

Virtual Sunday School Planning Guide

Getting Started

1. **Consult** with leaders from your church as well as your Sunday School families to find out which is going to be the best option for your unique situation. Consider sending a survey to families for their input.
2. Next, you will want to **gather materials** that you will need for your Sunday School. This could include digital and physical components, leader guides and student materials, videos, Bibles, and more.
3. Depending on your church and the route you are taking this fall, you may want to **create a digital hub** for your materials. This would be a centralized location where parents and teachers can access materials. This could be a page on your website, a social media group, or a file-hosting platform.
4. Last, be sure to **communicate your plans** to your families and church members in a timely manner so they can prepare for Sunday School as well. Be sure to use as many forms of communication as possible to reach everyone, including newsletters, email, social media, and in-person announcements.

Three Virtual Options

Blended

This option combines in-person instruction with virtual, at-home options. This is an ideal situation for churches with some families that prefer in-person and some families that prefer online.

In-Person:

- Hold traditional Sunday School classes.
- Consider using a larger space for classes or host smaller class sizes (half the students each week) to help with social distancing.

At Home:

- Create packets that families can take and complete in the safety of their homes. Include materials such as leader guides, student books, and coloring pages. Create these on a weekly, monthly, or unit basis.

Digital Portion:

- Livestream the lessons that you are holding in-person for students to watch at home.

Live

The live option is strictly virtual, where students can interact with one another and their teacher in a virtual setting.

Platform:

- Consider which virtual platform will work best for you and your families. This could include social media sites such as Facebook and YouTube or meeting platforms such as Zoom.

Time:

- Hosting your Sunday School live video on the same day at the same time each week will give consistency to the students and help parents plan so they can attend regularly.

Send Materials:

- Don't forget to share the necessary materials with your families ahead of time. This could be done via email, uploading to your hub, or having parents pick up materials in person.

Flexible

The flexible option works well for families that don't want to participate in in-person instruction but also can't commit to a specific day and time for Sunday School each week. This is an all-virtual option as well.

Recorded Video:

- Create your own videos of lessons for families to watch at their convenience, or utilize the bonus opening videos provided by CPH.

Parent-Led:

- Without the use of videos, the parents lead the lessons for their children using the leader guides.

Send Materials:

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Resources

Enduring Faith Digital Content Center

This can be found at cph.org by logging into “My Account” and clicking “Digital Content.”

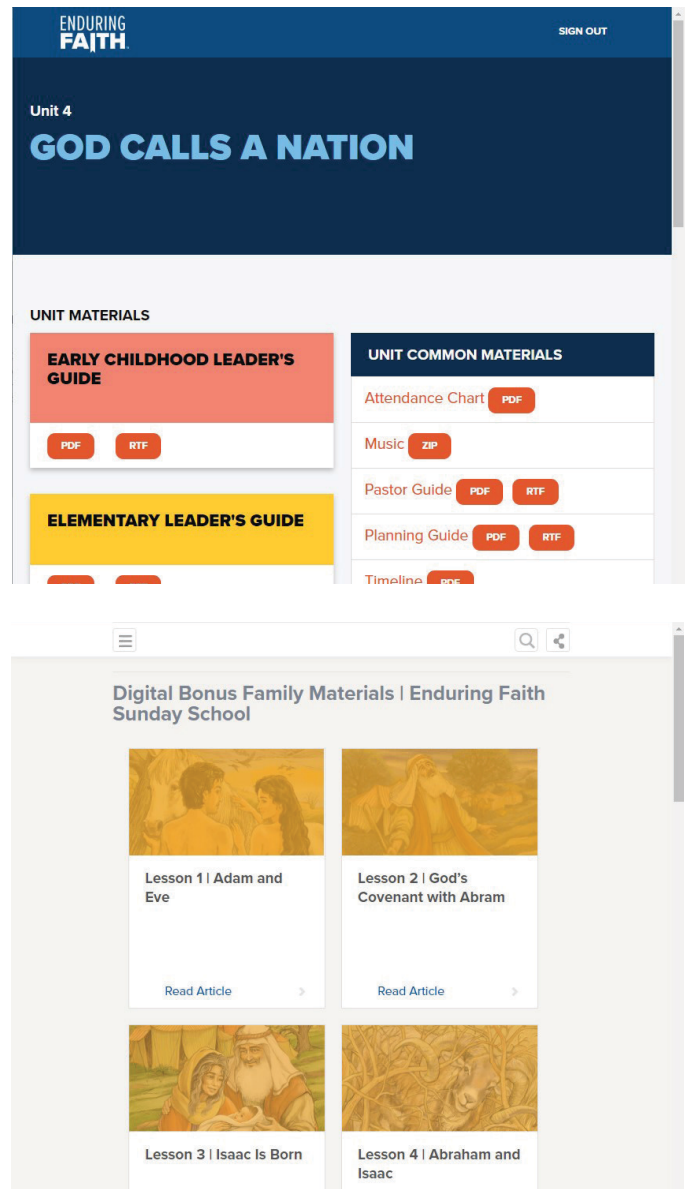
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