activities I do or how regularly I do them. We need to help young Christians understand that to say, "well, God, I witnessed for you today so now you better get me that job I want" is a view of growth principles based on law. Legalism is "trying to buy God's favor through good works, and it can't be done. In the first place, we should obey Him no-questions-asked simply because He is our Lord(Lk.17:7-10). It's helpful to remember that He is already lavishing us with 100 percent of His favor, ever since He made us His sons and daughters! One can't expect more than 100 percent, can one?"(Adsit, pg.199) Rather we need to help the young believer understand that these activities help us become more like Christ. Adsit says, "If we exclude those disciplines for fear that we might slip into legalism, we can be sure, based on the Word of God, that we will not function worth beans spiritually."(pg.199)

### A. Principles of Growth

1. We grow as we give Christ top priority in our lives.
2. We grow as we feed upon God's Word.
3. We grow as we pray.
4. We grow as we fellowship.
5. We grow as we witness.

### B. Factors Influencing Spiritual Growth

1. **Time**
  - a. there are no short cuts
  - b. God takes time(Crhist 30 years, Moses, Paul)
  - c. quality requires time
  - d. complexity requires time
  - e. be patient, time will pass
2. **Adversity**
  - a. it enhances growth

ex. rings on a tree summer(easy growth) vs winter(difficult growth) the difficult growth period produces the strong cells that literally hold the tree up, the easy growth period does not provide strength and without the winter seasons the tree would grow rapidly and collapse into itself.

- b. expect good and bad
- c. no pain, no gain (working out in the spiritual gymnasium with God as the coach)

### 3. **Sovereignty of God**

- a. God is always in control
- b. God knows even if we don't why we are going through certain things.

### C. The Wheel illustration(Adsit, pg.200-204)

The late Dawson Trotman of the Navigators used this illustration to explain the growth principles and the effect of having them out of balance in your life. The wheel has Christ at the hub and each of the four spokes is a means of growth. The two vertical axis represent our relationship with God, Him talking to us through the Word and us talking to Him through prayer. The two horizontal axis represent the outward focus of our relationship with God through fellowship and witnessing. As we are doing these activities Christ's power can become operative in our lives, i.e. we literally open channels through which His power and presence can flow. Adsit says, "In order to experience God's power, you've got to be in action. There is no need for God to send His power your way if you're going nowhere. God works in us and through us as we are in action. You can also talk what happens to a wheel when one or more of these areas is missing?(no Word, can't witness effectively or obey the Lord or fellowship effectively, etc.) This will teach the interdependence of these areas.

### D. Materials

**Books:** Your God is Too Small, J.B.Phillips  
How to Be a Christian Without Being Religious, F. Ridenour  
The Power of Commitment, Jerry White  
Konshaubi,  
My Heart Christ's Home

**Tapes:** T1165 Mental Transformation I  
Phil.4

T1166 Mental Transformation II  
Phil.4

T2157a Bruce Wilkerson  
7 Stages of Personal Revival  
"Seek God" (side 1, tape 1)

## 6. FELLOWSHIP

It is important for the young Christian to have a basic understanding of the importance of Christian fellowship and begin to attend and find a role in the body of Christ. They need to understand that fellowship is the building up, encouraging, and equipping of the body of Christ by the body of Christ.

### A. Two Components

1. Motivate your disciple to fellowship
2. Teach your disciple about fellowship
  - a) priority of love in Christian fellowship
  - b) why we should fellowship
  - c) what we do in fellowship

### B. Materials

**Books:** Body Life, Ray Stedman  
What Shall This Man Do, Watchman Nee

**Tapes:** T1973 One Body in Christ  
Rom.12, Dennis McCallum

T1777 Gifts/Ministries/Effects  
1Cor12, Louie Basso

T1961 4 Aspects of Love  
Lk. 15, Louie Basso

## 7. WORD

As with any baby, the goal is always to mature them to the point that they can feed themselves!

A. Need to learn basic understanding of why it is important to study

- 1) Characteristic of God's Word (ie reliable, true)
- 2) Benefits of Reading God's Word (ie wisdom, comfort)
- 3) What we do with it (ie obey, meditate, share it)  
Can use the Navigators illustration, "Word Hand":

(for gaining a clear picture of how to go about assimilating the Word of God into their lives)  
Five ways of getting a firm grasp on the Word:  
Little finger: hear Rom.10:17  
Ring finger: read Rev.1:3

Middle finger: study Acts 17:11  
Index finger: memorize Ps.119:9-11  
Thumb(the finger that really allows us to grasp something): meditate Ps.1:2,3

B. Need to understand what the Word is

1. What is the Bible
2. OT and NT
3. Who wrote the Bible 2Tim.3:16, 2Pet.1:21

C. Materials

**Books:** Know What You Believe, Paul Little  
God's Incredible Plan, Martha McCallum  
Spiritual Leadership, Chpt. on the Word  
Oswald Sanders

**Tapes:** T1403 The Power of the Word to Transform  
the Individual, Louis Palau

T1625 Be Doers of the Word,  
George Verwer

8. PRAYER

Satan resists anyone (especially the young believer) from moving ahead in this area. Therefore it is important for the young believer to be grounded early on in this area.

A. Facts the new Christian should know about prayer.

1. Prayer is talking with God--relationship
2. Can pray about anything you want to, anytime, anyplace Prov.15:8
3. God does hear our prayers
4. God answers our prayers in one of 3 ways:  
YES-NO-WAIT
5. 4 types of prayer: adoration, confession  
thanksgiving, supplication
6. God will hear prayers regardless of physical  
posture
7. Faith is vital in prayer
8. We can't expect God to grant our requests if we

- are unwilling to grant Him obedience
9. We need to deal with known sin
  10. Prayer is work--develop patient perseverance
  11. Approach God in humility--remember who we are talking to
  12. We have bold/confident access to Him because He fully accepts us as His children
  13. Good to pray outloud, but talk to God, not to impress others
  14. Use your brain, not just repeat memorized phrases
  15. Pray expectantly--specific requests
  16. Wait expectantly--take time to listen

## B. Materials

**Books:** Prayer, O'Hallesby  
Prayer: More Than Words, Leroy Eims  
Prayer Ministry, Watchman Nee  
Daring to Draw Near, John White  
Mountain Rain, Life of Hudson Taylor

**Tapes:** T1622 Necessity of Prayer  
George Verwer

T2931 Prayer  
Eph.6:18 Keith McCallum

T2119 Paul's Prayer Life  
Eph.3:14-21 Martha McCallum

## 9. WITNESSING

As the young Christian begins to share his faith with others there are some concerns and problems that will no doubt arise. It is important for him to have thought through the fact that when they witness they are not doing it to win a popularity contest. Therefore the issue of who we want to please is important. They need to be encouraged from God's Word that people are spiritually hungry to hear the message of Jesus Christ. They need to understand that witnessing is a natural overflowing of the Spirit indwelling them. And it may be necessary to address any misconceptions they might have about evangelism.

### A. Basic Areas of Evangelism

1. What is witnessing? Acts 4:20
2. Why should I witness:
  - only way people will come to know JC (human agency)
  - we want to pass on to others benefits of life with JC--love of God
  - by sharing our faith we grow spiritually

- it is a natural result of honesty
- command of God
- 3. Who do I witness to?
  - the people you have natural opportunities with
  - by "divine appointment" from God he wants to use every believer in some form of witness to the non-believers next to them
- 4. How do I witness?
  - your life
  - your words
- 5. What do I say?
  - basics of the gospel
  - personal testimony
- 6. What if the person rejects what I say? Lk.10:16
- 7. Important points to remember while witnessing
- 8. Long-term, behind-the-scenes preparation
  - prayer for opportunities/specific people
  - maintain lifestyle above reproach/salt
  - be with non-Christians
  - study: learn word/apologetics, etc
- 9. Begin to build world Christian view

#### B. Materials

**Books:** Out of the Saltshaker, R. Pippert  
The God Who is There, Francis Schaeffer  
Tell the Truth, Metzger  
How to Give Away Your Faith, Paul Little  
Faith is for People, Paul Little  
Peace Child, Don Richardson  
The Uniqueness of Jesus  
Loving God, C. Colson  
Who Says God Created, Ridenour

**Tapes:** T1639 Biblical Basis for Evang.

T1640 Basics of Evang./Living:  
 Fishing where the fish are  
 both tapes by Paul Little

T2752 JC Lord of the Universe and  
 Lord of You, George Verwer

T2975 The Challenge of the Year 2000  
 Ralph Winter

V20A,B,C,D, Give Me an Answer  
 videos by R. Pippert

#### 10. SPIRITUAL WARFARE

It is crucial for the young believer to understand the issue of spiritual warfare. Without proper understanding of the fact that he has just gone to war, and the strategies of the enemy he will surely be on the casualty list within a very short time. The following are some basics to be covered with the young Christian.

#### A. Fundamental Facts

1. Becoming a Christian does not mean you no longer have problems. But now you have the supreme problem solver of the universe living within you.
2. Difficulties you experience as a Christian come from 1 of 4 sources:
  - a) natural consequences of foolish (but amoral) choices
  - b) temptations of Satan IJn.2:15-16
  - c) discipline of God as a consequence of sin
  - d) testing of God designed to cause spiritual growth
3. Adversity caused by any of the 4 sources above is allowed by God in a blend that includes:
  - reap what you sow Gal.6:7-8
  - God can use all for good Rom.8:28
4. Christians are to flee temptation and resist the devil
5. Salvation and the grace of God are not a license to sin. Sin interrupts fellowship with God and short-circuits His power available to us
6. When you do sin, acknowledgement, humble repentance and reappropriating the filling of the HS will restore you to a right relationship with God.
7. No matter how badly you may blow it, you can know that God still loves you (always fully accepted in the Beloved) and God still wants to help you overcome your problems and become more Christ-like.

#### B. Materials

**Books:** Strategies of Satan, Wiersbe  
Spiritual Warfare, Ray Stedman  
Screwtape Letters, C.S. Lewis  
Defeating the Dragons of the World,

**Tapes:** T2929 Reality of Spiritual Warfare  
Eph.6:10-13 Gary Delashmutt

T2930 Take up the Full Armor

**MATERIAL FOR THE CHILD STAGE**

1. **WORD AND PRAYER**

**Books:** Knowing God, J.I. Packer  
Satan is Alive and Well, Hal Lindsey  
Liberation of Planet Earth, Hal Lindsey  
What it Means to be a Christian, T.Austin Sparks  
What is Man, T.Austin Sparks  
Free for Taking,  
Knowledge of the Holy, A.W. Tozer

**Tapes:**

2. **FELLOWSHIP/RELATIONSHIPS**

**Books:** Body Life, Ray Stedman  
True Spirituality, Francis Schaeffer  
Temperments (O'Hallesby, Leahy, Liteour)

**Tapes:** T573 Ministry of Life  
Dennis Mc Callum

T285-286 Human Emotions  
Ankeman

T813-815 Keep Looking Down  
Martha McCallum

3. **EVANGELISM**

**Books:** Eternity in Their Hearts, Don Richardson  
see others from Baby Curriculum

**Tapes:** T2629 Barriers to Effective Evangelism  
Wkers. Mtg. Dennis McCallum

V45 The Task of Highest Priority  
Ralph Winter

V25 Cry for the Unreached  
K.P. Yohannan

## MATERIALS FOR ADOLESCENT STAGE

### 1. WORD AND PRAYER

**Books:** The Best of E.M. Bound on Prayer  
The Sovereign God, Boice (set of 4 books)  
Wineskins, Snyder

**Tapes:** T161-164 Interpreting the Bible  
T266 Knowing God's Will, MacArthur  
T295 Proof for God, Walter Martin  
T328 God's Perspective (David/Goliath)  
Dennis McCallum  
T722-726 Jesus the Controversialist  
Martha McCallum  
T733 The Work of Christ, G. Delashmutt  
T856 Sermon on the Mount, G. Delashmutt  
T857 Law & Grace(Gal.5), G. Delashmutt  
T1310-1312 Rom.5-7, D. McCallum  
T2419-2428 Survey of the Bible, J.Leffel

### 2. DISCIPLING

**Books:** Disciple, Ortiz  
Spiritual Leadership, Oswald Sanders  
Love Not the World, Watchman Nee  
The Normal Christian Life, Watchman Nee

**Tapes:** T1053 Why This Waste, D.McCallum  
T1054 Giving in the Body, D.McCallum  
T1141-1146 How to Mature Spiritually  
G. Delashmutt  
T1154-1157 Satan's Tactics, D. McCallum  
T1165-1166 Mental Transformation, D.McCallum  
T1211 The Christian Mind, M. McCallum

T1428 Dynamic Bible Teaching, B.Wilkerson

T2157A,B,C 7 Stages of Personal Revival  
Bruce Wilkerson

3. RELATIONSHIPS

**Books:** Eros Defiled, John White  
Calvary Road, Roy Hession

**Tapes:** T209-214 Christian Marriage, H.Hendricks

T887-890 Love Therapy, Tim Kennedy

T983-988 Body of Christ/Xian Love  
D. McCallum

T1046 Casual, Close, Intimate, D.McCallum

T1287-1289 Human Sexuality, D. McCallum

T2312 Relationship Building, D.McCallum

T650-655 Adolescence, James Dobson

4. EVANGELISM

**Books:** Master Plan of Evangelism, Robert Coleman  
God's Strategy in Human History,  
Invisible War  
Genesis in Space and Time, F. Schaeffer  
Death in the City, F. Schaeffer

**Tapes:** T1429 N.T. Church, D. McCallum

MATERIALS FOR ADULT STAGE

1. WORD AND PRAYER

**Books:**

**Tapes:** T1236 Finances, D. McCallum  
T1237 Polity, D.McCallum  
T1590 4 Attacks of Satan on HC, G.Delashmutt  
T1621 Overcoming, John White  
T1753 Radical Xianity, D.McCallum  
T1820 Job, K.McCallum

T1823 The Cross, G.Delashmutt  
T2213 Jonah, K.McCallum  
T2102 Jude, Mark B.  
T2164 The Xian and Society, Os Guinness  
T2869-2871 Running the Race  
T2913 Humility and Satan, S.McCallum  
T2892 Sin, Scott McCallum  
T2767 Zeal, G.Delashmutt  
T2418 Prayer, M.McCallum

## 2. DISCIPLING

**Books:** The Release of the Spirit, W. Nee  
Umproving your Serve, Swindoll  
Normal Xian Worker, W.Nee  
Changed into His Likeness, W. Nee  
Disciples are Made Not Born

**Tapes:** T952 Brokenness, M. McCallum  
T1628-1632 Discipleship, Howard Hendricks  
T1824 Attitude Toward Disciples, G.Delashmutt  
T1913 How to Motivate, D. McCallum  
T1965 Pruning, M. McCallum  
T2105 Leadership, Pam Boseker  
T2383-86 Cost of Discipleship, B.Wilkinson  
T843 What is a Cult, G.Delashmutt

## 3. RELATIONSHIPS

**Books:**

**Tapes:** T1817 Resolving Conflicts, G.Delashmutt  
T2896 The Blessing, M.McCallum

## BIOGRAPHIES:

Goforth of China  
The Burning Heart-Wesley  
Daws  
Joni, Joni Earickson  
Here I Stand-Luther  
The Apostle (Paul), Pollock  
Hudson and Maria, Pollock  
A Foreign Devil in China, Pollock

## VIDEOS:

Out of the Saltshaker, R. Pippert  
Inside Out, Larry Crabb  
Holiness of God(first tape), Sproul  
Verwer