



Report on "Flow of Old Testament History"

A total of 33 participants from nine churches attended the course. Here are some of their comments:

"The history almost comes alive. The charts and pictorial flows of OT history are excellent memory aids."

"The challenge to draw the geographical map (of the OT world) is a first for me and I really am glad that this helps to consolidate the OT flow of events in a nutshell."

"Very interesting course. Personally, I hate drawing maps but this course had made me appreciate drawing and maps! Loving them now! Makes the flow of whole OT history very easy to follow and understand."

"Very engaging graphics. Excellent linkage of OT books (to the flow of history) enables me to understand the Bible better."

"The course helps me to gain better understanding of the OT and makes reading of OT books more interesting."

"The course has challenged me to study the OT more in depth."

"The (life) application aspect makes the OT come alive."

"Overall, the program is fruitful. I learnt the flow of OT through visuals and in words. This course is worth recommending and it definitely helps me in my ministry."

Upcoming Events

★ Children's Day Seminar

20 August 2011
2pm - 4pm

★ Preschool Seminar

10 September 2011
9am - 4pm

Call **6276-1201**
for more information



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Partnering Churches to Reach Children for Christ

More than 1,000 people from 64 nations attended the CEF International Conference held in May in the United States. At the previous conference held three years ago, CEF had ministries in 142 nations. Today, CEF is in 176 nations.

CEF's goal is "Around the World in 80 Years", that is, to have a presence in all 207 nations of the world by 2017, CEF's 80th birthday! Pray with us that the LORD will grant us favour and raise up labourers for the harvest fields.

In Singapore, CEF's goal is "Partnering Churches to reach children for Christ". Our strategy revolves around the **Good News Club**, an exciting fun-filled hour of songs, Scripture memory, Bible story, review games and activities to reach **unchurched children (ages 5-12) in your community**. The club is held over five or six days during the school holidays, or weekly during school term, usually on Saturdays. At the end of the five or six club meetings, children and their families are invited to church -- children to Sunday School and family members to church service where a gospel message may be presented.

The Good News Club is not restricted to children in the community. Church members can assist in this evangelistic effort by inviting and/or bringing **children of their neighbours or relatives** to attend the club meetings.

The strategy (Fig.1) uses a cyclical approach: Good News Club - Integration - Good News Club

- Integration. The idea is to run the Good News Club five or six times, then attempt to integrate the children and their family members into the church (over two weeks or so), then decide whether to run the second cycle of Good News Club for new invitees or children who are unable to attend church on Sunday.

Who teaches the Good News Club? The teachers are your church members who may be stay-at-home parents, retirees, youth or members with flexible-hour jobs.

CEF will help train your church members to promote and run the Good News Club. More information is available at <http://www.cef-singapore.com> or call us for an appointment to discuss whether the Good News Club would work in your community.

CEF's Good News Club has a **curriculum that supports Bible storytelling**. Each curriculum package has five or six lessons based on a character or book of the Bible. Bible content is taught using active learning methods. The curriculum has lessons from the Old Testament (from Genesis to Daniel) and the New Testament (Life of Christ, Parables, the First Christians and the Apostle Paul). You also have a choice of visual aids in the form of flannelgraphs, flashcards or PowerPoint presentations. Call us for an appointment to preview our resources.



Fig.1



CEF Bible Lessons Forum

We are starting an online forum for users of the CEF Bible curriculum, which will allow us to share ideas and resources for teaching Bible lessons. The discussion boards follow the CEF curriculum on the Old Testament (from Genesis to Daniel) and the New Testament (Life of Christ, the First Christians and the Apostle Paul). The topics within each discussion board are the individual lessons of that series.

Even if you are not using the CEF curriculum, you (Sunday School teachers) will benefit from this forum whenever there is a match between a topic on the forum with the lesson you are teaching. Go to <http://www.cef-singapore.com> and take a look.

The success and value of this forum is dependent on you. If you have a good idea and/or know of an online resource, please sign up and contribute. Thank you and may the LORD enrich our teaching ministry with children through this forum.

REPORT ON CHURCH CAMPS



In June, we ran the children's programme at several church camps. About 100 children were reached and one child came to know Jesus as her Saviour. This year our theme is "Do What's Right."

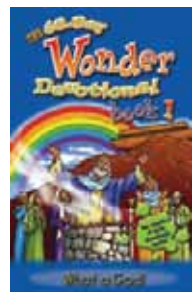
- We challenged the children to choose:
- the right way (i.e., follow Jesus)
 - the right word (i.e., use words that are encouraging rather than hurting)
 - the right action (i.e., do what is right in the sight of God).

Our focus was to encourage them to practise daily devotion. This was a great challenge as we soon discovered that many children did not even know what quiet time (devotion) was and those who did know were not doing it daily.

Please pray for these Christian children, that they will yearn to grow in the Lord and to be more like Him.

A WONDER(FUL) CHRISTMAS GIFT!

Most Christian parents do a great job looking after their children's physical and educational needs. But what about your child's spiritual needs? Encourage your child to have a quiet time will help him/her to develop a relationship with God. CEF has several resources to help your child in this area.



The 60-Day Wonder Devotional Book has thought-provoking questions and activity sheets that will appeal to your child. We also have one with 100 Devotionals for Early Readers and Every Day with GOD (for preschoolers). For a detailed listing of these devotional books, please

visit <http://www.cef-singapore.com>. Sample devotionals are available for download.

If you are a Sunday School Superintendent or Children's Ministry Director, do consider getting the **60-Day Wonder Devotional Book** as a Christmas gift for the children. We are offering it

at a discounted price of **\$1.70 each** (for 50 books and above). The regular price is \$2. To qualify for this special price, orders with payment must be placed **on or before September 30**. We will call you when your order arrives. The books are to be collected from the CEF office.

Dramatised Family Devotions

for Parents of Preschoolers and Lower Primaries

Parents are commanded to teach their children (Deuteronomy 6:6-7) -- to impress the Word of God on them. How do we engrave God's Word upon their hearts in the casual setting of the home? How do we teach the young and restless ... squirming children who cannot sit still?

Come and listen to Alan's experience. He had dramatised Bible stories from Genesis to 2 Samuel to teach his two sons, from the time they were preschoolers till they reached Primary 4.

This workshop is for parents of young children. You will learn a suggested format of family devotions and principles on how to make family devotions fun and memorable! Sunday School teachers will also benefit from this workshop.

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Date: August 6, Saturday
Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 noon
 A simple breakfast will be served from 9:30 – 10:00 am
Venue: True Way Presbyterian Church
 (next to Queenstown MRT)
Enquiry: Call 6276-1201
 or email alan@cef-singapore.com

Dramatised Family Devotions

Personal Particulars

Name: Mr / Mrs / Ms / Mdm

Address: _____

Contact / Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Church Attending: _____

Church Involvement: _____

Registration

- \$10 Early Bird (Single registration)
- \$8 Group registration of 6 or more
- \$12 Registration received after 30 July

Payment Mode

- Cash** (if paying in person)
- Cheque No.** _____
Bank _____

Please send completed form(s) together with cheque payment to:

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