

A Strategy for Selecting the Right Curriculum for Your Children or Teens



1. Bring together those who will be teaching from the curriculum.
2. Pray together for Divine Guidance.
3. Use the Criteria Selection Chart below and determine together which items are your priorities for the lessons. Add criteria if necessary.
4. Agree on a rating scale for the categories. For example, 1 = least useful, 2 = useful, 3 = very useful and 4 = excellent.
5. Each person critiques the curriculum on their own chart, jotting notes about strong points and any questions they have. Also add a rating for each category.
6. As a group compare ratings. You may find that some categories are much more important than others. Thus, the best curriculum choice may be the one with the highest scores in the most important categories.
7. The Criteria Chart can be useful for one individual or with several people involved in making the decisions about curriculum.

Curriculum Selection Criteria	Indicate importance to our church	Curriculum	Curriculum
1. Covers Bible content appropriate for our age level			
2. Is compatible with what our church teaches			
3. Lesson plan is easy to follow and well detailed			
4. All lessons encourage students to participate in age appropriate activities			
5. Students can effectively participate in these lessons in physical space available			
6. New and experienced teachers will be successful using these lessons			
7. Options are offered within lessons so teachers can customize them			
8. Lessons suggest ways for parent/s to be involved during coming week			
9. Materials are attractive, inviting and user-friendly			
10. Materials fit into budget and provide good value			