

# A SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUM

*for Coromandel Baptist Church*

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## Introduction

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These lessons assume that children need to be taught the whole Bible story, from Genesis to Revelation. They assume that children can understand the Bible in ways appropriate to their age. They also assume that children are part of the whole Church and learn best in that environment.

The 195 lessons itemised have been developed in the context of the needs of Coromandel Baptist Church but may well be useful for others who share the concerns mentioned above.

We have encouraged the use of a series of books held by 'Mission Publications' called 'Step by Step through the Bible' written by Daisy L. Henderson, a missionary, who worked with South Sea

Evangelical Mission. These books were written to bring the stories of the Bible to people for whom English was a second language but they are suitable for children also. We have also encouraged the use of the International Children's Bible (New Century Version, © 1983, 1988 by Word Publishing) for those who wish to read the story to children directly from a Bible or to read it together.

The curriculum is still being filled out. At present, a complete curriculum outline is set out. Teachers' notes are available for a number of Bible books. Cross referencing to the 'Step by Step' books are provided so that teachers have assistance straight away in being able to tell the story to children. Later, it is hoped to have Teachers Notes for all lessons, and a simplified story for 2-4 year olds, complete with pictures and suggested activities.

As a matter of interest, here are some of the things we have found helpful in arranging Sunday learning for our children.

Teachers spend one week in four, over a period of six months, teaching children during 'sermon time'. If there are enough people to help, other teams can take over for the next six months. Children accept the variety of teachers given the common approach being taken. Here is how things 'happen' in more detail.

### **Creche 0-1's**

After the Church worship time, this group leaves to play with toys and look at books.

### **2-4's group**

After the Church worship time, this group leaves and remain in class until parents pick them up at the end of the service.

### **5-8's group**

This group leaves at the same time but returns to the service at a time arranged, to finish the morning with their family and the whole church for communion, prayers and benediction.

### **9-12's group**

This group meets fortnightly or monthly depending on availability of teachers.

They leave after the worship time in church and return as do the 5-8's group.

On other weeks they remain in the Church service. The leaders choose to go through a book of the Bible or to follow the above curriculum.

**13yrs +**

Remain in church each week. Some help with Sunday School in either of the younger two groups.

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## **Availability**

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A complete curriculum is listed and lessons available are underlined. Others will be added as available.