



INVISIBLE SUNDAY SCHOOL

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The "Invisible Sunday School" is so economical because it is FREE

The "Invisible Sunday School" is intended to be photocopied over and over again - year after year. No updating is required. For the first time in 2014 the Invisible Sunday School is free and downloadable from the internet. This means that you can direct people to www.lutheranmissions.org where they can use the program without the hindrance of a sale.

What Does The Invisible Sunday School Consist Of?

The series consists of one Bible story for every week of the year. The series starts with the birth of Christ (Story #2) and ends with His Ascension (Story #52). There are 52 lessons; each lesson is five pages long.

Each lesson consists of five parts:

1. The easily identified cover

The same cover is used on each set so that it can easily be identified. Each cover has a blank space the size of a business card for the participating church, etc., to rubber stamp their name, address and telephone number.

2. One picture of the story being told

This page is in coloring book format and intended for coloring.

3. The story - One prayer - One Bible passage

4. One "Animal from the Bible"

This animal is consistent with the story being told (Yes it is true. we were able to match up a different animal with nearly all 52 stories!) This page is in a color book format and intended for coloring.

5. A passage (or passages) from the Bible (usually Psalms)

The passage (or passages) from the Bible relates to the story being told and is meant to be shared by children and their parents.

How Is The Invisible Sunday School Used?

The Invisible Sunday School was created as a missionary tool for an individual in their home or a group in their surrounding community.

CHURCH USE:

In a church outreach program: each participating member would initially take a sample to a neighborhood place of business (the Christian Yellow pages may be a good place to start looking). Examples of potential places of business: Restaurants, Bus Stations Laundromats, Stop N- Shops, Donut Shops, Beauty Salons, Garages, Dentists' and Doctors' Offices, and Pre-schools. Showing a sample of a lesson, a person would ask the business owner if a group of these lessons could be left every week for parents to pick up for their children while they are in the place of business. If the business detains customers because of services being provided quite often the parents really appreciate the coloring project that would keep their children occupied while they are taking care of business. Permission could be obtained for a group of lessons to be left each week in a designated place.

"The Invisible Sunday School" has also been found to be a valuable resource as a Sunday School program for use in the church, children's church program or Vacation Bible School program.

In 2014 for the first time, the Invisible Sunday School program can be downloaded from www.lutheranmissions.org My suggestion for the pastor of a church interested in spreading the gospel directly from the internet is to use business cards for members of the congregation to pass out to friends and acquaintances. The card will list the church with its name and address plus the internet site that the program is available. Vista Print (1-866-614-8002 or www.vistaprint.com) can sell you business cards at discounted prices. 500 cards can be purchased for \$25; 250 cards for \$20; 100 for \$10 and 50 for \$8 – OR – use a printer of your choice.

INDIVIDUAL USE:

The individual may print all the lessons either one at a time (for weekly use) or they may chose to print the entire program at a copy shop. Once the entire program is printed, it can be taken to a photo copying service & then put into binders. The best way to bind is to put lessons 1-25 in one binder and lessons 26-52 in another. Each binder will have a colored cover stock cover attached in the front and back. In this way the individual user will have two Bible lesson books that are easy for the child to use. Many parents or grandparents are concerned that their children are not able to attend a church program - this program can be "self-taught" at home. If the lessons are done one by one, print only as you need it.

What Supplies Are Needed for Church Use?

- § Access to a photocopy machine and a stapler
- § Rubber stamp with name of church (or group doing the distribution)
- § Sets of color crayons - Each lesson should have one set of at least 4 crayons so that the children can go right to work! (144 packs can be purchased for \$22⁹⁵ - This information is provided)
- § Small plastic bags to attach the crayons to the front page or double sided tape to attach the color crayon package. (ordering information is provided later on)

Systematic Production of "The Invisible Sunday School" in churches

Usually, two people can photocopy the number of necessary sets needed sometime before the Sunday services. The sets would be photocopied, stapled, and have color crayons attached to each set. The sets would then be set up in the front of the church for each

member of the children's missionary group to pick up before or after each Sunday service for distribution the following week.

Translations

Currently, "The Invisible Sunday School" is available in the following languages: English, French, Modern Mandarin Chinese, Simplified Characters Chinese, Russian, Spanish, Telugu (used in India) and Urdu (used in Pakistan & Africa), Korean, and the Ukrainian translation is half finished and will also be listed when it is finished. If you know of a translator who is interested in doing additional translations, please contact the administrator of this website with the "contact me" button. Some translators have done their work in pen and ink and then later it was typeset and made available electronically by other qualified volunteers while other translators used a computer to submit their work.

Fulfilling Christ's Commission

"Go Ye Therefore Teaching All Nations" - This commission could be fulfilled by all of us with the initial expense of a little of our time, a few color crayons, a photocopy machine, and a stapler! Often our personal witnessing is hampered by our race, economic level, or lack of speaking ability. This witnessing program is invisible and yet powerful because it uses the very words and stories from the Bible without the pressure of a face-to-face approach which is often perceived as threatening.

A very conscious effort was made to stay very close to scripture - in this way the simple stories and lessons remain in their most powerful form. The very lessons Christ used to teach us when we were little can be passed on to other little children who need all the help they can get in this difficult world.

Jesus often stopped on His journeys at a "Well of Samaria" to talk about the Kingdom of Heaven. We too have a well or wells of Samaria right in our own neighborhood. Perhaps it is a place we could easily stop by after work or on the way to church.

One of the saddest things for me, as a Christian, is to see the little children suffer so terribly in this sinful world. Rather than to watch it happen and feel helpless, I think it is better to create an invisible Sunday School of your own and then spend a special time each week to pray that the Holy Spirit uses your time and energy to reach some little child you may never personally meet - and yet that you have touched in a very special way.

Some people are unable to attend church for a variety of reasons. They may not have the proper clothing, they may have had a bad experience, or they may be working two different jobs and therefore are unable to attend. Another problem for people of different cultures may be that they would be ostracized from their own people for attending a Christian church. Yet, these people may desire for themselves or for their children some special religious instruction. The Invisible Sunday School was set up for just such special circumstances. The language is simple enough for the adult from a cross cultural background to understand as well as their children.

The "Invisible Sunday School" is currently being used by over 2,000 churches and missionary minded individuals in this country. The English translations are being used in Europe and Canada as well as in America. In addition, the Spanish version is currently being used in Mexico, South America, Puerto Rico and Spain.

Other Uses of the Invisible Sunday School

Primary classes in the church

The value is that money can be saved by duplicating the series on a photocopy machine instead of ordering the more expensive individual lessons from a publisher. (Another application: any of the pictures can be taken to a local photocopy shop and enlarged to poster size. This makes a nice coloring project for vacation Bible School or a Sunday School group coloring project. The finished pictures can be used in the church or taken to a local rest home for inspirational use of the residents, etc.)

Rest homes

Older people sometimes need a structured, direct and simple approach to the scriptures, especially if they are hearing Bible stories for the first time. Adults can learn the stories in their simple form with pictures to help the learning process.

Home tutored child

There are enough classes to cover one complete year, and the entire life of Christ is covered in that time. The set can be taken to a local photocopy shop and a spiral binding put on so that the set becomes a workbook for the individual child.

Hospital Chapels

The series can be used for hospital visits to children or to be left in hospital chapels. When families visit the church office, a copy can be given to the children while their parents are occupied. They are very effective in emergency waiting rooms as well as inpatient waiting rooms.

Visits with the minister

When families visit the church office or home, a copy can be given to the children while their parents are occupied. Ministers can leave copies with families they visit.

Local Charities

Salvation Army SAFE homes, YMCA schools, day care centers, shelters for women and children throughout the community are excellent uses for the "Invisible Sunday School". I have often offered the program to just such and charity and it was gladly received.

Children who do not attend Sunday School

A second reason to copy an entire set is for the purpose of getting the material to children (or perhaps grandchildren) who are not getting to Sunday School. The lessons could be split into two groups and then taken to a photocopy shop to get a binding put on. In this way the lessons become a coloring book project and successfully take the child through a full year of Sunday School classes. (This has been a relief to a number of grandparents with concern for their families.)

Mentally Disadvantaged

This has been used successfully used with adults that are slow learners. The material was found to be simple enough for them to grasp and yet not condescending. The numerous pictures help guide those children and adults with AD along the normal progression of a structured class.

Safe houses / Jails / Mental Institutions

The presiding chaplain and teachers can distribute the lessons since they know and understand the residents and their needs. While young children visit their parents in jail, they can get some serious coloring and reading done while in the waiting room. The same is true of a safe house where

children have to process information that may be difficult for them to comprehend, the lessons will be a safe place for them to direct their thoughts and learn how to pray. In mental Institutions the chaplain and teachers will best know the needs of their residents and how to present the materials. Keeping a CD of the Invisible Sunday School in the glove compartment of your car insures it is always available for the unexpected opportunity.

Complete CD Invisible Sunday School Witnessing Tool

The minister can make a number of CDs with the entire 52 lessons on one disk and leave the disks by church entrance so that members can use them as a way to witness. Quite often, members of the church have a golden opportunity that may just happen once, if the CD is available that moment can turn the power of the word of God into a new convert. The minister can purchase plastic covers for the CDs at a reasonable rate at any office supply store.

Crayon Ordering Information:

U.S. TOY: 1-800-255-6124 • 1227 E. 119th Street, Grandview, MO 64030.

www.ustoy.com

Item #DM 54 gives you 144 boxes for only \$22⁹⁵ (4 crayons per box). These crayons are from China, but have been approved as safe for children. They are labeled "Non-Toxic" and carry the code "ASTM -D4236" - which means that it passed the inspectors of children's products in America. (Special Note: Do not buy just any crayon that has been made overseas, esp. China, unless it carries the code "ASTM - D4236". The testing was done to eliminate the possibility of lead content in the crayon). Note: an order of \$60 or more will get you free shipping.

(The US TOY website has a link on the left side titled: "Inspirational" for those of you looking for inspirational items // There is also a link on the webpage for early childhood items called "CP Toys" there is also a website: www.cptoy.com for school supplies).

How to Attach the Crayons to the 5-Page Lesson:

STAPLES INDUSTRIAL • 1-800-225-8708 • www.staplesindustrial.com

to FAX an order: 1-800-638-9899

If you order \$200 the shipping and handling is free, if not then the shipping and handling is \$20.

One method to attach the crayon pack to the lesson is to use a strong ply plastic bag that would contain the crayons and would be stapled on the left hand corner of the lesson. The order will cost \$20 for shipping and is free if the order is more than \$200.

FLAT PLASTIC BAGS:

- * Item #: 684952 is the 2 ml. thickness and is 4x5 inches – it will cost: \$20⁵⁵ per thousand
- * Item #: 684956 and is the 3 ml. thickness and is 4x5 inches – it will cost \$26¹⁵ per thousand
(The 3 ml. thickness is used as a safety factor when children involved)

RECLOSABLE PLASTIC BAGS:

- * Item #700807 is \$34⁵⁰ per thousand and is size 4x6 and it has a 2 ml. thickness
- * Item #687577 IS \$70.²⁰ per thousand and is size 4x6 and it has a 4 ml. thickness

A second method to attach the crayon box is to use double-sided tape.

How to Display the Lessons in A Place of Business:

There are 2 ways to display the lessons in a store:

1. They can be left on the counter without a display stand.

2. BEEMAK PLASTICS • 1-800-421-4393 • www.beemak.com

A Plastic Counter Display Stand - ask for Item # TK 8.5 CI - the price is \$4⁸⁸ per holder (plus shipping and handling). This holder is 1 1/2" inches in depth and sits on a slant on the counter top. This stand must be ordered in a case of 16 to guarantee the price of \$4⁸⁸ per holder. The price for a carton of 16 is \$78.08 plus shipping and handling.

(When order is less than \$50, a \$50 surcharge will be added.)

Item # CPS 640 CI is \$5⁴⁴ per holder and is 4 inches deep. This item comes in 10 per case. The price for a carton of 10 is \$54. This holder will either sit on a countertop (but does not sit at a slant) or can be attached to the wall.

(When order is less than \$50, a \$50 surcharge will be added.)

(Note: when ordering online: 1. Register your account number and the credit card you wish to pay with 2. Do a "product search" with the item numbers from the previous paragraph.)

Testimonials of those who have used the "Invisible Sunday School"

- § Each week the Pastor places 150 copies of the Invisible Sunday School material in businesses and restaurants, etc. Before the sheets were placed in these locations the managers of the establishments were consulted, and permission given. Periodic checks are made to see if the material is being used, and to be sure that our display area is neat. Each week the sheets are reproduced as they are provided us. However we add one page in which we give an invitation to our services. We will also use the opportunity we are provided to distribute these to the public to announce our VBS this summer. The Invisible Sunday School is serving the purpose of witnessing to Christ in this simple way. One young man wrote a letter and thanked us *"for doing something."* One grandfather asked the store manager if he could take 13 copies for his grandchildren. We have been told that a Sunday School teacher asked to take a supply for her Sunday School class. One manager of a restaurant just recently told one of our members of Grace that the *"distribution of these sheets has been a most wonderful experience for her."* A minister of another church called and asked where he could acquire the material. He had seen it in a restaurant and liked the idea. Another minister stated: *"Opportunity has been afforded through the distribution of these Bible Lessons to visit with people who contacted us about our church. The "Invisible Sunday School" material has given us some identity in the community that we did not have. However, its chief benefit is that it has provided us with a very good avenue to do what the church is about, namely, to speak the message of the Gospel into the world, beginning in our own community."*
- § At present we are reaching 75 children and hope before long to reach 100. This program doesn't start off like a house afire but it continues to have steady solid growth.
- § My two neighbors say the *"Invisible Sunday School"* leaflets give the message of God's love and always welcome receiving them. The leaflets given out in places of business are always taken by someone but I haven't received feedback on them. We trust the Holy Spirit will reach their minds and souls.
- § I approve of the *"Invisible Sunday School"* program with enthusiasm. I have shared in the grass roots work of finding *"homes"* for the material. I feel the concept is a sound one which can produce only good; moreover it is self-advancing, since the demand is becoming greater than the supply.

§ I'm so proud to be a part of delivering the *"Invisible Sunday School"* pamphlet. It really tickles my heart when I see so many new children's faces on Thursday night when I deliver them to my neighborhood family restaurant, here in Northeast Minneapolis. This small but quaint family restaurant has twelve tables which are filled with families who very much enjoy getting the Sunday School lessons to read, color and go over with their children as a family.

INDEX of Lessons

The stories are set up to last for one year. Story #2 is the Christmas story, and so wherever you start, that story should fall into sequence at Christmas time. When the first year of distribution is over, the cycle begins again. Each year you will be welcomed on business counters as the customers with children vary from year to year.

1. The Good Shepherd Before Christmas
2. The Birth of Jesus Christmas Day
3. The Wise Men Lessons follow in sequence after Christmas
4. Simeon and Anna
5. Jesus in the Temple
6. Jesus is Baptized
7. The Temptation of Jesus
8. Jesus Picks His Disciples
9. The First Miracle
10. Clearing the Temple
11. The Wonderful Catch of Fishes
12. Jesus Heals the Sick Man
13. Jesus and Nicodemus

14. Jesus Preaches to a Crowd
15. The Story of Two Houses
16. Jesus Stills the Storm
17. Jesus Heals the Two Blind Men
18. The Good Samaritan
19. The Prayers of Two Men
20. Martha and Mary
21. Jesus Makes a Little Girl Well
22. The Rich Farmer
23. Jesus takes care of Flowers, Birds and People
24. The Planter of Seeds
25. Jesus Feeds 5,000 People
26. Jesus Walks on Water
27. Jesus Raises Lazarus
28. The Woman of Canaan
29. Jesus Loves Little Children
30. The Lost Sheep
31. The Great Dinner
32. The Lost Son
33. The Ten Lepers
34. The Widow's Mite
35. Palm Sunday

36. Lazarus and the Rich Man
37. The Most Important Commandment of All
38. The Last Supper
39. Jesus Talks About Going to Heaven
40. Jesus Prays
41. Jesus is Betrayed by Judas
42. Peter Disowns Jesus
43. Jesus Before Pilot
44. Jesus on the Cross
45. Jesus is Buried
46. The Three Women
47. Jesus is Alive
48. On the Road to Emmaus
49. Two Disciples are Running to an Empty Tomb
50. The Empty Tomb
51. Jesus Shows Himself to His Disciples
52. Jesus Goes Back to Heaven