

Learning Opportunities for Middle School and High School Revised 5/1/08



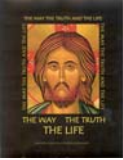



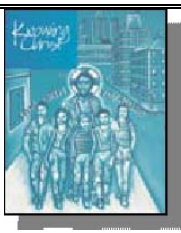
Listing provided by the Antiochian Archdiocese Department of Christian Education,
www.antiochian.org/christianeducation.

Many programs and materials are available. In the following table, they have been categorized as:


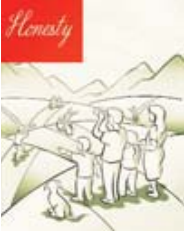

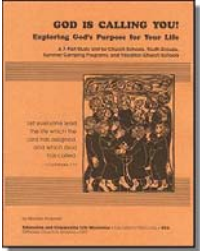
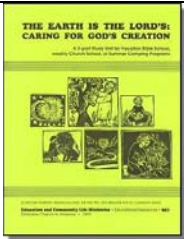
1) Theology, Scripture, History, 2) Liturgy, Spirituality/Morality, and 3) Service, Witness, Saints, and 4) Other ideas.

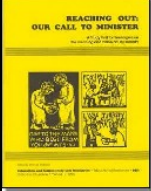




If a program is not categorized as HS or MS, it can be used with either. Mark, "yes," "no," or "maybe" as per your interest level. Use one option from each category for year's balanced program (unless the resource has lessons for an entire year). Also check out the Antiochian Gospel Program at the website above.









Contact information: Antiochian Archdiocese, (201) 871-1355*. OCEC, www.orthodoxed.org. Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, www.goarch.org.
**If Antiochian Archdiocese cannot provide the material, contact the OCEC.*

Category	Program	Description	Yes, No, Maybe	Find at:
1) Theology, Scripture, History				
	The Way, The Truth, and The Life (8th grade and above, 28 lessons)	The basics of Orthodox Christianity are covered in this book of 28 engaging lessons. The book also offers a small "encyclopedia" of Orthodoxy, along with three other resource sections.		Antiochian Archdiocese
	Celebrations (HS 40 lessons)	Orthodox Christians live in two worlds—one that is measured by time, and one that isn't. Learn more about Jesus' life and the life of Mary through each feast day. Learn more about your own relationship with God through the feast days.		Antiochian Archdiocese
	The Work of Salvation (7 lessons)	Our salvation, through Christ's death and resurrection, was foreshadowed repeatedly in the people and events of the Old Testament. Look for the similarities in eight Old Testament stories that are read during the Vespers of Great and Holy Saturday.		Antiochian Archdiocese
	The Scribe (MS 22 lessons)	Jesus Christ, and the events of his life, led his followers to declare that He was indeed the awaited Messiah. Yes, their faith came from knowing him, but also from knowing the Old Testament. Follow a reporter for the Biblical Times, as he chronicles events of the day, and wonder with the resident Scribe about similarities with what is written in the Old Testament.		www.antiochian.org/christianeducation
	Knowing Christ (6 lessons)	What are the most important teachings, miracles and parables of Christ? Find out in this book, and find ways to shape your life into that which Jesus desires.		Greek Orthodox Archdiocese

	FOCUS Units: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journey to Pascha • Monasticism • The Nativity Season • The Theotokos • My Orthodox Family 	Each of these units offers 5-7 lessons with additional resources available. The units feature lessons for all age levels.		www.dce-oca.org
	The First 800 Years (7 lessons)	The tumultuous first 800 years of Christianity are unfolded through the saints who shaped each century. During these years seven councils defined the Orthodox faith for all time.		Antiochian Archdiocese
2) Liturgy, Spirituality, Morality				
	*Who is God? Who Am I? Who Are You? <i>Dee Pennock (HS)</i>	This is a creatively illustrated book addressing relationships: to each other, to one's self, to God. The lessons focus on our spiritual and psychological lives as they relate to the teachings		Greek Orthodox Archdiocese
	Rejoicing in One Lord, Jesus Christ (HS 12 lessons)	Where does your faith enter your life? How do you make decisions? Do you rejoice in your relationship with Jesus Christ? Is the Church relevant to your life? Consider your faith in light of many contemporary issues with this program.		Greek Orthodox Archdiocese
	What's Love Got to Do With It? Everything! (MS 7 lessons)	What does it mean to be in a relationship with your family, your friends, your self? The lessons explore self-understanding how each of us relates to the world.		Antiochian Archdiocese
	What's Love Got to Do With It? Everything! (HS 7 lessons)	See above; the lessons are modified for older students.		Antiochian Archdiocese
	My Body, My Spirit (7 lessons)	Any discussion of morality, including sexual morality, begins with spirituality—one's relationship with God. The lessons use the lives of the saints and those in scripture to illustrate that the challenge to respect one's body as the temple of the Holy Spirit can be successfully met.		Antiochian Archdiocese
	What Would You Do? Ethics Unit (MS 14 lessons)	The lessons explore modern moral issues such as lying, the internet, medical ethics, and the Orthodox viewpoint on each.		Antiochian Archdiocese
	Challenge Questions on Orthodoxy for Students – Volume 1 <i>Gayle Woloschak</i>	How much do you know about the Scriptures, Church History, the feasts and fasts, and Christ's teachings? Test your knowledge with 466 multiple choice questions. Also a good resource for "end of the class" extra time.		Greek Orthodox Archdiocese
	More Challenge Questions on Orthodoxy for Students – Volume 2 <i>Gayle E. Woloschak and Tatjana Peunesko</i>	After mastering the content of volume one . . . try volume two. Included are questions on vestments, words and symbols, liturgy and the sacraments. (Answers provided in the back of the book.)		Greek Orthodox Archdiocese

	Getting Along with Parents (HS 4 lessons with option to extend to 7 lessons)	Lessons in communication skills, and family life comprise this program, which was edited by Fr. Joseph Purpura, Chair of the Department of Youth Ministry.		Antiochian Archdiocese OR orthodox.org
	Facing Up to Peer Pressure (4 lessons)	Are you pressured by your peers? Is your faith at risk? In this look at peer pressure, ways to deal are offered, as well as considering it as a positive force.		Greek Orthodox Archdiocese
	Honesty (5 lessons)	Honesty is a broad topic, but knowing the consequences of lying, cheating, and distinguishing right from wrong are essential for our youth and their spiritual welfare. The Bible and the teaching of Christ constitute a strong moral compass for such guidance and direction. In the vignette of each lesson Andre's good friends, Constance and Anna, pose some real-life problems for Andre		Greek Orthodox Archdiocese
	Teenage Ten Commandments	This is an overview of the Ten Commandments and their relevance for our times. After a review of the Old Testament, a chapter with study guide and activities is devoted to each Commandment.		Greek Orthodox Archdiocese
	Bible Study	Jason Barker, working with the Department of Youth Ministry of the Antiochian Archdiocese, has many resources available, including a Bible Study, "Get Wisdom," and a pamphlet on studying scripture.		www.orthodoxyouth.org
3) Service, Witness, Saints				
	God is Calling You! (MS 7 lessons)	Each of us plays a role, in God's plan. Various vocations within the Church are explained through a look at the lives of the saints. The Church requires many different contributions in order to fulfill its service to the world.		Antiochian Archdiocese
	God is Calling You! (HS 7 lessons)	The unit explores the idea of "vocation," and provides tools to explore our calling.		Antiochian Archdiocese
	The Earth is the Lord's (MS 7 lessons)	Is the earth a topic for a religion class? What does it mean to be a steward of creation? The lessons raise these and other religious/environmental issues		Antiochian Archdiocese

	The Earth is the Lord's (HS 7 lessons)	The lessons ask how the Orthodox Christian viewpoints become guidelines in terms of environmentalism, and provides suggestions for how to put these into practice.		Antiochian Archdiocese
	To Teach All Nations (7 lessons)	The work being done with Project Mexico and St. Innocent Orphanage are highlighted, after a brief history of Orthodox missionary efforts. The final lesson is a challenge—the Orthodox Church in China is facing grave difficulties, what is to be done? (<i>The program uses the Saints of all Ages for lesson 4; after ordering check lesson 4 to see if you can provide the information through the internet or other sources. Saints of All Ages is available through orthodoxed.org.)</i>)		Antiochian Archdiocese
	International Orthodoxy (HS 7 lessons)	Christ's mandate to spread the Good News and to serve others begin this unit. The lessons highlight the work of the IOCC, and the OCMC. The final lesson is a challenge— you are an IOCC or OCMC worker and must plan for the needs of a hypothetical situation.		Antiochian Archdiocese
	Reaching Out: Our Call to Minister (HS 7 lessons)	Is our calling to minister real? If so, how is it done? Christ-like service is encouraged in these lessons, both within the Church and in the local community.		Antiochian Archdiocese
	Stewardship: Serving in God's World (MS 5 lessons)	All too often stewardship is equated with money, which is far too limited for a Christian perspective. The five lessons in this program expand the vision of stewardship from the environment to our role of responsibility to each other, and to spiritual growth.		Antiochian Archdiocese
4) Other ideas				
	Raphael House	Located in San Francisco, Raphael House (Orthodox) provides shelter for all who are in need, and also programs for city children. Consider working with them, or reading the stories of the people they help.		www.graphaelhouse.org
	Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC)	Plan one Sunday a month to read their newsletters and keep track of the missionaries around the world.		www.ocmc.org
	International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)	Learn about the many, many, needs this Orthodox relief and development organization is meeting. Plan one Sunday a month to keep up with Orthodox service organizations.		www.iocc.org
	Project Mexico and St. Innocent Orphanage	The boys of Tijuana can only live in state orphanages until age 12. Then they were tossed onto the street to fend for themselves. Learn how this Orthodox orphanage is changing the fate of many boys in Tijuana. See if you can help through the year.		www.projectmexico.org

	re/Call	<p>Through Ancient Faith Radio, this teen and young-adult produced podcast delves into questions that are critical to our faith.</p> <p>Consider coordinating the topical articles from <i>Cross and Quill</i>, a teen-produced publication that includes discussion questions. <i>Cross and Quill</i> is available at www.antiochian.org/christianeducation.</p>		www.Ancientfaith.com/podcasts
	Orthodox Youth	<p>Jason Barker, working with the Department of Youth Ministry of the Antiochian Archdiocese, has many resources available, including a Bible Study</p>		www.orthodoxyouth.org
	OCF Orthodox Christian Fellowship	<p>Look ahead to college with the happenings and thoughts of those in OCF. There are chapters on campuses all over North America. Look for a chapter at the colleges you are considering, and send for a "Connect Kit."</p> <p>Campus Ministry podcasts are also available on AFR.</p>		www.ocf.net and www.Ancientfaith.com/podcasts
	Orthodox Youth Outreach (OYO)	<p>Have you ever answered Christ's call to feed the poor? Contact OYO for an experience that will change your life. Participants are trained to minister to the poor over a weekend's time, and then do so. Teams are about 10 people with moderators to supervise.</p>  <p><i>What is it like to be part of an OYO team? Read their reflections on the website.</i></p>		www.orthodoxyouthoutreach.net
	Orthodox Christian Network	<p>Check out all the podcasts, and the news on Real Break, a program that helps college-age students serve those in great need.</p> 		www.receive.org
	Ancient Faith Radio	<p>Check out all the podcasts.</p>		www.Ancientfaith.com