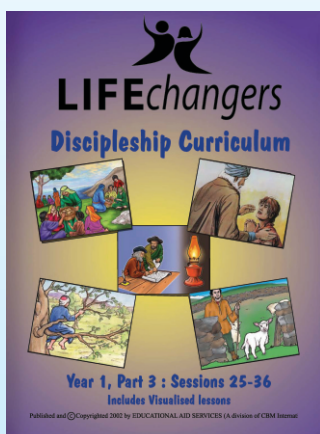
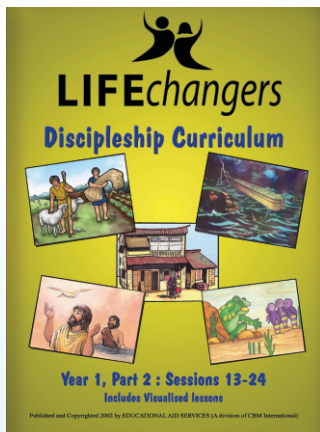
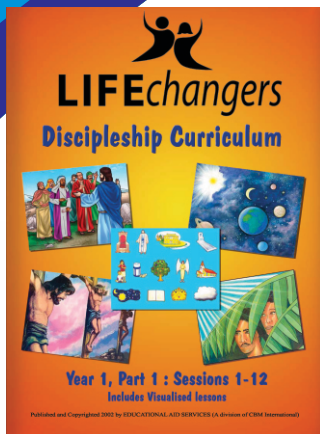


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Did Jesus command His followers to go into all the world and get people to make decisions for Christ? NO! He told them to make disciples. And there is a world of difference between the two.

Evangelism that emphasises the need for a child or adult to make a personal commitment to Christ is a necessary first step. But it is only a beginning.

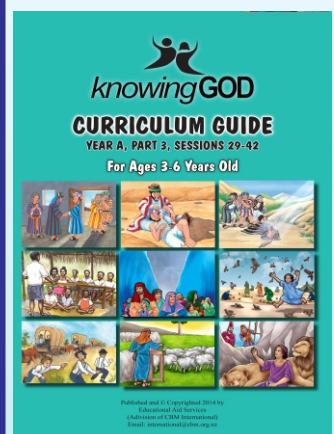
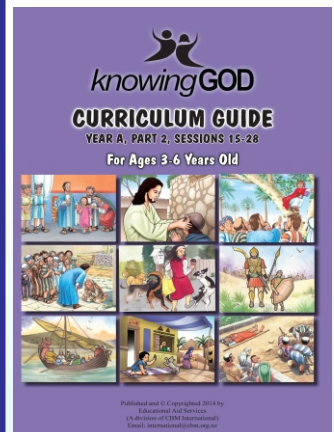
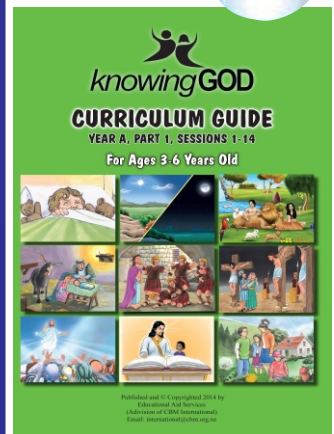
In the case of natural birth, it is followed by a long period of growth towards maturity. The parents do not say to their baby, "Welcome to the world. We hope you enjoy your new life. Just ask us if you need any help", then leave the baby to itself!

And yet that is what often happens in the spiritual realm. When a person is 'born again' into the family of God they are often left largely on their own, rather than given the intensive care and assistance that is needed to start them on the long road towards spiritual maturity.

In our ministry to children we must clearly understand how to care for those newly 'born again' Christians, and give them systematic nurture and teaching that will enable them to grow spiritually.

This is very difficult to accomplish if we are simply telling them Bible stories from Genesis to Revelation. We need a curriculum that intentionally gives all the practical teaching needed to establish them in the basics of prayer, the Bible, right relationships, release from inner hurts and a purpose for life.

CBM has always had a focus on providing curriculum to meet this need for discipleship and is the reason that our Life Changers curriculum has been translated into ten Indian languages, with another underway. Knowing God, a similar curriculum for young children up to age 6 or 7, is also available in English and Hindi.





Children's Bible Ministries is committed to reaching out to the next generation with the Gospel and one of the ways to reach the GenNext is through outreach, Camps and VBS. In the first half of 2017 the Lord has used us for the fulfilment of His great commission. Read On:



VISIT TO SATARA:

Continuing our partnership with YWAM Satara base, we visited them again this year. Our team went to 4 villages in Satara with the YWAM team and did outreach sharing the Word of God and encouraging children to walk in the ways of the Lord. In one village it was our second visit as we had been there last year, and to our surprise many children still remembered the story we shared. The YWAM team have been greatly impacted by the training we conducted last year and they have seen a harvest with many children flocking to their weekly clubs and fellowship.



JEEVAN SAHARA KENDRA, THANE:

We were invited to run a 5 day VBS for JSK in Thane. Children here were from HIV infected and affected families. On an average 70 children came every day and soaked in the teaching from the lives of the Apostle Peter and William Carey. The emphasis was on relationship rather than activities. Teachers invested their time with the children, knowing about them and their families. Teachers associated the children's lives with what they had learnt about Peter and William Carey. This enabled the children to relate their challenges with Scripture, leading them to put their trust in Jesus Christ. Teachers were amazed as the children opened their lives and shared the real life struggles they experience daily. Most of the children were from broken families and they had not experienced true love.

EXCEL CHILDREN'S CAMP, MUMBAI :

This year we took an ambitious step of faith and conducted our own children's camp, called EXCEL CHILDREN'S CAMP. It was an inter-denominational camp and we focused on Hindi speaking children as very few or absolutely no camps are ever conducted for them in Mumbai. 101 children came from all over Mumbai and in the end 42 children accepted Christ as their Lord and saviour. It was pure joy seeing children from different background playing, singing and eating together. As a souvenir of camp we gave all children a bright yellow shirt which they will cherish and remember for some time.



JOYFUL NOISE CAMP, BADLAPUR :

The theme of this camp was “Supernatural God” and indeed 55 children had a supernatural visitation from our heavenly Father. In the extended time of worship on the third day children experienced the love of God and were soaked in His presence. God spoke to many children; for them it was a surreal experience. One such example was the Lord spoke to four children whose Daddy’s are not alive or left. God said that they are not orphans and HE is their FATHER. By just hearing these words the children were overwhelmed and could not stop crying at this assurance.



LIFE IN CHRIST, MUMBAI :

We conducted a 4 day Summer Camp for the church which has a good number of children and youths in their fellowship. It was a fun filled camp and the children learned many new stories from Bible.



THE PUPPET SHOW :

We were invited by ONE LIFE MOVEMENT for their students’ annual day program and we performed a puppet and live drama based on the Temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. Through this we got an opportunity to share the Gospel to over 100 children and parents in attendance.



DANIEL RETURNS :

It was sheer pleasure to have Daniel Rai with us in Mumbai, as he was part of our staff here for 5 years before he joined our North East branch. In all our camps Daniel handled the Worship, Games and Craft activities. He was with us for 5 weeks and the children thoroughly enjoyed the new songs and games Daniel taught and played with children. We were very happy to see him confidently lead all the tasks given to him and he meticulously planned everything. We are still getting calls from a few Pastors asking if Daniel can come and lead the worship in their church for one Sunday.





TRAINING:

In April we were invited to speak to a group of senior and experienced ladies who were going to minister children during summer vacation. Built in 1893, St Andrews Church in Nashik is very active in reaching out to children. Last heard these ladies ministered to more than 500 children during 5 day VBS. Glory to God.



Request

As we have taken a new bigger place on rent for office purpose, our monthly expense has increased. Our monthly expense on rent and salary is Rs 26000/-.

As we are a para church organisation we have a fixed monthly income and we always look upto the Lord for our provisions. If you are willing to help us in reaching today's children through your financial support please join us.

You can support us by sending a cheque in favour of "EDUCATIONAL AID SERVICES INDIA INC".

PRAYER :

1. We have upcoming training in Satara in the month of August. It will be a 2 day training inviting all the churches of the city to come and equip themselves for ministry to children.
2. Pray for Rodney Devdas's trip to Congo Brazzaville (Africa) in the month of September. He will be conducting a 4 day training there.
3. We have 2 national TEACHER DEVELOPMENT COURSES coming up in the month of October and November in Ranchi and Manipur. If you are interested or want to send your team for the training please get in touch with us.
4. Pray for translation of Life Changers curriculum in Gujarati. Work is in progress and pray for the family of the translators.
5. We have been consistently praying for our own storage facility in Mumbai as we have too much literature to fit in our house and sometimes they get damaged while shifting from place to place. Pray for the Lord's provision.

PRAISE :

1. Praise God for HIS presence throughout the last 6 months.
2. Praise God that all the provisions were met for our EXCEL CHILDREN'S CAMP, and praise God for 2 fantastic teachers - Mrs Pratibha Amanna and Mrs Pranoti Shinde - who came and shared from their heart and inspired children to live a excellent life.
3. We praise God for the very enthusiastic and zealous team of children's ministry workers we have from different backgrounds and denominations, who are always available to serve in various capacities.
4. We praise God that finally Sonu Ayer (our staff) was finally able to give his 12th exam, there has been many stumbling blocks but God is faithful and Sonu overcame all the obstacles and now he eagerly awaits his results.
5. We praise God for our curriculum is getting excellent response from all over India and many denominations are buying and using in bulk.



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