



FaithBuilder

New Church Video-Enhanced Lessons for Teens

Year 1 of *FaithBuilder* provides thirty topical lessons on core New Church concepts, as well as lessons for Christmas (2), Easter (2), New Church Day (1) and the life of Emanuel Swedenborg (1). *FaithBuilder* introduces key New Church teachings through online videos, readings, and activities. Each lesson provides discussion questions that challenge teens to think about everyday actions within a New Church spiritual framework. Topics such as the nature of God, Divine revelation, Divine providence, eternal life, marriage, salvation and prayer provide a broad foundation for adult religious thought.

These lessons may be used by single or multi-aged teen groups. Each lesson provides discussion questions on a variety of levels. Simply pick and choose questions that are right for your group. For single-aged groups, we suggest the following: Year 1 (12-13yrs), Year 2 (13-14yrs), Year 3 (14-15yrs), Year 4 (15-16yrs).

Each lesson takes approximately 20-30 minutes to complete. Lessons include teacher background are in easy-to-use printer to classroom format. They do not require additional supplies. We recommend reading through all parts of a lesson prior to teaching so lessons flow quickly when choices are provided.

Internet access is required for all online videos. Easy-use bitly links take you directly to video content.

Important note: if accessing links in print please note that bitly links must be entered in the web browser bar at the top of your screen. Links will not work if entered in the search bar in the middle of your screen. Links are case and space sensitive! Full video titles and timings are provided in case you have difficulty getting bitly links to work. Some recommended videos are provided by YouTube channels with which GCED is not affiliated and over which it has no control. Should you discover that a video listed in a lesson is no longer available, please notify gced@newchurch.org as soon as possible. Thank you!

If you are planning lessons for the year you may need to change the order of the numbered lessons to accommodate the holiday calendar, and your congregation's special holiday services. Typically, Christmas lessons are taught during the first two weeks in December; Easter lessons are taught two weeks prior to Easter, New Church Day is taught in early June, and Emanuel Swedenborg's life is taught close to his birthday, January 29 (1688).

An overview of all four years of lesson topics is provided on the following page.



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Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
1. The Lord Loves Us	1. Does God Get Angry?	1. Old Testament Story	1. Does God Exist?
2. The Lord's Names	2. Forgiveness and Mercy	2. 400 Years of Silence	2. God and the Universe
3. What are Covenants?	3. The Ten Commandments	3. The Land of Israel	3. Our Covenant with God
4. The Lord's Forgiveness	4. God's Power to Save	4. Daily Life in Galilee	4. Loving Others
5. What Dying Is Like	5. How Angels See God	5. Introducing John's Gospel	5. Faith Conversations
6. The World of Spirits	6. Life Continues after Death	6. Baptism and Discipleship	6. The Bodies of Spirits
7. What Is Heaven Like?	7. Meeting Loved Ones	7. Jesus' First Sign at Cana	7. The Grand Human
8. Three Levels of Heaven	8. When a Child Dies	8. Cleansing the Temple	8. Societies in the Grand Human
9. What Is Hell Like?	9. Why Do People Go to Hell?	9. Nicodemus	9. Three Heavens
10. Influence of Heaven and Hell	10. Visions and Dreams	10. Woman at the Well	10. Three Hells
11. Contact with spirits	11. Spiritual Paths	11. The Nobleman's Son	11. Map the Spiritual World
12. The Shepherds Visit	12. John the Baptist	12. The Word Made Flesh	12. Prophecies of the Advent
13. The Wise Men	13. Simeon and Anna Witness	13. Jesus' Childhood	13. God Born as a Baby
14. Do Animals Go to Heaven?	14. Does God Guide?	14. The Pool of Bethesda	14. Divine Providence
15. Where Did Evil Come from?	15. How Does God Lead?	15. The Bread of Life	15. True Freedom
16. What is Charity?	16. Does God Tempt?	16. Who Is Jesus?	16. Can a Loving God Allow War?
17. Swedenborg Childhood	17. Swedenborg Scientist	17. Swedenborg Revelator	17. Swedenborg's Legacy
18. Qualities of Friendship	18. Men and Women Are Different	18. Woman Taken in Adultery	18. Marriage of Good and Truth
19. Healthy Friendships	19. Friendships: Men and Women	19. Jesus Predicts His Departure	19. The Sense of Touch
20. What Is Conjugal Love?	20. Marriage After Death	20. The Man Born Blind	20. Mutual & Conjugal Love
21. Finding a Conjugal Partner	21. Marriage & Consent	21. The Good Shepherd	21. Sex and Marriage
22. Betrothal	22. Covenant with the Lord	22. Lazarus Raised	22. Separation and Divorce
23. Wedding Ceremony	23. Offspring in Heaven	23. Washing the Disciples' Feet	23. Overcoming Challenges
24. Palm Sunday	24. Lifeline to the Lord	24. Jesus' Trial and Crucifixion	24. Marriage and Family
25. Easter Morning	25. Discipleship at Easter	25. Resurrection & Glorification	25. Jesus' Words on the Cross
26. How Am I Saved?	26. Jesus Appears	26. The Way, the Truth, the Life	26. Walk to Emmaus
27. The Purpose of Creation	27. Layers of Meaning	27. Vine and Branches	27. How the Word Enlightens
28. How Does God Lead?	28. Prayer	28. Jesus Prays	28. The Bible and the Word
29. Why Bad Things Happen	29. True Friendship	29. Jesus' Final Words	29. Tolerance and Judgment
30. The Holy City	30. The Last Judgment	30. The Second Coming	30. New Church Faith