

ATTENTION! READ ME FIRST

WELCOME!

Welcome, Christian friends! You have just opened up the CD or Adobe File of the **BIBLE TIMELINE Curriculum** developed by Beth Brown, Betty Winder, Paula Taylor and Brenda Dickinson of the Katy Church of Christ in Katy, Texas.

We have been teaching the **BIBLE TIMELINE** for the last 15 years in the 5th grade Bible classroom, and are constantly editing, reformatting and updating all of our lesson plans into the format that you see now on this CD. We are happy to share them with you in the hopes that they will enrich your Bible class program at your local congregation.

HOW THIS CURRICULUM IS USED IN KATY:

1. The **BIBLE TIMELINE Curriculum** is taught in the 5th grade Bible class beginning with the Fall quarter, then continuing throughout the Winter and Spring quarters. In the summer, we use another curriculum that uses Bible centers.
2. We teach the **BIBLE TIMELINE** on both Sunday morning and Wednesday night to provide a continuous teaching process. This encourages our students to have faithful attendance at all services.
3. Our two teams of teachers goes into the classroom one quarter at a time, teaching both Sunday and Wednesday, then takes the next quarter off while the other team teaches the students.
4. Our teams consist of two teachers for each quarter. The two teachers present two **TIMELINE** sections apiece during that particular quarter.
5. Fall Quarter: **1-Beginnings, 2-Fathers, 3-Slavery, 4-Victory**
6. Winter Quarter: **5-Struggles, 6-United, 7-Divided, 8-Punished**
7. Spring Quarter: **9-Rebuild, Silence, 10-Christ, 11-Kingdom.**
8. **Silence** is only referred to in the classroom as we move on to the **Christ** Timeline section. It is not given any lesson plans because that is the time period between the two testaments in which there was no revelation from God.

ROOM DECORATIONS

1. We wish it was possible for us to share in this format how we have decorated the 5th grade classroom at Katy. Let it just suffice to say that our back wall is a **BIBLE HISTORY HIGHWAY** on which all the **TIMELINE** sections are pictured in a meandering road of sorts complete with Bible story pictures (gotten from several Bible Clip Art sources), lists of people and events, and Bible books that are studied in each section.
2. We took the **HISTORY HIGHWAY** in this CD that appears in the student booklet to Kinko's, enlarged it 400%, colored it in, laminated it, then posted it on our back wall with colorful "Bordette" around it.
3. This wall is referred to over and over during the year and provides an invaluable visual picture of the Bible at a glance. It is left up year after year. Use your imagination and design your own **HISTORY HIGHWAY!**

4. On the two other wall sides we have enlarged the 12 Bible acrostics to poster size (we always go to KINKO'S to enlarge things) that are included in your children's booklet. We call these acrostics, **TIMELINE TALK**. We encourage the students to memorize each **TIMELINE TALK** as we are studying that section. Six acrostics are on our left wall and 6 acrostics are on the right wall. These are also referred to continually throughout the year of study.
5. Included in this CD is a folder with some decoration ideas included. We also have a vocabulary wall that includes vocabulary word cards for each TIMELINE section. There is also a Vocabulary Folder on this CD.

BIBLE TIMELINE SECTIONS:

- On this CD, you will find lesson plans the BIBLE TIMELINE Unit.
- These sections in chronological order are:
 - ⇒ **BEGINNINGS**
 - ⇒ **FATHERS**
 - ⇒ **SLAVERY**
 - ⇒ **VICTORY**
 - ⇒ **STRUGGLES**
 - ⇒ **UNITED**
 - ⇒ **DIVIDED**
 - ⇒ **PUNISHED**
 - ⇒ **REBUILD**
 - ⇒ **CHRIST**
 - ⇒ **KINGDOM**
- Each of these TIMELINE sections is studied for 3 or 4 weeks apiece, on both Sunday morning and Wednesday night. Therefore, in each section there will be at least 6 lesson plans for you to use.
- The lesson plans are listed individually on this disc as follows:
 - ⇒ **Beginnings 1a** - *for use on Sunday morning, week #1*
 - ⇒ **Beginnings 1b** - *for use on Wednesday evening, week #1*
 - ⇒ **Beginnings 2a** - *for use on Sunday morning, week #2*
 - ⇒ **Beginnings 2b** - *for use on Wednesday evening, week #2*
 - ⇒ **Beginnings 3a** - *for use on Sunday morning, week #3*
 - ⇒ **Beginnings 3b** - *for use on Wednesday evening, week #3*

OTHER TEACHING HELPS:

Occasionally, there are extra teaching resources that are listed under their TIMELINE section such as:

1. **Worksheets** that the students use along with the lesson
2. **20 Questions games.** We use this game quite frequently on Wednesday nights at the end of class to assess our progress. The students love it and continually ask for it to be played. Maybe it's because we hand out lots of candy for correct answers! There are also other games mentioned from time to time.
3. **Workbook pages.** **STRUGGLES, VICTORY** and **CHRIST** each have extra booklets that go with the unit. Each of these booklets is included in the Student Booklet in this curriculum.
4. **Overheads.** There are even a few overheads that I have included in the TIMELINE sections. I like to use color on the transparencies that I use in the classroom. If you have a color printer, you may want to change the texts to color and then run transparency film through your printer to produce a very nice looking result.

STUDENT WORKBOOK:

1. Enclosed in this curriculum is a booklet that we photocopy for each of our students.
2. Each of these booklets is put into a 1" view binder. I computer customize a cover sheet with their name on it to slip into the top cover. This booklet is left in the classroom all during the school year, and then given to them to take home at the end of the study in May. Occasionally, worksheets and other study guides are added to it.
3. The **TIMELINE SECTION COVER sheets** are run on 12 different colors of paper and slipped into sheet protectors, which provided very nice section dividers for the student booklet. Colors are as follows:
 - ⇒ **Beginnings–Kelly Green**
 - ⇒ **Fathers–Lime Green**
 - ⇒ **Slavery–Orange**
 - ⇒ **Victory–Teal**
 - ⇒ **Struggles–Red**
 - ⇒ **United–Purple**
 - ⇒ **Divided–Royal Blue**
 - ⇒ **Punished–Rocket Red**
 - ⇒ **Rebuild–Tan**
 - ⇒ **Silence–White**
 - ⇒ **Christ–Bright Yellow**
 - ⇒ **Kingdom–Hot Pink**
4. The students are continually reminded that this is a precious keepsake to be treasured and studied throughout their growing up years.

A QUESTION OF INTEGRITY:

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3. This material has never been sold, but rather shared lovingly with all who have asked. ***We implore you to help us continue this tradition.***

QUESTIONS:

We carefully considered how to formulate the lessons and the disc format so that it might be easily used and understood. However, with any product, there is bound to be some confusion and possibly many questions! Please feel free to contact me by e-mail and I will address any concerns you may have:

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Our prayers are with you as you use this material!

In Christ,
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