



UPDATE

News and Notes About the Curriculum

Cycle C Spring

“Be New People,” the theme for this quarter invites children and teachers to discover how to respond as new people to the stories of Jesus’s life and death. Jesus invites everyone to experience new life through a relationship with God.

Here is the suggested order of sessions for this quarter.

March 5 - March 26	Sessions 5-8
April 2	Session 1
April 9	Session 2
April 16	Session 3
April 23	Session 4
April 30—May 28	Sessions 9-13

Centered Teaching

“Be New People” is the title of a reproducible guide which offers a multi-age approach to learning. Written by Sandi Hannigan and Eleanor Snyder for use in the last cycle, this resource includes a dramatic version of the Bible story and six response activities to supplement the teaching resources of Jubilee, Cycle C Spring. Order this from your publisher.

Summer Quarter (Cycle F)

Use “Partners with God” this summer for the final Jubilee quarter. Thirteen Bible personalities joined an active God in their everyday living through prayer and study, proclamation and peacemaking, by developing skills and living out their faith. A reproducible worship-education guide for intergenerational use is also available from your publisher.

Thank you!

The publishers wish to thank God for the thousands of people who enjoyed Jubilee from beginning to end: congregations, teachers and children; the trainers, production teams, designers, writers, consultants, project staff, development council, and former publishing staff who had a dream.

Jubilee Endings

1. **This is the final issue of Jubilee Update.**

Since early 1994, you have been informed and encouraged by this small quarterly newsletter. Many thanks are owed to the first editor and Jubilee’s project director, Rosella Wiens Regier, for her encouragement and notes as she steered the process through the stages of development and usage. Thanks, too, to those who contributed teaching tips, shared your teaching stories, and dutifully completed evaluation forms. All were appreciated by the editors.

Coming soon is the first issue of *Roundabout*, a newsletter with quarterly tips for using and enjoying *Gather 'Round: Hearing and Sharing God’s Good News*.

2. **June Deadline for Summer Cycle F Returns.**

The publishing partners will not accept returns for the summer 2006 quarter past June 15, 2006.

3. **August Sales Deadline for Jubilee Products.**

Jubilee resources will not be available for purchase beyond August 15, 2006. Do not expect a discount on Jubilee teacher’s guides, student leaflets or resource boxes. Remember: photocopying of any Jubilee teaching and student resources is illegal.

Contact your publisher to learn about discounts on the sale of Jubilee story figures, Jubilee videos, time line and Celebrations books.

4. **We recognize the end of a publishing partnership.**

The publishing partners for Jubilee were Brethren Press (Church of the Brethren), Evangel Press (Brethren in Christ) and Faith & Life Resources, a division of Mennonite Publishing Network (Mennonite Church Canada & Mennonite Church USA). Cooperative users included Kindred Productions (Mennonite Brethren) and Friends United Meeting (Quakers). We celebrate the collaborative spirit in both developing and marketing Jubilee to many, many Anabaptist congregations.

Brethren Press and Faith & Life Resources, the partners in the new curriculum project, *Gather 'Round*, welcome and anticipate continued relationships with churches that love Jubilee and want to be part of the *Gather 'Round* community.

5. Letting Go of Jubilee

Many congregations are wondering what to do with their leftover Jubilee materials. It is not easy to let go of new or barely used products. Be creative as you dispose of your leftovers.

- Donate it to an overseas congregation. MCC Zambia is interested in receiving used materials for use in Brethren in Christ churches. For information on costs of shipping, etc., contact mcc@zamnet.zm.
- Donate appropriate materials to play groups or after school programs run by Christian organizations.
- Set up a “freebie” table in your church foyer. Invite people to take what they want.
- Prepare “travel kits” for families who take road trips. Include items from resource boxes and student leaflets. Store them in the library and sign them out or give them away.
- Keep the story figures for use on occasion with the new curriculum.
- Place the story figures, Early Childhood storybooks and songbook in the nursery or preschool SS class.
- Update your picture files with the pictures from the resource boxes and spiral teaching books.
- File the time line for future reference.
- Cut out all teaching tips from the teacher’s guides and glue them to recipe cards. File the cards according to age groups and store in the appropriate classrooms.
- Make a Jubilee celebration collage with pictures from posters and student leaflets.
- Store some of the unique items from the resource boxes such as maps and Bible time posters to use in your club or VBS program.
- When you have disposed of the contents of the resource boxes, find a creative use for the boxes.
- Plan a Jubilee pizza party – make homemade pizza to fit into a resource box and give it to teachers as a thank you gift or sell them as a fundraiser for a mission project.
- Have the children make gift boxes out of the boxes by covering the boxes with wallpaper.
- Gently dispose of what is left as you give thanks for the nurture this curriculum provided for children and teachers alike over the last twelve years.

Celebrate Jubilee!

Just as congregations planned for the beginning of *Jubilee* back in 1994, we can celebrate the ending in 2006. Take time to express gratitude for the *Jubilee* curriculum.

Use this prayer adapted from the introductory materials.

1. *We thank you, God, for Jubilee: God’s Good News, that we dedicated to you twelve years ago.*
 2. *For children who wonder and ask questions, who have ideas and concerns,*
 1. *For teachers who made Jubilee come alive,*
 2. *For church leaders who brought Jubilee to our churches,*
 1. *For people who planned and wrote and worked to make Jubilee exciting and colorful and meaningful,*
 2. *For all the denominations who worked together to develop and print the materials,*
- All Thanks be to God. Amen.*

(written by Rosella Wiens Regier)

Benediction for Jubilee

May this be our prayer as we set aside Jubilee to make room for God’s good news packaged in *Gather 'Round*.
We go now as God’s Jubilee people.
We will rejoice in the Lord.
We will serve the Lord with gladness.
We go with God’s Alleluia in our hearts. Amen.

(written by June Adams Gible)

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