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- Follow Me centers around biblical practices
- Practices verb, things Jesus did, said, or embodied. Things Christians have done over time.

Introducing a new curriculum for today's church.





# Why Biblical Practices?

- Believing → Behaving → Belonging
   Shift to a new way
- Behaving → Belonging → Believing
   Practices form identity and transform
- Practices → Community → Faith



- 36 units, over three years, are based on practices Jesus did, embodied, and taught his followers.
- Each session explores an aspect of the practice through Bible study, how it's been practiced through time, and how practiced today.
- Personal, communal, worship, and global practices are included.
- Units are four sessions in length, except for a six-session unit each year, ideal to be used during Lent.

YEAR 1 PRACTICES (2021–2022)	YEAR 2 PRACTICES (2022–2023)	YEAR 3 PRACTICES (2023-2024)
Available July 2021	Available July 2022	Available July 2023
Follow Jesus	Honor Sabbath	Take Up Your Cross
Welcome All	Pray	Worship God
Confess	Forgive	Feed Others
Available October 2021	Available October 2022	Available October 2023
Норе	Announce the Realm of God	Do Not Fear
Baptize	Lament	Renounce Evil
Live in Community	Do Justice	Comfort Those Who Mourn
Available January 2022	Available January 2023	Available January 2024
Practice Spiritual Disciplines (6-sessions, ideal for Lent)	Love God, Neighbor, Enemy (6-sessions, ideal for Lent)	Use Spiritual Gifts (6-sessions, ideal for Lent)
Practice Joy	Celebrate Communion	Share the Good News
Honor God's Diversity	Break Boundaries	Serve Others
Available April 2022	Available April 2023	Available April 2024
Sing a New Song	Make Disciples	Heal the Sick
Make Peace	Practice Stewardship	Practice Gratitude
Practice Generosity	Walk Humbly	Speak the Truth



### Components

- Congregational Guide
- Colorful infographic poster (18" x 24") for each unit (set of 12 for each year) and a set of 12 Bible Basic posters (available separately)
- Young Children Leader's Guide (ages 3–5)
- Multiage Children Leader's Guide (ages 6–10)
- Youth Leaders Guide (ages 11–18)
- Adult Leader's Guide
- Adult Reflection Guide, which can be used alone or in group study





# Inside the Congregational Guide

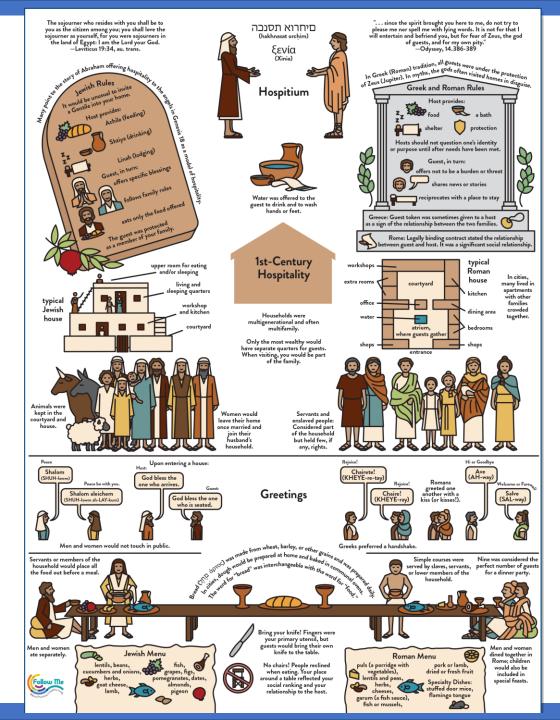
- The Foundational Essay
- Worship Helps
- Café Discussion Guides
- Intergenerational Session
- Curriculum Connections
- Practicing the Practice at Home
- Children's Worship Leaflets





### **Infographic Posters**

- Sets of twelve 18" x 24" fullcolor posters that will be available in print or download.
- The Follow Me Set (12) includes one poster for each practice in a year.
- The Bible Basic Set (12) can be used with any Bible study group.
- Individual posters from the Follow Me Set or from the Bible Basic Set will be available in download format only



Infographic poster for "Welcome All."

- This shows key aspects of Jewish, or biblical, hospitality and Roman/Greek hospitality in the same time period.
  - Foundational writings in Leviticus 19:34 (Jewish) and the Odyssey, 14.386-389 (Roman/Greek)
  - Expectations of hosts and guests
  - Homes
  - Family members and more
  - Greetings
  - Table service
  - Typical foods offered



Let's take a look at a session. . .

All age levels:
Young Children,
Multiage Children,
Youth,
Adult,
and the
Intergenerational
session in the
Congregational
Guide
follow the same

format.





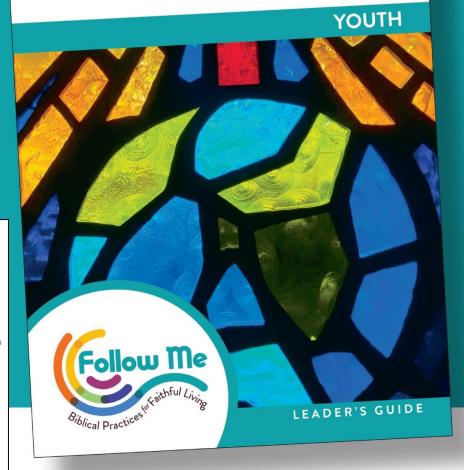
The Youth Leader's Guide provides activity symbols to designate the type of activity included in the session, such as Art, Active Movement, Conversation, Drama, Game, Music, Quiet/Contemplative, Service, Technology, and Extra Prep.

Abstract Thinking and Concrete Thinking are noted to help leaders plan age-appropriate activities for wider range of cognitive development among youth ages 11–18.

#### **EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS**

- Art: invites creativity in hands-on arts and crafts.
- Active/Movement: allows time for youth to move their bodies.
- Abstract Thinking: allows youth to reflect on concepts, such as grace, faith, and hope. Younger youth may find this challenging while older youth are able to think about objects, principles, and ideas not physically present.
- Conversation: allows time to talk and share thoughts, feelings, and questions.
- Concrete Thinking: focuses on the physical world and objects we can see. Generally, younger youth are more drawn to concrete thinking as their brains have not developed to grasp abstract concepts.
- Drama: uses skits and role-play to engage with the story/practice.
- Game: allows for cooperative play.
- Music: engages youth with music and rhythm.
- Quiet/Contemplative: provides space and time for thought and reflection.
- Service: provides opportunities for youth to help others.
- Technology: uses an internet-connected device.
- Extra Prep: requires additional time or materials.

# Welcome All





The Adult Reflection Guide may be used in an adult study group along with the Adult Leader's Guide.

The Adult Reflection Guide is also a great resource for individuals who wish to learn about a practice as a selfstudy or who are unable to attend group meetings.

Short introductory videos for each practice with the Foundational Essay author!





#### How to Order

1. Check out the special size packages for small scale or large scale use, as well as our individually-priced guides.

Order additional Adult Reflection Guides and the Infographic Posters or Poster Sets, as needed.

- 2. Choose your format: print or download.
- 3. Place your order! Go to <a href="https://www.pcusastore.com/curriculum">www.pcusastore.com/curriculum</a> or call 1-800-533-4371, Monday—Friday, 9:00 am—5:00 pm EST.

#### Small-Scale Package Includes:

- 1 Congregational Guide
- 1 Multiage Children Leader's Guide
- 1 Adult Leader's Guide
- 5 Adult Reflection Guides (print only)

Small-Scale Package: \$120 \$100D

#### Large-Scale Package Includes:

- 1 Congregational Guide
- 1 Young Children Leader's Guide
- 1 Multiage Children Leader's Guide
- 1 Youth Leader's Guide
- 1 Adult Leader's Guide
- 10 Adult Reflection Guides (print only)

Large-Scale Package: \$220 \$200D

Individual Guides:	
Congregational Guide	\$45 \$40D
Young Children	\$35 \$30D
Leader's Guide	
Multiage Children	\$35 \$30D
Leader's Guide	
Youth Leader's Guide	\$35 \$30D
Adult Leader's Guide	\$15 \$12D
Adult Reflection Guide	\$8 N/A
(print only)	

#### **Adult Reflection Guides:**

- These can be ordered individually. Order one *Adult Reflection Guide* for each adult participant
- Bulk pricing is available: 10 or more for \$7/guide, or 25 or more for \$6.50/guide.
- E-book version of the *Adult Reflection Guides* maybe be purchased individually or in bulk from Amazon.com.

#### Infographic Poster Sets:

- There is one infographic poster for each unit (practice) available in a year (12 posters) \$80 (P) \$70 (D).
- Poster sets for each year (Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3) can be purchased in print or download format.
- Individual infographic posters are available only in download format \$10 (D only).
- A helpful Bible Basics infographic poster set is also available (twelve posters) \$80 (P) \$70 (D).
- Bulk pricing is available for poster sets 2 or more for \$70/set.

#### Print Curriculum

Print pieces will be shipped to you once the curriculum is published and your order is processed.

 Individual unit posters are available only in download format.

#### Download Curriculum

Download pieces will be available immediately when the item is published. To download your product, go to your account page, click on the Products and Downloads section, and then click on the title of the resource you want to download.

• Adult Reflection Guides are available only in print form.



## Key Takeaways

- Learn more about Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living <u>www.pcusastore.com/FollowMeCurriculum</u>
  - Download the Sampler
  - Subscribe to our email list
  - Preorder the first 3 units
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