

# INTRODUCTION

The purpose of *Grab N' Go Bible Lessons* is to give last-minute replacement or emergency back-up teachers a tool that can be used to present a meaningful lesson at a time when little or no preparation is possible.

These lessons are activity based, but they require no special supplies or pre-printed hand-outs. They are planned for use with mid-level elementary aged children, but can easily be used for 1st through 5th grade, as separate or combined classes. (With younger children, the teacher may need to move more slowly through the activities, and take extra time to explain each one.)

The basic premise of *Grab N' Go Bible Lessons* is that a single goal can be broken into several specific points that should be made and each of those points can be emphasized by taking part in an activity that can be set up and conducted with no advance preparation. Not all Bible stories or concepts can be easily done using the *Grab N' Go Bible Lessons* style, but these lessons are being made available to you because we are all aware that there are times that such lessons are needed.

*Grab N' Go Bible Lessons* has been created with the following basic assumptions in mind:

1. The classroom has basic supplies—paper, pencils, markers/crayons, chalkboard or white board, etc. Some of the lessons could be done without any of these supplies.
2. Having a copy of The Bible is required for most of these lessons. We purposefully decided not to include copies of even the shorter passages so that the children will clearly see the class leader using the Bible.
3. The teacher will have some basic knowledge of the Bible. It is possible to follow most of the lesson plans without knowledge of the points in question, but a little background with the passages will help in answering questions that may come up during the lesson.

Some of the *Grab N' Go Bible Lessons* are designed using competition activities to review common pieces of information or to practice using the Bible. For these, the primary teaching tool is enthusiasm. The teacher must get the children involved and excited about the facts or skills they are practicing. For the story or concept type of lesson, the key to teaching the *Grab N' Go Bible Lessons* is this: use continual repetition to emphasize the points of the lesson, between and during activities repeat the basic points of the lesson over and over.