

Welcome to the Power and Light Curriculum

The Power and Light curriculum for Kids and Youth follows the same lectionary schedule that the World Church is using through *Worship Resources*. While *Worship Resources* is theme-specific for a particular date, the Power and Light curriculum has been revised as a general resource applicable to the specific lectionary year. The intent is to have a Power and Light resource for lectionary year A, B, and C for both kids and youth.

Because the *Worship Resources* is planned uniquely for each Sunday and Power and Light is now planned generically for a lectionary year, there will be some Sundays when the particular scriptures emphasized in each book are not the same. By creating a three-year cycle focused on the lectionary as opposed to specific themes, we are better able to reuse material as children pass through a specific age group and a new group of children enter.

This material is being provided as an interim measure while a team of ministers are exploring what is needed around the world to support disciple formation for all ages, cultures, and languages. In order to better meet the needs of a growing international church, we are trying to identify ways where excellent material can be reused without negatively impacting the educational value. By focusing on the three-year lectionary rotation instead of specific daily themes, we can be sensitive to this need.

How to Make This Resource Work for You!

God is not a principle you're teaching. God is a presence in your youth ministry. Ask yourself, "What is God up to? What is God doing with the youth?" When you do, your role will change from struggling to "bring" God to your youth to that of understanding God with them, helping them identify God's presence in their lives, accessing the blessings and guidance of God, and responding to God. Emphasize the experience of God more than the facts and activities. Emphasize the feeling and knowing God. Your role is about passing faith on to them, but it is also the role of the whole congregation sharing in faith together.

Look for new ways to reach youth. Consider an evening scripture study. This type of small group, home-based fellowship may be able to reach youth who do not attend on Sunday mornings. Lesson activities can easily carry over to youth ministry projects, meetings, activities, worship services, retreats, or even camps. Optional suggestions are given throughout the lessons. From the small class to the large class, the young class to the all-senior class, these suggestions will help you tailor the lessons to your specific class needs.