



All In This Together

Lesson Adaptations to Reach Every Child

Curriculum Adaptation

Plan Ahead Resources

As you prepare to welcome a new group of students to your class this fall, several classroom resources can be planned for and made in advance.

Make a **DISCOVERY BOX**

A Discovery Box is a portable box, such as a shoe box or a plastic bin, that is filled with interactive tools to help students who learn differently from their peers. We recommend items such as the following:

- Incentive charts
- Stickers
- Alternate lessons
- Social stories
- Picture prompts or symbols
- Fidgets, such as pencil toppers
- Small therapy balls
- Calming bottles (Pinterest)
- Simplified version of the lesson
- Simplified Bible verse
- *In Class* paper from the *Show Me Jesus* lesson
- MVP Card from the *Show Me Jesus* lesson
- Extra lesson visuals from the *Show Me Jesus* Teacher Kit
- *Simplify It!* Student Booklet
- Photocopies from *God's Story Bible Coloring Book*

You may not need all of these items, and you may find other items to add. The contents of your box will be unique to the students you are serving.

* *Be mindful that some items are choking hazards. Know your students and offer what is safe for them.**

Make a **BASIC SUPPLY BASKET**

A Basic Supply Basket is a portable container filled with basic classroom supplies that can be used for instruction inside or outside the classroom.

Here are some suggested items:

- Blank paper
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Crayons
- Pencils
- Glue stick
- Highlighter
- Wet wipes
- CD player
- Songbook and CDs
- Instruments
- Praise ribbons
- Bible
- Children's Bible
- Items needed for a *Simplify It!* Student Booklet



Make a ***SIMPLIFY IT!*** STUDENT BOOKLET

A *Simplify It!* Student Booklet is a collection of Bible lessons that has been adapted for a specific student or group of students. This booklet may be used during the Bible lesson part of the class when a separate setting is appropriate. This will provide a way for a student with a significantly differing level of ability to follow the same curriculum being used with the class but on a simplified level that the student can understand.

To create a *Simplify It!* Student Booklet, first select one Bible memory verse from the unit and shorten it if needed. Use that Bible verse each week instead of introducing a new verse. Your student will benefit from the repetition.

Next, simplify the Bible lesson:

- Choose one or two key points of the lesson on which to focus. These may be found in the curriculum Teacher Manual.
- Add pictures. Coloring pages are good sources and may be found online.
- Add a reinforcing activity. The “General Tips and Strategies” paper has many ideas.
- Use a lesson from *God’s Story Bible Coloring Book* that matches the Bible focus of the curriculum lesson.

For the Pilot Project, a downloadable *Simplify It!* Student Booklet for each unit has been made and may be found in the Printable Resources section. If you have access to an iPad, we have also provided an interactive *Simplify It!* Student Booklet that can be used alongside a paper copy.

Depending on the student with whom you are using the booklet and the student’s level of understanding, you may need to add or change the suggested activities in a booklet. If you find that you need to make a booklet more challenging for a student, you may do that by:

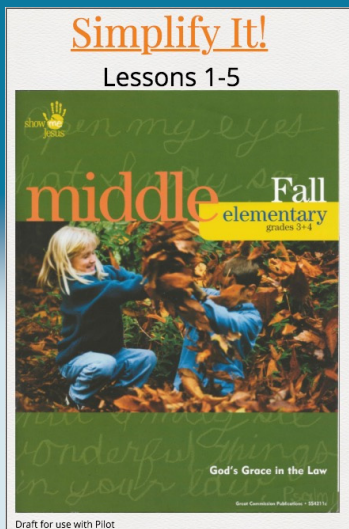
- Completing activities in the *In Class Paper*
- Reading together the selected scripture at the bottom of the lesson page
- Using a lesson from *God’s Story Bible Coloring Book* that matches the same Bible focus
- Asking questions to check for understanding
- Including another key concept from the lesson

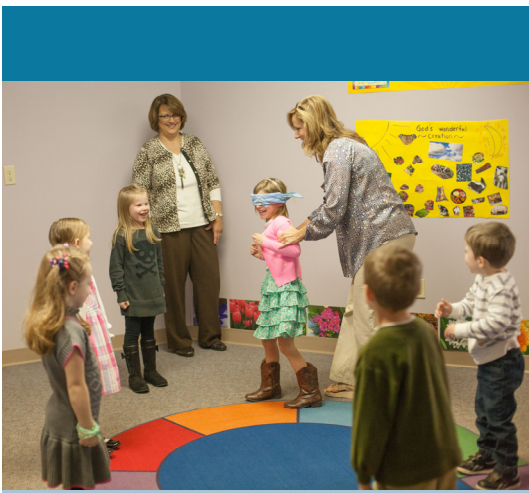
A Bible lesson may also be adapted without making a booklet by using learning style adaptation principles.

If a student needs to be taught in a separate setting, you will need to provide written instructions to their buddy for implementing the adaptations. You may use visuals from the extra Teacher Kit you ordered.

Simplify It!

- Choose only one or two key concepts from the lesson
- Shorten the memory verse
- Teach only one memory verse per unit
- Keep the Bible lesson under 10 minutes





See It!

- Add hand motions
- Show pictures to reinforce concepts
- Draw pictures on a whiteboard
- Use only one or two activities in the *In Class* paper
- See other suggestions in “General Tips and Strategies”

Hear It!

- Sing the memory verse to a familiar tune
- Ask questions
- Repeat the key concepts several times
- See other suggestions in “General Tips and Strategies”

Do It!

- Bring along a box of related items that students can touch
- Add a follow-up activity related to the lesson
- See other suggestions in “General Tips and Strategies”

Always remember that your goal is to simplify the lesson to meet your student’s level of understanding and keep the student engaged by seeing it, hearing it and doing it.

Finally, as you consider what resources are best for your students, keep in mind that the adaptations you prepare are always works in progress. Implement one or two ideas, and then evaluate and plan for new ideas.

