

Wycliffe USA's Children's Communication Team Answers Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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If you have any other questions, please contact the Wycliffe's Children's Communications team at childrens_resources_orlando@wycliffe.org.



1. We are looking for a "kid-friendly" place to donate our offering from our vacation Bible school this summer... and would love to consider Wycliffe. Any ideas?

Yes, thanks for asking! We have a children's giving project all ready and waiting for you. At <http://www.wycliffe.org/Kids/FreeCurriculum/SenegalGivingProject.aspx/> you will find the Senegal Literacy Project as one of our service-learning projects. In Lesson 1 you will find a power point slide show and donation flyer. The flyer has a special code so that we can see just how much children give. Please send any donations with the bottom portion of that flyer. All three lessons will help your children understand what their donations accomplish.

On that same page you will find a second service-learning project that allows children to color posters of newly-translated Scripture verses. They can laminate them and send them off as literacy class graduation presents. Children here can use their current skills to send God's Word to children in Uganda. Both service-learning projects now have a five-day schedule, showing you how to use parts of these larger programs to supplement the vacation Bible school curriculum you plan to use, as well.

2. Do you have any materials that show how Bible translation and literacy address or affect social issues such as HIV/AIDS prevention, basic health education, peace between neighbors and poverty?

Yes, answers to many of these social issues start in the strangest places: Bible translation and literacy! For instance, in Kenya, Uganda and other countries teams translate "Kande's Story" into many different languages to teach about HIV/AIDS prevention. It includes a student book and teacher's manual with discussion questions for class. You may request an English copy from this e-mail address childrens_resources_Orlando@wycliffe.org/. You may also learn a lot by watching the video "Kande's Story," at <http://vodpod.com/watch/3447829-kandes-story/>. Most translation and literacy programs include basic health education booklets and development programs to improve health issues. You may enjoy watching a video about why literacy and reading are so important to many aspects of life at <http://www.youtube.com/user/WycliffeUSA#p/u/3/kokaAsCe4w0/>. You can also view videos about health care and why we do it, trauma healing and many other social issues at <http://www.youtube.com/user/WycliffeUSA/>. For instance, in one video Amber Shrock explains why she uses her skills as a nurse to meet basic needs at <http://www.youtube.com/user/WycliffeUSA#p/u/9/m74LBTv7pB8/>. She believes that by meeting medical needs, the people will feel healthy and secure enough to start wondering about who God is and to desire to begin Bible translation.

3. What children's materials do you have available and/or recommend?

At <http://www.wycliffe.org/Kids/FreeCurriculum.aspx/> you will find various free, downloadable lessons under the following categories:

Prayer Lessons

Steps to Bible Translation curriculum

Bright Ideas! (Preschool, Grades 1-6, Teen-Adult)

Service-Learning Projects

Fun Facts Activity Pages for each area of the world

At www.wycliffe.org/kids.aspx you will find a page where children themselves can explore, solve puzzles, pray and find out about projects. Under the <Kids Can> tab on that page you will find a prayer map, which is really helpful if you know missionaries and have their prayer cards. It gets prayer cards off the refrigerator door and into action! Receiving missionaries' prayer letters helps children learn what is happening around the world firsthand and helps them be an active member of a prayer team since prayer is one of the important jobs children can do right now.

At <http://www.wycliffe.org/Resources/Shop/Children.aspx/> you will find items to buy from the Village Shop, too.

At <http://www.wycliffe.org/Kids/RecommendedResources.aspx/> you will find an extensive list of recommended resources from a variety of publishers.

The *Planet Word Bible*, by Thomas Nelson Bibles, was designed for elementary aged children. It is chock full of sidebars that feature short biographies of men, women and children God has used from the beginning of time until today to act as His messengers. It also offers suggested prayers for the planet, a verse in many different types of scripts, information about different areas of the world and their needs, ways children have become involved in social issues, etc. The emphasis of the introductions and all the sidebars shows how it has always been God's plan to reach out to people over all the earth. You can find *Planet Word Bibles* at Wycliffe's Village Shop in Orlando, and online at <http://www.wycliffe.org/Resources/Shop/Children.aspx>, and at <http://www.bookfinder.com/>.

4. How do I get more information about the Bibleless People Prayer Project?

Postcards or flyers for the Bibleless People Prayer Project are available from Wycliffe headquarters in Orlando, FL. (Address: P.O. Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862-8200) These postcards cover all areas of the world. They look like two 3 x 5" cards stuck together end-to-end. The left-hand side is filled out with your name, address, etc., and your goal to pray for the group either daily or weekly. Send in that half which has the Bibleless People Prayer Project address on the back. Keep the opposite or right-hand half which has the people group name, map, a verse and on the back a few prayer points. However, the project is changing over to an updated flyer in place of the postcards. Either way, periodic updates will be sent to you as they become available. This is a *long-term prayer effort* for people groups who still wait. When there is no movement in a specific group, the prayer partners may not hear anything and need to persevere in prayer. Another option is to sign-up on-line at:

<http://www.wycliffe.org/Pray/BiblelessPeoplesPrayerProject.aspx/>. Children can also pray for Bibleless People Groups by using the book *From Akebu to Zapotec*, available online at <http://www.wycliffe.org/Resources/Shop/Children.aspx>

5. I'm in charge of finding a missions curriculum for children. The Caleb Project sounds good but what are some other options?

Caleb Project has ceased to exist. However, *Outside the Lines*, a curriculum based on the *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement*, is now delivered through Pioneers at <http://www.cartpioneers.org/products/Outside-the-Lines%3A-Connecting-Kids-to-God%27s-Global-Purpose.html/>. It is a full curriculum with age-appropriate lessons for K-1, Grades 2-3, Grades 4-5, and Grades 6-8. It is expensive at first glance but you will have everything you need for all those ages for at least a year of curriculum. The DVDs with action songs are only for the pre-readers in lieu of memorizing verses as readers would normally do.

See the answer to question #3 above for some free resources for your programming:

6. I'm taking a group of children on a mission trip. Do you have any lessons that will help prepare them?

Kidzana is an organization that does just that...preparing teachers to go overseas, sometimes taking their families. They have lots of resources and training materials at <http://www.kidzana.org/>.

We have a few lessons in *Bright Ideas!* that get across the idea of what it's like to function in a different culture and are good preparation, but we're not specifically designed to prepare for overseas ministry. These are the ones we recommend for cross-cultural training ideas:

- Preschool: Big Team
 Homes Afar
 How We Travel
 Job Box
 The Go Rope
 Travel Bag
- Elementary Desert-dweller's Tea Time
(Grades 1-6) Tug of War
 Prayer Games
 But I'm Just a Kid
 May I Have a Snack, Mom?
 What Does it Mean When...?
- Teen-Adult All's Well that Ends Well
 Bitter Words, Sweet Words
 Call My Bluff
 Choose Wisely
 Ethnic Meal
 Get Packing
 Trading Spaces
 Taste and See

7. I came across your materials for Sunday school children. and I plan to use these for my Sunday school children classes. I would also like to know more about becoming a prayer partner, but I need more information / materials for the children.

You will find a 12-month/week *Children's Prayer Journal* (for readers grades 1-6) and the *Student Prayer Journal* (for 6-9th graders) that allows children and students to partner in prayer for 12 Bibleless people groups. These tools also build a more balanced prayer life in your students. You can find these under the "Ready, Set, Pray" section along with six other lessons

that involve children as prayer partners and build a healthy, balanced prayer life at <http://www.wycliffe.org/Resources/Kids/FreeCurriculum/PrayerLessons.aspx/>.

You may also contact the Bibleless People Prayer Project (BPPP) at <http://www.wycliffe.org/Pray/BiblelessPeoplesPrayerProject.aspx/> to receive the name of a Bibleless people group somewhere in the world. This is a long-term commitment, to pray until a translation starts there. When updates come, they will email you, but the updates are sometimes few and far between.

8. I am looking for the additional resources suggested in the *Steps to Bible Translation* curriculum and I don't find them in your on line store. Can you help me with this?

The resources you need are on the Wycliffe Resource CD which is part of the *My Volcano Adventure* teacher's manual. The CD alone and the *My Volcano Adventures* series are available through Wycliffe's online store at <http://www.wycliffe.org/Resources/Shop/Children.aspx/>. For the tumbler, please call the Orlando Village Shop at 1-800-WYCLIFFE, 1-800-992-5433.

Another option is to contact DiscipleLand (which published the *My Volcano Adventures* series) directly to order a copy of the CD by phone. Their number is 1-800-284-0158. They can be contacted Monday - Friday between 8 -5 (MST/MDT).

9. How do I print out overhead transparencies or paper copies of PowerPoint slides?

Depending on whether your printer is inkjet or laser, the transparencies need to match the type of printer that you have.

1. After opening a PowerPoint file, click on the first slide
2. Then click on Print from your "File" drop-down menu or inside the far upper left Windows icon in newer versions.
3. The printer will ask if you want to print only the current slide or all. Choose either. Just make sure to have your printer loaded with overhead transparencies (if making transparencies) or paper if making paper copies.
4. Be sure that transparencies are loaded so the printing goes on the rough side so the ink will be absorbed. Test your printer with a piece of paper. Put an "X" on one side of the

paper, run it through and you will know which side your printer prints on, thus whether the rough side of the transparencies should go down/up.

10. We have viewed your web site and are very impressed with the children's page and are considering Wycliffe as one of our projects. But we need something specific to tell the children about what their coins are going toward. Can you supply us with this information?

We're glad that you looked at our children's web page and found it helpful. If you go to the **Senegal Service-Learning Project** page, you will find three complete lessons, some literacy samples, and a donation flyer (very important to fill out so that the children get credit for giving) explaining in detail where their money will go, how children live in Senegal, and how important it is for them to be able to read. The monies collected will allow your children to help Senegalese children learn to read so they can have access to God's Word where they will find the message of salvation. You can find the link for the **Senegal Service-Learning Project** at <http://www.wycliffe.org/Kids/FreeCurriculum/SenegalGivingProject.aspx/>.

You can find many other free lessons at <http://www.wycliffe.org/Kids/FreeCurriculum.aspx/>.

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And finally at <http://www.wycliffe.org/Resources/Kids/EvaluationQuestions.aspx/> is a list of evaluation questions for you to consider as you look at other resources.

11. I went to your free curriculum page and listened to the taped radio interview. I have tried several times to download your free lessons but can't figure out how to do it. Could you give me some help on how to download the material?

1. Go to the page where you listened to the voice recording in the left column at <http://www.wycliffe.org/Kids/FreeCurriculum.aspx/>.

2. Click on any of the headings you see in **BOLD CAPITALS** that interest you. That will take you to the set of lessons described. For instance, say you clicked on the heading, **STEPS TO BIBLE TRANSLATION**. That set of 12 lessons will open up in a new window and you can click

on each one that is underlined, or you can download all 12 at once by clicking on “Download all lessons.”

3. When you click on the underlined Lesson 1, “What’s So Special About the Bible?” the lesson will open up in Adobe Reader to view. (If you do not have Adobe Reader on your computer, you will find a link at the bottom of the page where you can get that safe download.)
4. Next click on “File” on the top toolbar choices.
5. Click on “Save As” and save it to your computer wherever you’d like to keep it.
6. If you do not want to save it to your computer, you may just click “Print” and a paper copy should come right out of your printer.

12. I would like to find a pen pal for my child or children. Can you connect me with a missionary child, or a child in another country?

As an organization we do not have this ability. We suggest you communicate with a missionary family already connected to your church, school or family. You may start up a fun, new communication, or if a relationship already exists, you can continue that communication until the family comes home to visit.

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How exciting to hear that your son is doing a research paper on John Wycliffe. He sacrificed his very life so that you and I could read the Bible in English. I am sad to see that our online store does not offer anything, but perhaps you’ll be an impetus for us to carry something for children. Here are a few resources of which I am aware:

1. I believe your son can understand what is written (with pictures, too) on our web page at <http://www.wycliffe.org/About/OurHistory/JohnWycliffe.aspx/>.
2. Your son can understand where John Wycliffe fits into the overall picture of Bible translation on our web page at <http://www.wycliffe.org/About/OurHistory/BeginningsBibleTranslation/TheMotherTongue.aspx/>.
3. The *Planet Word Bible*, published by Thomas Nelson, has loads of biography sidebars aimed at children, including one on John Wycliffe. You can purchase *Planet Word Bible* at Wycliffe’s online store at <http://www.wycliffe.org/Resources/Shop/Children.aspx/> or at many other online stores.

4. I have a copy of the 75-minute video “John Wycliffe, The Morning Star” by Gateway Films, Distributed by Vision Video, which you can find at <http://www.amazon.com/John-Wycliffe-Morning-Keith-Buckley/dp/B00066TBDU/> since it seems we no longer sell it. New and used copies range from just under \$10 and up at that website. It is also available on DVD for a higher cost at <http://www.amazon.com/dp/B00066TBDU?tag=wholewords-20&camp=14573&creative=327641&linkCode=as1&creativeASIN=B00066TBDU&adid=1VGY28XM1Y9AJGY7Y4CH&/>.
5. The book entitled *Morning Star of the Reformation* by author Andy Thompson which you can purchase used at www.bookfinder.com/ for under \$2, or perhaps find at your local library is written for “boys and girls.” I read this customer review at the Amazon website: *I recommend this book for students ages 10-13 who are studying Martin Luther and the Reformation. (I actually read it with my 9 year old, who is pretty bright. But I don't think it will hold the attention of most 9 year olds.) The book gives you a real good feel for how it was for the clergy in this time period and the tension that existed, and continued to be a problem, in a revolutionary time period for Christianity. I did not really understand the historical difference between Protestantism and Catholicism until I read this book, which is historical fiction. It is a great supplement to your textbook reading, which doesn't really give you a feel for how things were for individuals entering the clergy and sympathetic to the reformers' cause. I give it 3 stars because it took a little while to get into the story, but it is worth it, and it isn't too long to get through it. It will also explain the important role John Wycliffe played in this time period.*
6. This biography is written specifically for children at <http://www.wholesomewords.org/biography/bwycliffe4.html/>.
7. A free e-book at <http://www.wholesomewords.org/pdf/bwycliffe2.pdf/> might be above his reading level...depending.
8. He can find LOTS of pictures on Google at http://www.google.com/images?hl=en&source=imghp&q=John+Wycliffe.&gbv=2&aq=f&aqi=&aql=&oq=&gs_rfai=/.
9. This article by David Cloud also gives good information at <http://www.wayoflife.org/files/66a42a95913af24cdf20cda57b2a3579-37.html/>.
10. Finally, I would recommend you check at your local library.

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