

Cornerstones Curriculum - Teaching with Jesus in the Arts

There is a variety of creative ways for adults to explore the Bible through the arts. This is a great way to introduce Bible study to those adults who might otherwise be hesitant. Choose from the following Cornerstones workshop options:

- Witness to God's Presence
 - **Last Supper: Moved by the Spirit:** Study body language conveyed in Leonardo da Vinci's *Last Supper* as a way to understand the dynamics of that night. Recreate the painting using the participants as Jesus and the disciples.
- The Covenant
 - **The Prodigal Son: Bedouin Encampment:** The Prodigal Son tells his story of selfishness, exploration, defeat and repentance. Watch a clip from the movie, *Amazing Grace* with Bill Moyers followed by discussion and activity.
 - **The Early Church as the Body of Christ: Where in the World Is?:** Study church architecture as a metaphor for the Body of Christ, particularly focusing on Notre Dame Cathedral and your own church. Videos, puzzles, books and computer games are used for visuals.
- The Messiah
 - **Jesus as the Fulfillment of the Prophecies: Bedouin Encampment:** Hear the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth and briefly experiment with magnifying glasses or microscopes to make a connection with Mary's song, *The Magnificat*.
 - **Handel's Messiah** - Choose from eleven different workshop lessons from this unit.
 - **Images of Jesus in the Arts: Mary & Martha's Bed & Breakfast:** Meet Michelangelo and participate in painting a portion of the Sistine Chapel.
 - **Prince of Peace: Bedouin Encampment:** Meet St. Francis of Assisi and learn his prayer about being an instrument of peace. Make a peace ribbon which expresses a personal understanding of peace.
- Quest for Identity
 - **Christmas around the World: Mary & Martha's Bed & Breakfast:** Explore and enact Christmas Carols from the western world, including *Good King Wenceslas*, *Silent Night*, the *Twelve Days of Christmas*, and African-American Spirituals.
 - **Paul: Who Can Be a Christian?:** Created by the Spirit: Examine the Holman Hunt picture called *The Light of the World*. Follow with discussion and activity.

- **Martin Luther and the Reformation: Eat Your Way through the Bible:** Eat your way through the Protestant Reformation. Study and sing the hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." Follow with discussion and activity.
 - **Martin Luther and the Reformation: Mary & Martha's Bed & Breakfast:** Meet John Calvin, discovering why his churches are so stark in contrast to the opulence of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Make statues to fill a miniature basilica and then remove them, discussing whether the presence of art enhances or distracts from worship.
- Word of God
- **How the Bible Came to Be: Created by the Spirit:** After viewing examples of illuminated manuscripts, create an illuminated verse.
 - **The Great Commandment: Puppetry:** Compare the expressive joy in Beethoven's Ninth Symphony to the Great Commandment.
 - **Holy Week: Gospel Comparison: Video Live!:** Study Michelangelo's *Pieta* and then enact it using a digital camera. Explore how other artists from around the world have portrayed the pieta.
- Test of Faith
- **Garden of Gethsemane: Moved by the Spirit:** Discover and interpret the concepts of the cross with large body movements to music from Handel's *Messiah*.
 - **Garden of Gethsemane: Where in the World Is?:** What is a pilgrimage? Is it a journey or a destination? Do map work using country road atlases, city maps and/or GPS system as a way to understand how faith is a journey to, and with, God.

If you need assistance choosing a workshop or would like more information please contact us online or call toll free 866-851-7102.