

You shall **love the Lord your God** with all your **heart**, and with all your **soul**, and with all your **strength**, **gathered in my name**, For where two or three are

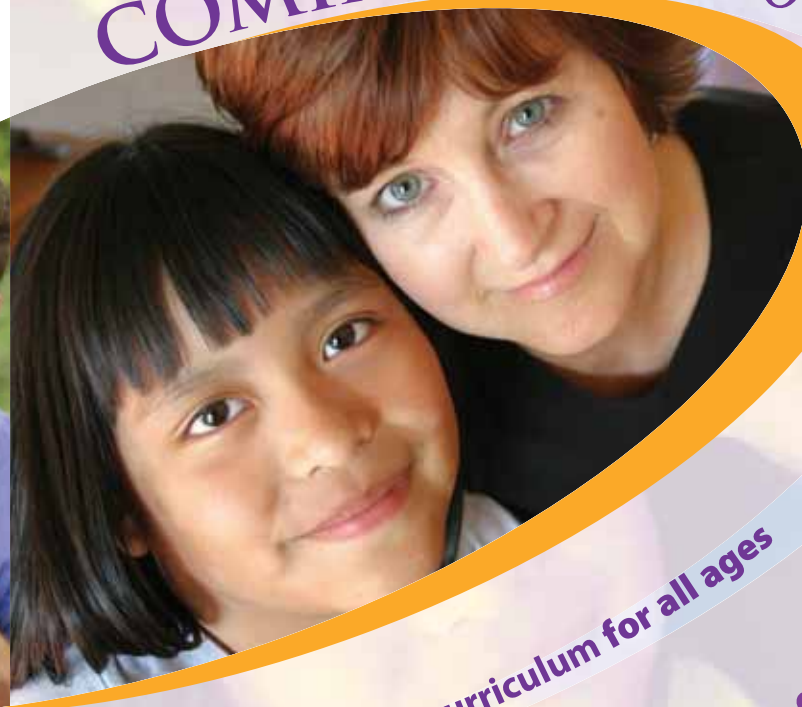


**Gather 'Round** has **solid Bible guidance** for teachers and learners

- Each session contains a **Bible insight** section to nurture the teacher's faith growth.
- The **Bible story** is rewritten for younger children.
- Older children and youth **dig into the Bible text** each week.
- All ages have a **Bible memory text** each quarter, reinforced in each session.

**Gather 'Round** has **easy-to-use, engaging** plans

- Each session includes **gathering and worship, hearing the Bible story, connecting the Bible to life**, and **responding to the Bible story**.
- Responses and activities appeal to the **variety of ways children and youth learn**.
- Student resources for preschool through multiage **encourage active Bible learning, worship, and prayer** throughout the quarter.



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A new Sunday school curriculum for all ages

Find Bible outlines, product information, and more at [www.gatherround.org](http://www.gatherround.org)



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**neighbor as yourself** and with all your **mind**; and your

—Luke 10:27

**I am there**

among them.—Matthew 18:20

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. **You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart**, and with all your **soul**, and with all your **might**. **Keep these words** that I am commanding you today in your heart.

# gather'ROUND **hearing and sharing** God's good news

Inviting children, youth, and adults to be followers of Jesus



## Why use Gather 'Round?

Gather 'Round helps children, youth, and parents **to know and love God**.

Gather 'Round explores what it means to follow Jesus at home, in Christian community, and in the world. Children and youth learn how to discern and join God's activity in the world—by **sharing their faith with others in word and deed**.

Gather 'Round's **flexible materials** are designed for 7 age groups:

### Preschool

ages 3-4, with tips for twos

### Primary

grades K-2

### Middler

grades 3-5

### Junior Youth

grades 6-8

### Youth

grades 9-12

### Multiage

grades K-6, with tips for older students

### Parent/Caregiver

designed for class or individual study

## How is Gather 'Round unique?

- The **parent/caregiver resource** allows parents, grandparents, caregivers, and interested adults to study the same Bible stories as their children and youth. Together, or as individuals, they learn how to share their faith with young people, and grow in faith with them.
- The **Talkabout** is a quarterly take-home item designed to sit on each family's table. The Talkabout's content is connected to the sessions, and encourages families to live out their Christian principles through faith conversations, prayer, and service.
- **Multiage materials**—available year-round—are geared to children kindergarten through grade six, and designed for congregations who do not have enough children for a fully graded Sunday school program. Materials can be easily adapted to include older children.
- The **youth unit** is available as a Web-based downloadable curriculum with reproducible pages.

- **Each children's unit** (preschool, primary, middler, junior youth, and multiage) has its own unique student resource book, and a classroom pack with posters and activities.

### Four-year Bible outline:

Fall materials focus on Old Testament stories, while winter and spring sessions are devoted to the New Testament. Advent and Lent are highlighted. Summer sessions shift to special topics and themes, such as the parables.

### Gather 'Round is new each year.

Children will repeat the Bible cycle as they grow. Each time the content will be fresh and invite them to a deeper relationship with Jesus.

*Gather 'Round lifts up the teachings of Jesus, offering alternatives to worldviews that emphasize individualism, power, and accumulation of wealth.*

## What is Gather 'Round?

Gather 'Round is a **Bible-based curriculum** nurturing children, youth, and adults in becoming **followers of Jesus** as people who

- know and love God
- interpret God's word
- belong to God's gathered community
- share God's good news

*Gather 'Round teaches children and youth to embrace service and peacemaking, and to share their Christian faith with others.*



For more detail, check out our website at [www.gatherround.org](http://www.gatherround.org)



**Recite them** to your children and **talk about them** when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. **Bind them** as a sign on your hand, **fix them** as an emblem on your forehead, and **write them** on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.—Deuteronomy 6: 4-9