

D6 EveryDay CURRICULUM

Teen Midweek Guide

The D6 EveryDay Midweek Guide provides a way to steward the unused content from the Teaching Guide lessons to not only save money on Midweek curriculum, but also ensure that midweek classes benefit from the continued emphasis on the weekly Family Theme and the many lesson extras.

With minimal planning and effort, leaders can select lesson components and options to emphasize during the midweek time together. You know your situation much better than we do, so this guide allows you to make the extension of D6 EveryDay Curriculum fit your church needs.

Follow these simple steps to extend the learning from Sunday and encourage continued conversations about the weekly family theme.

1. Choose the *Get Started* option to be used. Two options are provided in the *Teaching Guide*, so a different one can be used for both Sunday and midweek. However, don't discount the value of repeating an option. Different leaders, settings, or class make up can often change things just enough to keep it fresh.
2. Summarize the *Study the Word* portion of the lesson and creatively include the students in the process. Use one of these suggestions or create your own alternative.
 - Create a *Jeopardy!*-style game. Ask questions from the lesson, as well as previous lessons. Mix in other fun categories about history, pop culture, science, your church, etc.
 - Have students get in groups and give each group a large piece of poster board and markers or colored pencils. Assign each group a portion of that week's passage. Have them create a visual representation of that passage. As each group explains its drawing, the entire passage is being taught.
 - Find a way to engage all five senses. Is food mentioned in the passage? Have your group create it and eat it. Does the lesson cover a psalm? Have your teens write their own psalm/song and perform it for the group. Go beyond lecture to engage your teens.
 - Have teens get into groups and then record themselves retelling the story in a style of their choosing (e.g., poem, spoken word, song, rap, dramatic storytelling, miming, etc.). You could even upload these videos to YouTube or other social media (with parents' permission, of course.)
 - Challenge teens to create a meme or verse art based on the Scripture passage.
 - Encourage teens to act out the Bible lesson. Using props and costumes (even partial ones) can add a lot of fun.
 - Challenge one or more teens to retell the story in the voice/style of someone else. Have them draw ideas from a bowl (like a superhero, like a baby, like a robot, etc.).
 - Create a newspaper account of the story. What are some of the headlines that

might be used? Challenge teens to create a news release announcing the events of the Bible story.

3. Use the *Apply It* section of the lesson to help teens think about what all of this means to them. Consider using questions that have not already been discussed or creating some of your own. Repeating questions that were asked earlier in the week is not necessarily a bad thing because teens have had more time to think about the lesson and the questions. Use a teaching style that is different from what was used when this lesson was first taught. Perhaps discuss these questions in a large group or small group. Maybe assign teen leaders to ask these questions to a small group.
4. Emphasize the *Live It* portion of the lesson by putting it into practice. Use this opportunity to help your teens go beyond just talking about it. Visit a shut-in. Have your teens write thank you notes to church volunteers or letters of encouragement to missionaries. Distribute bottled water at a park. Make a video for someone who is in the hospital. Share the gospel with those in the neighborhood. Allow the lesson to be a springboard for action.
5. Bible Basics segments in each lesson change weekly and should be cumulatively reviewed regularly to help teens better retain this information. Bible Basics include family memory verses, facts about the Bible, catechism questions, and other foundational information to help teens grow their faith.
6. Games are always a hit with teens and help reinforcement and review become more fun. Use simple quiz games or create some that are more involved. Many online resources provide game boards that can be projected. Encourage teens to submit questions to be used in the games and be sure to have rewards and prizes.
7. Some lessons contain an “Apologetics Focus.” This feature often deals with questions and subjects that are prominent in our culture. Zero in on an apologetics element from the lesson to help your teens grow in their faith and knowledge.
8. *Velocity* and *Forward* magazines contain columns and articles that complement many of the lessons for the quarter. Use these articles to spark discussion about biblical topics, cultural issues, and things teens are facing. The magazine provides a great opportunity to discuss life through a biblical lens and worldview.

We are excited for you to be on this D6 EveryDay journey with us. Reinforcing and reviewing key truths from Sunday’s lessons helps solidify for teens that learning from and about the Lord is an ongoing process to explore Every Day—not only on Sundays. The midweek booster is perfect for helping your church support families and cultivate generational disciple-makers to live out what they learn.

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