

TRIAL DBS SERIES

Major Category

YOUTH

PURPOSE

[Read This First!]

Because people do not always want to commit to a 24-week study of Creation to Christ, we have designed Trial Discovery Bible Studies that ask people to only commit to 6 weeks (or 6 sessions) and are designed with the felt-needs of the group in mind. Among the 9 Major Categories you will certainly find one that fits your target audience. The point is **not to do all** of these studies like a curriculum. The point is to find **just one** that fits your target group of people and do it for six sessions in order to find who the Person of Peace actually is. Then you can move into a longer series introducing them to who Jesus is. Nearly all of the Scriptures used in these DBS's are narrative in nature which makes it easier for not-yet believers to enter into discussion and makes it conducive to 'story-telling'. Our desire is to get people quickly into Scripture that's relevant to their lives in order to see who is responding to God.

CATEGORY YOUTH WITH FELT NEED TOPICS >>>

(each topic has a 6-session DBS series)

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YOUTH – DISCOVERING MY REAL IDENTITY

“I know I’m good at some things and no so good at others. I don’t want to be weird, but I do want to be myself. What makes me unique? How can I be all that I was meant to be?”

- 1 – Being Real A Pharisee and a tax collector Luke 18:9-14
- 2 – My Uniqueness Zacchaeus Luke 19:1-10
- 3 – My Personality Mary and Martha Luke 10:38-42
- 4 – My Abilities Using your ‘talents’ Matthew 25:14-30
- 5 – Strengths and Weaknesses Gideon’s fears Judges 6:1-40
- 6 – God’s Call Following Jesus Luke 5:1-11

YOUTH – FINDING FRIENDS AND FITTING IN

“I always feel out of place. It’s so hard to fit in. I don’t want to come off like I’m either shy or obnoxious. Can I be myself and still have friends?”

- 1 – Acceptance Paul’s struggle for acceptance Acts 9:20-31
- 2 – Fitting In “The Lord looks at the heart” I Samuel 16:1-13
- 3 – Being Myself David can’t use Saul’s armor I Samuel 17:12-50
- 4 – Feeling Secure David and Jonathan – Part 1 I Samuel 18:1-30
- 5 – Getting Close David and Jonathan – Part 2 I Samuel 20:1-42
- 6 – True Friends Four friends who cared Mark 2:1-12

YOUTH – WHAT DO I BELIEVE?

“I’ve done the church thing. It’s easy to let all that teaching go in one ear and out the other. I think it’s time to know what I really believe, and really believe what I already know.”

- 1 – God the Father Almighty Maker of heaven and earth Genesis 1:1-2:3
- 2 – Jesus Christ An angel visits Mary Luke 1:26-38
- 3 – Holy Spirit The Spirit shakes things up Acts 4:1-31
- 4 – Christian Church The cost in “being there” Acts 4:32-37
- 5 – Forgiveness of Sins Jesus: my substitute Mark 15:1-15
- 6 – Resurrection and Life A new day dawns Matthew 28:1-20

YOUTH – SURVIVING DAY TO DAY

“I have to buy my own clothes. Beg people for a ride. Make a C average in school just to stay on the team. Everybody’s on my back. And my best friend didn’t call tonight. Life stinks.”

- 1 – Stressed Out Facing storms Mark 4:35-41
- 2 – Daily Grind Slaving away in Egypt Exodus 5:1-21
- 3 – Making the Grade Parable of the talents Matthew 25:14-30
- 4 – Feeling Alone Jesus in Gethsemane Mark 14:32-42
- 5 – Dealing with Disappointment Jesus is betrayed and arrested Matthew 26:47-56
- 6 – Facing Failure Peter disowns Jesus Luke 22:54-62

YOUTH – GETTING ALONG WITH PARENTS

“In my parents’ eyes, I can’t do anything right. I don’t look right, act right, study right, spend money right or pick friends right. As long as I’m still at home, will I always be wrong?”

- 1 – Parental Requests Jesus and his mom at a wedding John 2:1-11
- 2 – Parental Expectations A mother’s dream Matthew 20:20-28
- 3 – Family Tension When Jesus didn’t come home Luke 2:41-52
- 4 – Dealing with Frustrations Jesus and his family Mark 3:20-35
- 5 – Arguing Over Relationships Samson and his women Judges 14:1-20
- 6 – Making Things Right A son returns home Luke 15:11-32

YOUTH – HOT ISSUES FOR YOUTH

“My friend is pregnant. Another is talking about suicide. What do I do? School is a jungle. People get beat up... If my parents knew what I have to face every day, they would freak out!”

- 1 – Life in the Jungle Jesus is tempted Matthew 3:13-4:11
- 2 – Loose Morals David and Bathsheba 2 Samuel 11:1-27
- 3 – Hidden Secrets David – you are the man! 2 Samuel 12:1-14
- 4 – Don’t Get Used Dirty Dancing Mark 6:14-29
- 5 – Just Say No Daniel stays ‘clean’ Daniel 1:1-21
- 6 – Take a Stand Daniel in the lion’s den Daniel 6:1-24