

Rock Solid Leader Guide Highlights



1. Read the age level insights on the inside front cover of your handbook.
2. On page 6 & 7. you will find an overview chart of the first 13 lessons. PERMISSION IS GRANTED BY COKESBURY TO PHOTOCOPY THIS CHART SO EACH FAMILY MAY HAVE A COPY AT HOME.
3. What is QuickTeach? Is found on page 2 of each Leader's Guide. QuickTeach activities require little or no planning and only the basic supplies if your are short one week on planning time.
4. Resource Pak Contents are found on page 8 of your Leader's Guide. For those who used Exploring Faith, I think you will be pleased with the quality of the resource pak contents. The Bible verse poster for each unit will be great additions to your classroom bulletin boards. Also, cards that will be used for classroom games are lightly laminated to more rugged use.
5. Every lesson is divided into four parts:

Arrival Fun: This section contains activities that a teacher can choose to use during the arrival time on Sunday morning. For kindergarten-5th grade, the arrival segment may be very short since all the children arrive at the same time. I WOULD SUGGEST OUR CLASSES USE THIS TIME FOR ATTENDANCE AND SHARING OF OUR TREASURES (OFFERING). I highly recommend teachers open and close each lesson with a prayer. You might want to include the FaithPoint for a particular lesson in your opening prayer. An example from the pre-k FaithPoint for Lesson One might be:

Thank you, God, for your beautiful and good Earth. Help us dear Lord, through our class time today, to learn how we can love and take care of your creation. Amen.

Another great opening prayer is:

Dear God, as we hear the stories of our faith, be with us and help us to learn what you want us to do. Amen.

There is a prayer in the worship section that should be perfect for a closing prayer.

In the kindergarten & 1st grade classes, during the arrival time, there is a **Friendship Time** where the teacher asks the students about their week and if there is something special in their hearts that they would like to pray about. The prayer is included in the Leader's Guide and focuses on the FaithPoint. This is also the time where teachers' acknowledge birthday people for the week. The Resource Pak includes a Happy Birthday Tree (page 32) and you can write a child's name on one of the bird's for a particular week. For the 2nd & 3rd grade classes, this is called the **Together Time instead of Friendship Time**. For the fifth grade class, this is called **Conversation Time**.

Bible Time: This section includes the telling of the Bible story. There are also activities in this section that introduce the story to the children. The QuickTeach activities in this section focus on the Bible story and helping the children remember the Bible verse.

Throughout this quarter, the **fifth grade class** will be creating a **Portrait Gallery**, tracing the beginnings of the family of God. The fifth grade class will also be repeating the same prayer each week before the Bible Story. You may make a copy of the prayer on page 88 of the Leader's Guide and display it so the children may pray it together.

Live God's Word: This section helps the children do just what it says. Now that the children have heard the Bible story, how do they "live out: the Bible message in their lives? The QuickTeach activity may be a craft activity, game or action poem to help the children remember the Bible story and relate it to their own lives.

In the pre-k classes, Gretchen the Giraffe (included in the resource pak) will be introduced to the children. Gretchen helps the children understand how they can put into action the Bible story they just heard. She will visit the class each week.

Worship: Each lesson also includes a time of worship. We encourage this with all children. Make it a priority rather than an exception. Expressing praise and thanks to God through music, Bible reading, and prayer is one way to ensure that the Bible becomes an important part of their lives. As the children get older, they may be encouraged to prepare the class worship time for themselves.

DON'T FORGET TO LOOK AT THE SECTION AT THE END OF EACH LESSON CALLED TAKE A PEEK AT NEXT WEEK....it will give you a heads up on your planning for the following Sunday.

At the end of the Teacher Book are reproducibles that are referred to in particular lessons. The lesson number and page number are noted at the top of the page.

On Page 110 of the Leader's Guide, there is information about IAmRockSolid.com which is an exciting new website to support this curriculum.

On Page 111 of the Leader's Guide, there is an outline of the three year Bible study plan for Rock Solid.

There is a User Response Form at the end of the Teacher Handbook that I will encourage teachers to fill out after the first quarter.