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Episcopal Curriculum for Episcopal Children and Middle-School Youth



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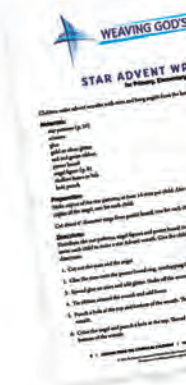
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Now in its fifth year for children and its third year for youth, *Weaving God's Promises* has become the premier Episcopal curriculum for hundreds of Episcopal churches across the country. With its engaging lessons, fun and varied activities, easy-to-use session plans, innovative access and delivery, and affordable cost, it's easy to see why *Weaving God's Promises* is the curriculum of choice for so many Episcopal Christian education programs.



Whether you've never used *Weaving God's Promises* or have been using the program for your children or youth, we hope you'll like what you see for 2014 and beyond. Re-energize your Christian education ministry as you help young people understand what it means to be an Episcopal child or youth in the world today.



Welcome to Weaving God's Promises!

What's New for 2104?

We're very excited to announce several changes and enhancements to *Weaving God's Promises* for 2014 and hope you'll agree that using *Weaving God's Promises* is now even easier.

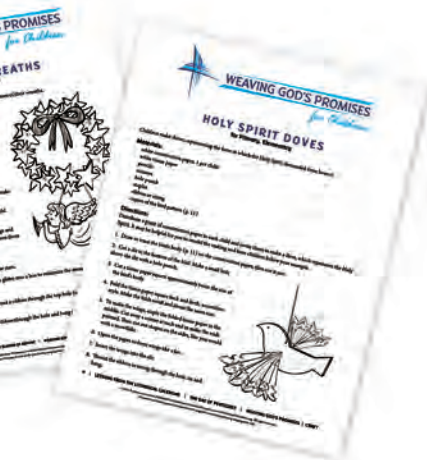
1. **Two additions to *Weaving God's Promises* for Children:** As requested by users, each lesson includes a scripted story for teachers to use with the children each week. Each lesson also includes *Threads*, an all-new family take-home paper for use in the home. These additions are now available for Year One and will be available soon for Years Two, and Three.
2. ***Weaving God's Promises* for Youth is now available via online access:** The Youth program (which includes all three years) is now available to you as an annual access purchase.
3. **Annual purchasing made easier:** Now a single price for each attendance tier, based on your average Sunday worship attendance. No complicated renewal process, just re-order each year.
4. **An improved website:** With more sample sessions and information, **WeavingGodsPromises.org** is more helpful than ever!

Just What Is Weaving God's Promises?

Weaving God's Promises Is:

- A comprehensive, three-year Christian education curriculum with two programs developed and written exclusively for the Episcopal Church. *Weaving God's Promises* is an online resource that you purchase each year as an annually-licensed program available to your teachers and leaders via online access.
 - *Weaving God's Promises* for Children (ages 3-11)
 - *Weaving God's Promises* for Youth (ages 12-14)
- *Weaving God's Promises* for Children and *Weaving God's Promises* for Youth share a common scope and sequence as well as common Episcopal content.
- *Weaving God's Promises* for Children and *Weaving God's Promises* for Youth explore the same stories, but in creative ways appropriate for each age group.

Sample sessions & more are available at WeavingGodsPromises.org



The “Mission” of *Weaving God’s Promises*

1. To help children and youth experience how God’s promises of salvation are woven into our lives.
2. To show children and youth the way of Christ, not only in the church but also in the world as Christ’s ambassadors.
3. To give children and youth a solid grounding for future youth and high-school formation programs, which prepares them for Christian adulthood.
4. To foster the spiritual formation and growth of our children and youth in Christ’s love and mercy and to teach the spirit of forgiveness and reconciliation.

The Three Years of *Weaving God’s Promises*

YEAR ONE: Weaving Our Faith

The story of our salvation—from the fall of humankind to our redemption by Jesus Christ—and how we fit into this story.

- **THEME:** God loves us and stays with us—no matter what—to bring us back to God’s divine love.
- Focuses on the Gospel of Matthew, emphasizing the Kingdom of God and our Anglican tradition and faith.

***Don’t Be Caught
Left at the Station...
Stay On Track!***

YEAR TWO: Weaving Together the Family of God

How we became God’s people and part of the household of God, the Communion of Saints.

- **THEME:** Once we were no people, but now we are God’s people.
- Focuses on the Gospel of John, with stories of individuals’ encounters with Jesus and their transformation in his love, including the saints of the church.

YEAR THREE: Weaving God’s Beloved Community

How we are called by God to live in loving community with one another and fulfill God’s promises for us in the healing of all creation.

- **THEME:** We are called by God to live as One Body in Christ, loving our neighbors as ourselves.
- Focuses on the Gospel of Luke, with emphasis on our holy calling to care for others and the gospel values of welcome, inclusion, compassion, mercy, forgiveness, justice, and liberation.





Episcopal

- Theological and historical information on our Anglican/Episcopal history and heritage is part of every session plan.
- Class sessions are structured around the Holy Eucharist as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer:
 - Gathering: Simple activities focusing the children on the lesson to come
 - Telling the Sacred Story (Liturgy of the Word): Telling the biblical story
 - Prayer (Prayers of the People): Giving thanks to God for God's presence with us
 - Sharing (Holy Communion): A time of fellowship and snacks with time for sharing that week's story
 - Sending Forth: Closing prayer sends the children/youth to worship or back to their homes

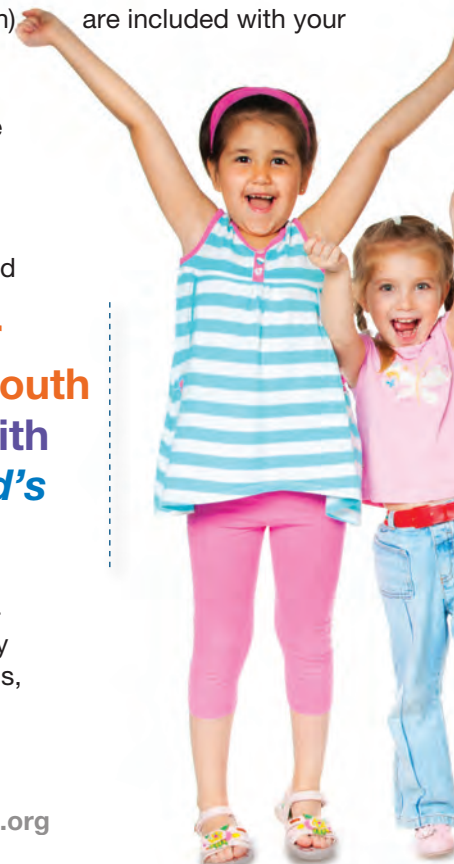
Complete and Comprehensive

- Each year of *Weaving God's Promises* includes 40-50 core sessions, including special sessions for the church seasons, special holidays/feast days, and lessons on the church and its sacraments.
- All three years of *Weaving God's Promises* (either Children or Youth) are included with your annual purchase.
- *Weaving God's Promises for Children* session plans now include *Threads*, a weekly take-home paper for use with families (Year One available now).

Full of Fun and Engaging Activities

- For each session, you have access to a wide variety of effective and classroom-tested activities.
- In the children's program, you get activities at several age levels: Preschool, Primary (kindergarten/first grade), Elementary (second/third grade), and Intermediate (fourth/fifth grade). Choose activities from any age level based on your students' abilities and interests.
- In the youth program, the activities are age-appropriate for middle-school youth and cover a wide variety of learning styles and activity types: art, drama, games, pencil/paper, crafts, discussion questions, and more.

**Keep Your
Children and Youth
on TRACK with
*Weaving God's
Promises***



Easy

- Simple-to-use and-understand session plans each week make lesson preparation easy and stress-free for your teachers.
- Everything your leaders need is included in the session plans—no need for a lot of extra materials, books, or other resources.
- *Weaving God's Promises for Children* session plans now include scripted stories that give your teachers the option of reading directly from the Bible or with a provided story they can read (Year One available now, Years Two and Three in progress).

Online

- All of your leaders/teachers have access to all three years of *Weaving God's Promises* material any time of day or night; all they need is a computer.
- No need to worry about how many student or leader books to purchase—only print what you need.
- Leaders/teachers can e-mail current, past, or upcoming sessions to other teachers, students, or home to families.
- You can give your teachers their own unique passwords so they can login no matter where they happen to be.
- All *Weaving God's Promises* material is accessed by a login at the *Weaving God's Promises* website, **WeavingGodsPromises.org**.
- If you purchase both the children's and youth programs, you can access all material with the same password.

Affordable

- The price for *Weaving God's Promises* is based on your church's average Sunday worship attendance with seven levels from under 50 to 500+.
- You pay to license and access *Weaving God's Promises* each year you choose to use the program, at the same affordable price for your church. There's nothing else to buy!
- Compare the complete annual cost of *Weaving God's Promises* to other print and online programs.
- Note that *Weaving God's Promises for Children* and *Weaving God's Promises for Youth* are stand-alone programs and are purchased separately.

See the complete scope & sequence at WeavingGodsPromises.org



Weaving God's Promises Pricing Chart

Your Average Sunday Worship Attendance	WGP for Children Your Annual Cost (Licensing Fee)	WGP for Youth Your Annual Cost (Licensing Fee)
Under 50	\$129	\$99
50-99	\$149	\$109
100-149	\$199	\$149
150-199	\$249	\$179
200-299	\$299	\$219
300-499	\$399	\$299
500+	\$499	\$369



Frequently Asked Questions

How does *Weaving God's Promises for Youth* compare with *Weaving God's Promises for Children*?

- Both programs have the same mission and the same scope and sequence.
- The Youth program follows a unique session plan format created just for *Weaving God's Promises for Youth*: REACT: Reflect/Relate, Express/Engage, Ask/Answer, Conceptualize/Create, Translate/Tell.
- Customized backgrounds for teachers explore the minds, hearts, and behavioral patterns of middle-schoolers.
- Activities are geared specifically for middle-school youth: from games to drama, writing, art, discussion, and community service.
- *Weaving God's Promises for Youth* acknowledges the advancing development of middle-school youth and allows greater room for questioning and outlets for self-expression.
- There are no scripted stories or *Threads* take-home papers in *Weaving God's Promises for Youth*.

Is *Weaving God's Promises* based on the lectionary?

- This is the most frequently asked question about *Weaving God's Promises*. The short answer is “no”; *Weaving God's Promises* does not follow the lectionary cycle but the material does indicate where Bible stories fit into the Episcopal Church's Revised Common Lectionary for Years A, B, and C.
- A chart is available at **WeavingGodsPromises.org** that shows the intersections of *Weaving God's Promises* with the Revised Common Lectionary. The chart is titled *Weaving God's Promises and the Lectionary* and is a free download at the site.

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Want to know more?

- **WeavingGodsPromises.org** is the online home for *Weaving God's Promises for Children* and *Weaving God's Promises for Youth*.
- **WeavingGodsPromises.org** has been recently updated with even more help for you as you share *Weaving God's Promises* in your church:
 - Several sample children's sessions
 - Several sample youth sessions
 - The complete three-year scope and sequence
 - Complete program overviews
 - Answers to FAQs and troubleshooting questions

Visit the Morehouse Education channel on **YouTube** for introductory presentations for both *Weaving God's Promises for Children* and *Weaving God's Promises for Youth*. These narrated presentations are ideal for use with teachers, leaders, and other church leaders.



DON'T JUST TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT!

Weaving God's Promises is working for churches across the country. See why so many Episcopal churches have so quickly and easily embraced this curriculum in their children's and youth education programs.

Great crafts, great activities. If you think you've run out of ideas, buy this curriculum!

—St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Mamaroneck, NY

Weaving God's Promises is the most complete, creative, well-balanced, and truly Episcopal curriculum for Christian formation that I have ever seen. Kudos!

—St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Woodbury CT

We have used *Weaving God's Promises* and have experienced a renewed enthusiasm for our church school program. Our volunteer teachers like being able to select their own activities from a wide selection each week, and we appreciate that the crafts creatively use basic supplies. I am so glad we found this program.

—St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Wilmette, IL

Weaving God's Promises has transformed the way we approach Church School. The volunteers love the clearly developed lesson plans and the activities which use all types of learning styles. The students have developed a deeper understanding of the links between the Bible and Episcopal practices. And they enjoy the time spent in Church School.

—St. John's Episcopal Church, Arlington, MA

Our teachers have commented on how much they too have learned by studying the lessons. Thank You!!!

—St. Peters Episcopal Church, Rome, GA

Weaving God's Promises has made recruiting much easier for our Christian Education director. And, most importantly, what the students learn in Sunday School is not just for that day; *Weaving God's Promises* makes it easy to apply the lesson to their Monday-through-Saturday lives.

—St. Matthews Episcopal Church, Universal City, TX



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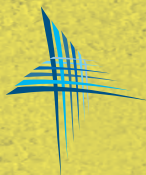
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And More:

- An updated website with more sample sessions and information
- New single annual price for your church



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