

# *Christian Education*



*Classroom Hours:* 24 (minimum)

*Description/Overview:*

This course describes God's plan for Christian Education from birth to death. Through participation in Christian Education, the student will be convinced of the absolute necessity of communicating Biblical truth to every generation of Christians, and will receive help, guidance, and instruction in accomplishing this.

*Objectives:*

At the end of this course students will be able to:

- 1.) Prove that if the church is going to grow and progress we must pass our faith to the next generation.
- 2.) Weigh the importance of the Great Commission as it relates to training children.
- 3.) Relate God’s trust in giving Isaac to Abraham to His trust in the church with the children He gives us.
- 4.) Describe the two-fold purpose of Christian Education.
- 5.) Define the goal of the church as seeing Jesus with joy, alongside our children.
- 6.) Explain how a well-organized Sunday School will help the church to grow.
- 7.) Identify that it is possible to reach all age groups, inspiring them to learn about Jesus, only with special effort and divine help.
- 8.) Compare physical food given to a baby with spiritual food given to a child in order to understand that different children must be fed at different levels.
- 9.) State that the only way to keep a life clean before God is to hide His word in our hearts.
- 10.) Reiterate that the fight for a person’s soul takes place on the battlefield of the mind.
- 11.) Confirm that only when students memorize God’s Word will they love it.
- 12.) Point out that everything we do for God must have a proper end a proper beginning.
- 13.) Understand that every lesson and story taught must have its roots and application in the Bible.
- 14.) Assess the “hows” of Christian Education, which are the methods used to get the message or lesson across.
- 15.) Restate the goal of teaching the children to *love* His Word so that they will *live* His word.

### *Topics / Concepts:*

- The importance of children as found in Scripture – both Old and New Testaments.
- The necessity of us being knowledgeable and well educated in the words of the Bible.
- The never-ending cycle of the present becoming the past as what we call “future” becomes the present.
- The concept of Christian education on both the national and local level.
- The different divisions of a Sunday School (pre-school, primary, junior, and youth), their varying needs, and differing focuses.

- The job description of a Sunday School teacher.
- The role repetition plays in learning and memorization.
- Matching the aim of your lesson (and any other teaching material) with the aim of your overall church body.
- The Bible as the sure foundation on which we must build every area of our lives.
- The various parts of a good Sunday School lesson: observation, interpretation, generalization, application, implementation.

### *Recommended Primary Textbook(s):*

Christian Education – Linda Poitras

### *Recommended Alternatives:*

Teaching with Variety: Practical Tips and Techniques for More Effective Teaching – by Arlo and Jane Moehlenpa

### *Overview of Lessons available in the Recommended Primary Textbook:*

Lesson 1 – What is Christian Education?

Lesson 2 – Can God Trust You with the Future?

Lesson 3 – The Why of Christian Education

Lesson 4 – Reaching Through Teaching

Lesson 5 – Organizing Your Sunday School

Lesson 6 – Move On With Sunday School

Lesson 7 – Who Needs What?

Lesson 8 – God’s Hidden Word

Lesson 9 – Hide and Go Seek

Lesson 10 – Aim for Understanding

Lesson 11 – From Start to Finish

Lesson 12 – God’s Word – The Great Connection

Lesson 13 – The How of Christian Education

Lesson 14 – The Rest of the Story

Lesson 15 – Learning to Enjoy God’s Ways

Lesson 16 – Getting God’s Word Into “Headquarters”

Lesson 17 – The Same Old Thing a Brand New Way

Lesson 18 – Write for Life

*Languages Available:*

*Course Packet Resources:*

*Comments:*

*Date of Last Revision:*