



Introduction to Use YAS, BY! and YAM Bible Studies

All three Leader's Bible Studies correlate to the corresponding Master Curriculum Guides (MCGs) and are intended for the designated age ranges as outlined in the Overview of Programs. However, broader age groups can benefit from this material so long as the instructor can share in an age-appropriate fashion. Each Bible Study lesson is approximately 1.5 hours and includes portions of the corresponding MCG that may have been modified to convey the Biblical perspective. In each Bible Study, an additional lesson outside the scope of the MCG has been added either before or at the end of the lessons. We consider these added lessons to be essential to Christian learning and growth, and to the understanding of the provision of Jesus through the Cross.

We recognize that it is not always feasible or practical to use the full MCG and the Bible Study together. Other options can be:

Alternative Option 1: Use the Master Curriculum Guide only and have participants memorize the lessons' Key Scriptures in order to build the Biblical foundation for each lesson. It can't be stressed enough that every leader should read through the entire Bible Study before implementing the Master Curriculum in order to grasp the Biblical basis for each lesson.

Alternative Option 2: Use Bible Study only, without full implementation of MCG. The Bible Study incorporates portions from the MCG. However, the Bible Study cannot be implemented without knowledge of some of the main concepts and lessons in the MCG. These lessons should be included where indicated. It is recommended that the instructor read through the entire MCG before doing the Bible Study.

Note: A companion Bible Study Workbook has been created that allows participants to complete the exercises in a personal workbook. Handouts for classroom use can be found in the Appendix for those not using the Bible Study Workbook. These handouts can be copied from the printed curriculum guide or from the digital version. If printing the Bible Study Workbook is impractical, participants can do the exercises in a regular notebook with some simple instruction from the leader. Please be sure to read through all the lessons in advance and prepare all materials ahead of time.

*****SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT STORYBOOK DISTRIBUTION*****

An important part of the New Song message is to give each participant his or her own copy of the correlated storybook, either You Are Special, If Only I Had a Green Nose, or You Are Mine. Refer to the correlated Master Curriculum on how this should be done in a personal and timely manner. If the book cannot be distributed to everyone at the end of Lesson 1, be sure to let the participants know that everyone will receive a copy. Not only is it special that each person has a dedicated copy of the storybook, but it also gives each participant a tool by which they can multiply the "You are special" message by sharing with others.