

## Welcome to the Workshop Rotation Model and Cornerstones

God works in mysterious ways. Your heart is in despair over your Sunday school and how it is nurturing faith formation. The current structure and curriculum is no longer connecting with your congregation, neither children nor adults. It's time for a new approach, one that invites the talents in the church to pass their faith onto the next generation.

We offer you five easy steps to understanding the whole picture.

### Step One: Become Familiar with the Workshop Rotation Model (WRM)

Get to know the basics:

- Terminology
- Multiple intelligence theory
- The process of WRM
- Workshop options
- How to get started.

The Cornerstones website has several [articles](#) on the Workshop Rotation Model.

### Become familiar with Cornerstones

6 Years ~ 6 Themes ~ 660 Lessons

- Look at the [Scope](#) and Sequence
- Focus on one theme, for instance, *Witness to God's Presence*.
  - There are ten monthly units flowing from
    - Old Testament in the fall
    - bridged by Christmas
    - New Testament in the winter
    - bridged by Easter.
  - Holy Week is always the March unit.
  - The Resurrection is always the April unit.
  - May is usually the new church.
  - Everything they learn about Jesus is based on the seeds that were planted in the fall when they learned about the Old Testament. Therefore, they see the connection between the Passover, the Last Supper and communion. It becomes very powerful regardless of age.
- Each unit has [11 workshop lessons](#). What makes Cornerstones so unique is that we let you choose which lessons you want. If you buy one whole year/theme, it is 100 lessons for \$1000 and \$100 extra for the computer lab lessons. If you buy the lessons individually, they are \$15 per lesson.

### Step Three: Experiment with the Process

This step involves choosing which workshops you are going to offer. Let's experiment with how you might figure out the first unit. We'll start with the **Creation** story in *Witness to God's Presence*.

- In the left column, check four workshops that your participants would enjoy.
- In the right column, check the four workshops that you can connect to a specific person to teach.

Participants	Creation Overviews	Teachers
	<b>Bedouin Encampment:</b> Hear the story of Creation and have the opportunity to say it in their own words using "creation day bags."	
	<b>Bible @ Your Fingertips:</b> View an animated story of Creation and do other activities. Learn ways to be good stewards. Make a slide show presentation. Software included.	
	<b>Bible Improv:</b> Become the Board of Directors in heaven and help God create the last piece of creation – humans.	
	<b>Created by the Spirit:</b> Make stationery that will be sold to raise money to support the environmental agency selected by the <i>Faith Today</i> workshop. Use recycled materials to reinforce the idea of good stewardship. This workshop and <i>Faith Today</i> may be combined for a smaller congregation.	
	<b>Eat Your Way through the Bible:</b> Experience many different wonders of Creation through the food that we eat. Hear the story of Creation, look at a variety of seeds, and make and share muffins and fruit salad.	
	<b>Faith Today:</b> Share the story, <i>Brother Eagle, Sister Sky</i> by Susan Jeffers as an avenue to explore stewardship of the earth. Research and select one environmental agency to support.	
	<b>Mary and Martha's Bed and Breakfast:</b> Hear the Creation story from both Genesis and Psalm 8. Write letters to God, create a mural, or create a nature basket centerpiece.	
	<b>Moved by the Spirit:</b> Hear the story of Creation and work in small groups to make a creation scene using a wide variety of props (ribbon sticks, fabric, hula-hoops, Body Sox™, etc.)	
	<b>Puppetry:</b> Hear the story of Creation through the words of Old Turtle, using the book entitled <i>Old Turtle</i> by Douglas Wood. Create a puppet play based on this book.	
	<b>Video Live!:</b> Videotape original Public Service Announcements for each day of Creation and share them with the congregation.	
	<b>Where in the World Is?:</b> Learn about the incredible diversity and inter-relatedness of Creation and discover ways to be stewards of the earth.	

The overviews of all 660 lessons can be found via the [six year Scope and Sequence](#).

What did you learn from this experiment?

- I had a choice of 11 different workshops.
- The brief overviews give me an idea of the focus of each lesson.
- I can buy individual lessons @ \$15. I get to choose.

If that process was fun, try experimenting with another unit. Go to the [Lord's Prayer Unit](#) in the *Witness to God's Presence* year. Once again, which four lessons would your participants enjoy and which four can be associated with a known talent?

Are you part of a team? Gather together and explore the overviews of 2 or 3 units. Experience the process of choosing your workshops as a group. Anticipate the blessings of identifying teachers who have a specific talent.

What do you think of this process so far?

Is it time to order the CD?

#### **Step Four: How to Order ~ You're Minutes Away**

- Take the time now to order the free CD:
  - Call toll free 866-851-7102
  - Contact us by [email](#).

The CD has all 660 lessons on it. Once you have the CD, you are minutes away from instant access to your lessons.
- Decide on your curriculum purchase. See Step 5 below.
- Go to the [order form](#). Click the squares on the grid for the lessons you wish to purchase. Hit the *Submit* button and then relax for a minute. Go to your inbox and open the email from Cornerstones. The email is your invoice and lists the all-important codes.
- Pop the CD into the computer and download the lessons.
- They are Word documents. Edit them. Email them.
- Done!
- Notice how "green" that was? The only one who prints out the lesson is the one who teaches it. Print only when necessary.

### Step Five: The Planning Guide

- Pull up the curriculum [planning guide](#).
- Click here if you are following the Cornerstones [Scope and Sequence](#).
- Click the [Quick Reference Guide](#) if you are ordering random units and lessons.
- Click on the hotlinks to read the overviews of each lesson.
- On the planning guide, check those lessons you wish to order.
- Go to the [order form](#).
- Check the boxes and hit *Submit*.
- Your confirmation code is in the email now, waiting for you to open it.

Throughout the whole process, we are here to be in ministry with you.

Feel free to call us toll free at 866-851-7102 or email [pam@cstones.com](mailto:pam@cstones.com).

Blessings on your ministry,

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