



Introducing the Gateways Bible Study

KEEPING^{THE} FAITH IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Gateways Bible Study is designed to help you do four things: (1) GROW DEEPER in your walk with God; (2) CONNECT YOUR FAITH to our culture historically and today; (3) GIVE YOUR CHILDREN the discernment they need to stand strong with their faith while in public schools; (4) BE A BLESSING to others in your schools as you help them understand that they *can* teach students about the Bible and Judeo-Christian history, thought, and values.

The Bible study will help you see your school as a garden to cultivate, not a battlefield. Nothing much grows on a battlefield. The study uses a relationship-centered approach to help you bless those around you.

BIBLE STUDY CONTENTS

Topic 1: Having a Heart for the People at Your School (Getting started with the five steps of F.A.I.T.H.)

- Lesson 1 – Focus on those around you
— Includes in the “Teaching Your Children” section: *How to be a Good Samaritan*
- Lesson 2 – Ask God to open doors
- Lesson 3 – Invest in preparation
- Lesson 4 – Take a step of faith & help someone move from fear to freedom

Topic 2: One Nation Under God

- Lesson 1 – Being a person under God
- Lesson 2 – Pledging to a nation under God
- Lesson 3 – Founding a nation under God
- Lesson 4 – Teaching what it means to be a nation under God
— Includes in the “Teaching Your Children” section: *What each phrase of the Pledge of Allegiance means*

Topic 3: Students’ Religious Liberties

- Lesson 1 – Our rights and our mission
- Lesson 2 – American religious liberty
- Lesson 3 – Religious liberties in public schools
- Lesson 4 – Proclaim liberty throughout the school
— Includes in the “Teaching Your Children” section: *Teaching your children about their religious liberties at school*

Topic 4: Restoring Thanksgiving

- Lesson 1 – Having a thankful heart
- Lesson 2 – Thanksgiving in American history
- Lesson 3 – Thanksgiving in America today
- Lesson 4 – Restoring Thanksgiving in schools
— Includes in the “Teaching Your Children” section: *Thanksgiving to God in American history and culture*

Topic 5: Recognizing Christmas

- Lesson 1 – Celebrating the birth of Christ
- Lesson 2 – The birth of Christ and its historical impact
— Includes in the “Teaching Your Children” section: *How the birth of Christ impacted our cultural values*
- Lesson 3 – The legality of Christmas at school
- Lesson 4 – Recognizing Christmas at school

Topic 6: Academic Standards & the Bible

- Lesson 1 – Spiritual curriculum
— Includes in the “Teaching Your Children” section: *How to*

read Scripture with greater understanding

- Lesson 2 – What would Jesus think (WWJT)?
— Includes in the “Teaching Your Children” section: *How to think biblically about academic subjects at school*
- Lesson 3 – The legality of the Bible in the classroom
- Lesson 4 – Including the Bible in the classroom
— Includes in the “Teaching Your Children” section: *Helping children discern how well their teachers address Christian history and culture as state standards say they should.*

Topic 7: Addressing a Concern

- Lesson 1 – The lamp and the blow torch
- Lesson 2 – When to remove your child from an activity
— Includes in the “Teaching Your Children” section: *Helping your children be discerning in what they read at school*
- Lesson 3 – Challenging poor book choices
- Lesson 4 – How to talk to an educator about a concern

Topic 8: Resurrecting Easter

- Lesson 1 – The Easter message
- Lesson 2 – The Cross and the Psalm
- Lesson 3 – Easter and history
— Includes in the “Teaching Your Children” section: *Connecting the Resurrection to its impact in history and culture*
- Lesson 4 – Teaching the Easter story at school

Topic 9: Tolerance & Character

- Lesson 1 – Being Judgmental
- Lesson 2 – A Better Understanding of Tolerance
— Includes in the “Teaching Your Children” section: *Developing a Biblical Understanding of Tolerance*
- Lesson 3 – Cuss-Free Schools
- Lesson 4 – Encouraging Character
— Includes in the “Teaching Your Children” section: *A Simple Way to Encourage Character in Your Child.*

Topic 10: Transitioning to a New Grade Level

- Lesson 1 – Spiritual Transitions
- Lesson 2 – Thanking Teachers and Looking Ahead
— Includes in the “Teaching Your Children” section: *How to thank your teachers.*
- Lesson 3 – Creating a Supportive Network at Your School
- Lesson 4 – Networking Between Schools