GIRLS MINISTRIES



STATE | REGIONAL | NATIONAL COORDINATORS HANDBOOK



LS, BB, JB, YLM SINCE 1969

Live Your Purposes

Pralm 33:111

The plan of the Lord stands forever, The plans of His heart from generation to generation (NASB).

INTERNATIONAL **GIRLS MIN TEAM**





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LOCAL CHURCH GIRLS MINISTRIES COORDINATOR

SUGGESTED JOB DESCRIPTION

- Meet with Pastor and staff for calendar approval.
- · Order curriculum in advance.
- Review curriculum with Mentors and be able to answer any questions.
- Order and supervise Mentors Enrichment Training Course (self-study) for Mentors and assistants, and hold awards service upon completion.
- · Review badge awards and assist Mentors in making sure each active girl has them.
- Schedule awards service for badges and graduations.
- Report monthly to State/Regional Offices.
- · Establish uniform parameters with consideration toward girls' input (at each age level).
- · Meet monthly with mentors to review and affirm.
- · Promote Affirmed Prayer Mentors Program and be sure each girl has a Prayer Mentor.
- Schedule outings for girls, both together and separately, by age group.
- Register all groups for annual State Girls Events and arrange transportation, permission forms,
 etc.
- Send pictures and newsworthy articles to the State/Regional GM Coordinator to celebrate what God is doing in your Girls Ministry.
- Schedule time with your Girls Clubs Mentors for fellowship, brainstorming, and prayer.
- · Organize Merit Study schedules throughout the year and have an awards service at completion.
- Keep Mentors informed and encourage girls' participation in State and International functions.
- Maintain consistent communication with the state Girls Ministries coordinator.
- Promote girls' participation in missions giving to Kids on a Mission (YWEA), Translation of Material, Orphanages, and Covenant Sisters.
- · Order Kids on a Mission curriculum.
- Plan and implement a schedule for the Kids on a Mission curriculum (set aside 3 weeks).
- With the pastor's approval, send an offering for Kids on a Mission/Translation of Material to the International Girls Ministries office.
- Attend and promote State/Regional meetings such as Camp Meeting, Prayer Conference,
 Ministries Training Seminars, FOCUS (Children's Leaders) Conference, and your closest Kidfest.

LOCAL CHURCH REPORT EXPLANATIONS

Girls Ministries is a vital ministry of the International Youth and Discipleship Department. Each local club is a part of a larger body of girls throughout the world. In order for us to keep accurate records of this very active ministry, it is extremely important for each local club to complete their monthly report and mail it to you, their state coordinator. When you tabulate these figures and send them to us, it provides accurate records of your progress and achievement.

Number of Clubs Reporting: This figure will give you an ongoing gauge with which to measure the growth of this particular club in your state. Also, you can tell at a glance each month what percentage of your clubs participated in reporting that month. For example, if you usually have 20 YLMs report in a given month, and the next month only three have reported, you may want to check into the matter further.

Total Attendance at Meetings: This should include the number of girls, mentors, and helpers who attended each meeting at the local church. Actual figures should be used, not averages. For example, if a church has four meetings with the following in attendance: 8, 10, 9, 11, their total would be 38 for the month.

Number of Affirmed Prayer Mentors: Every Prayer Mentor participating in the Affirmed Prayer Mentors Program should be counted each month.

Number of Girls using Curriculum: This is the total number of girls who worked on the Classic Girls Club curriculum for the month (LS, BB, JB, YLM). Participation qualifies them; earning a badge is not required.

Number of Students using Sealed Curriculum: This figure is the total number of students (boys or girls) who are participating in the Sealed Curriculum for the month.

Number of Girls using Merit Study: This is the total number of girls who worked on a specific Merit Study during the month. The study does not have to be completed for them to be counted.

Number of Students using I Sense Jesus Curriculum: This figure is the total number of students (boys or girls) who are using this preschool curriculum for the month.

Number of Girls using the I Believe in You Teen Girl Devotional Journal: This figure is the total number of teen girls using the journal for the month.

Number of Students involved in Missions or service activities: This figure is the total number of students (boys or girls) who have participated in any missions activity (YWEA, Kids on a Mission, etc.) or a community service activity for the month.

Mission Money Mailed with Report: This figure should be the total monies clubs have raised or turned in for the categories of Kids On A Mission (YWEA), Translation of Girls Ministries material, and Covenant Teams for the month. This money will be sent to the State/Regional office during the month the report is submitted.



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0	Pastor Name:
	Address:
(D)	Phone #:
0	Age:
	Birth Date:
	Single Married
	Spouse's Name:
	Children's Names & Ages:

LOCAL CHURCH GIRLS MENTOR PROFILE SHEET

Mentor of (Choose all that apply) YLM JB BB LS Have you completed the Mentor Enrichment Training Course? YES ПО NO, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO. Is your club chartered? YES NO I DON'T KNOW. Please list any additional training you are interested in. Please list ways you would like to volunteer at a state/regional event. Hobbies/Interests: What do you enjoy most about working with Girls Ministries? What are the most difficult Girls Ministries challenges that would make helpful topics at state/regional trainings? Additional Comments?

Prayer Mentoring



We have a scriptural mandate to mentor the younger generation and lead them by example.

AFFIRMED Prayer Mentors provide a relationship between a spiritual mother and daughter that can last through adulthood. The objective is to train young women to become all they were created to be as daughters of God!



AFFIRMED Prayer Mentoring

Girls, regardless of age, have a need to be nurtured. Affirmed Prayer Mentors serve as spiritual mothers who provide additional support to our daughters in today's complex world where culture often collides with Biblical principles.

Our girls need love and acceptance, and that's where Affirmed Prayer Mentors step in, providing relationship and approval when our girls are overwhelmed.

As Girls Ministries leaders, we have a scriptural mandate to mentor young girls by lifestyle. Psalm 78:4 in The Message reminds us that "we're not keeping this to ourselves, we're passing it along to the next generation - God's fame and fortune, the marvelous things he has done."

Three pillars underscore our goals: To be PRESENT, to PROCLAIM, to PRAY.

Above all, Affirmed Prayer Mentors must be PRESENT to model the power of God for our girls, guiding them to spiritual maturity. We want to be there for the milestones, for the spiritual experiences at church, and for the challenges.

Affirm means to "state something as fact." Affirmed Prayer Mentors will also PROCLAIM the promises of God over our girls, validating their identity in Christ. It is a FACT. God has chosen them to do GREAT things!

Finally, Affirmed Prayer Mentors are mandated to PRAY to show our daughters the necessity of prayer for discipleship and its power in life's most difficult times.





We're not keeping this to ourselves, we're passing it along to the next generation-God's fame and fortune, the marvelous things He has done.
Psalms 78:4 MSG





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How to Charter a Girls Club

Step One:

Visit cogyd.org/girlsministries

Step Two:

Complete the Jotform info and our office will contact you by email with your charter certificates!

INITIAL STEPS FOR A FRUITFUL BEGINNING



Step 1 - Consult Your Pastor

If a local church leader feels a calling to girls ministries, she should first talk with the pastor about starting Girls Clubs in the local church. The pastor's prayers, advice, and involvement are both required and invaluable. If the pastor approves, the next step is to ask about ordering a preview of the Year 1 materials for the club or clubs planned for the launch. Next, talk with the pastor about an effective strategy for recruiting, vetting, and training mentors for the ministry. Finally, discuss the timing for the launch and how best to promote the target date among girls in the church and the community.

Step 2 - Involve Your Local Women's Ministries

Girls Ministries is under the auspices of the Youth & Discipleship Department. However, please seek the help and advice of your pastor's wife and local Women's Ministries President for advice and involvement. Some women may desire to be a part of the Affirmed Prayer Mentoring program. Others may offer homes or facilities for meetings or a kick-off campaign. Some may even assist in purchasing curriculum.

Step 3 - Review Preview Material And Order Student Materials

Study the preview material carefully while you are promoting the launch date and securing volunteers. To ensure you are ready for the first week of class, order your mentor and student materials early. Be sure you also leave enough time before the first week to train mentors in using the curriculum effectively. You also want to give them plenty of time to prepare their classrooms. An ideal time for clubs to begin is the first Wednesday night of September (the start of the new school year). Note: Plan to order curriculum 2 months prior to kick-off and plan 3-4 sessions for training new mentors.

Step 4 - Meet With Parents

Parental support is vital to the Girls Ministries. If possible, go over the curriculum with the parents and emphasize the purpose and goals of the program. Reiterate the need for their support and cooperation.

Step 5 - Recruit and Meet With Affirmed Prayer Mentors

The Affirmed Prayer Mentor ministry is a Biblical principle in action (Titus 2:3-5). Affirmed Prayer Mentors have three goals: 1) To be PRESENT; 2) to PROCLAIM; and 3) to PRAY. Therefore, when you connect Prayer Mentors to a student, they begin to AFFIRM God's purpose in the student's life. Pray about who you will ask; pray with the Prayer Mentors who agree to serve; and train them on their three spiritual goals for their spiritual daughter.

Step 6 - Inform Your Girls

Inform the girls about the club. Make them aware of the curriculum format. Generate excitement by introducing some of the upcoming activities. Encourage them to invite their school friends and neighbors by preparing a launch invitation for students to share.



INITIAL STEPS FOR A FRUITFUL BEGINNING CONTINUED

Step 7 - Promote Girls Ministries

Promote Girls Ministries through the church announcement formats, social media, and fliers in the church.

Step 8 - Charter And Membership Cards

Charter the club, making it an official part of Girls Ministries internationally. When chartering, membership cards are available free of charge, one for each girl. Other materials may be ordered as needed and may be found at COGYD.ORG.

Step 9 - Conduct A Kick-off Campaign

To begin the year, conduct a kick-off campaign such as a lock-in, slumber party, afternoon tea, or orientation meeting. Make this event exciting and inspirational for the girls. This would be a good time to elect officers, discuss uniforms, pass out a schedule of activities, and any other club business. Your State/Regional Girls Ministries Coordinator would be an ideal speaker for the occasion.

Step 10 - You Are Ready To Start!

Double check curriculum, room set-up, supplies, and Affirmed Prayer Mentor assignments. Make sure a local report form has been obtained, or get the electronic link (if available) from your State/Regional Girls Ministries Coordinator. Set a reminder to report to your STATE/REGIONAL OFFICE by the 5th of each month. Check with your State/Regional Girls Ministries Coordinator for details on the Girls Ministries awards program and plan to attend the Girls Day Out or Jamboree for your state/region.



GIRLS MINISTRIES AND YOUTH & DISCIPLESHIP LOGOS











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Teen Girls

GRADES 7TH-12TH

The "I Believe in You Teen Girl Devotional Journal" was especially designed for girls in grades 7 - 12. A forty-day prayer journal, "I Believe in You" was designed to engage teen girls in reserving time to hear from God, share with God, and allow His Spirit to direct their steps. "I Believe in You" guides our teen girls in spiritual consistency anchored in the Word and spiritual reflection journaling. Don't miss out on this invaluable resource for teen girls. Order your copies at pathwaybookstore.com.

Also available for Teen Girls is our YLM Connection Girls curriculum. For a preview lesson, please contact your International Girls Ministries Coordinator. This curriculum is also available via pathwaybookstore.com.

TEEN GIRLS MINISTRY-YLM

Grades 7-17th

Scripture:

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity". 1 Timothy 4:12 KJV

Pledge:

I pledge to follow Christ in dedicated service, seeking to honor him in thought, word & deed.

Motto:

Reflecting His Image

Flower:

Carnation—representing the epitome of excellence and achievement

Colors:

Pink—signifying feminine beauty and grace

White—symbolizing Christian purity

Purple—representing royalty and kingship

Purpose:

◆ To win girls to Christ.

♦ To help each girl establish and develop her spiritual life, teaching her the biblical pattern of holiness in her lifestyle and choice making.

♦ To provide opportunities to train her for effective Christian leadership and service.

♦ To counteract worldly influences and pressures by promoting Christian fellowship and recreation among girls.

♦ To encourage each girl to be an effective Christian witness in her home, church, school, community, and world.



HOW TO ORGANIZE

When someone in the church sees the need for organizing Teen Girls Ministries (Young Ladies Ministries), she should set up a meeting and seek approval from the pastor to organize the group. If approved, a mentor should be appointed by the Women's Discipleship committee and the pastor. Individual mentors may be appointed to serve the Middle School YLMs and the High Schools YLMs; if the number of girls is not too large, one mentor may serve both groups combined. A mentor for every eight girls is ideal. Personalized club names are permissible.

The mentor should be one who loves and understands teen girls. She willingly assumes responsibility for purposeful leadership. She exhibits spiritual maturity, grace, and kindness so that she will be a model to her girls.

The Mentor Enrichment Training Course (METC) has proven to be an invaluable aid to the mentor. Every mentor should complete this program. Upon completion of the METC, each mentor receives a Master Certificate.

The curriculum—The YLM Connection curriculum should be ordered and reviewed by the mentor before the organizational meeting.

After the first meeting, the YLM mentor should apply for a free charter online at cogyd.org/girlsministries. International Girls Ministries will send a permanent charter to the State Coordinator for her signature, and she will mail it to the person who requested it. The pastor can then sign the certificate. The local club will receive a membership card for each girl.

Organized YLMs should conduct regular meetings. The official meeting place for the YLM should be the church. Other activities may be at different locations. The mentor is responsible for sending monthly reports to the state/regional Girls Ministries coordinator.

Patterns and iron-on transfers are available at PathwayBookstore.com.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Having club officers is optional. If you choose to do so, the YLM constitution allows for the election of three main officers in the club: a president, vice president, and secretary-treasurer. An officer should be an exemplary Christian, a member of the Church of God, and possess leadership qualities.

President:

- 1. Presides at all meetings.
- 2. Responsible for the planning of all meetings and activities; appoints necessary committees.
- 3. The first to arrive at all meetings to see that the program is in order.
- 4. To start the meeting on time.
- 5. To keep all discussions strictly to the subject.
- 6. To stay after each meeting until all things are put away and in order.

Vice President

- 1. To preside at meetings in the absence of the president.
- 2. To be responsible for general club projects. (All suggestions are to be including reports to the state Girls Clubs coordinator, under the direction of the Mentor.
- 4. To keep an accurate record of club monies
 —receipts and disbursements.
 submitted to the president they are
 presented to the club.)
- 5. To make a periodical report of funds to the YLM (frequency determined by the mentor).

Secretary-Treasurer:

- 1. To keep all records and notes neatly and accurately.
- 2. To keep accurate minutes of each meeting to be presented for approval at the following meeting.
- 3. To handle most of the correspondence, including reports to the state Girls Clubs coordinator, under the direction of the Mentor.
- 4. To keep an accurate record of club monies—receipts and disbursements.
- 5. To make a periodic report of funds to the YLM (frequency determined by the mentor).

Additional Officers:

As your club grows, additional officers may be added. These may include a chaplain, historian, club reporter, or any others which will facilitate a better club.



MERIT STUDIES

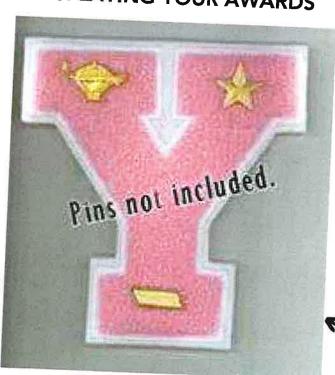
Merit studies are available—some of them are:
A Young Woman on a Journey to Excellence
A Young Woman After God's Own Heart
A Young Woman's Call to Prayer
Bringing Heaven Down to Earth
Cooking Merit Study
Getting into Character, Take One!
Getting into Character, Take Two!
Daughters of the King Series



Awards are charms to be placed on a charm bracelet upon completion of the study. A complete listing can be found online and can be ordered from Pathway Press, www.pathwaybookstore.com or by calling 800-553-8506.

DISPLAYING YOUR AWARDS

Lamp Awards are for memorizing and quoting 12 power passages.



Star Awards are for mission or service projects.

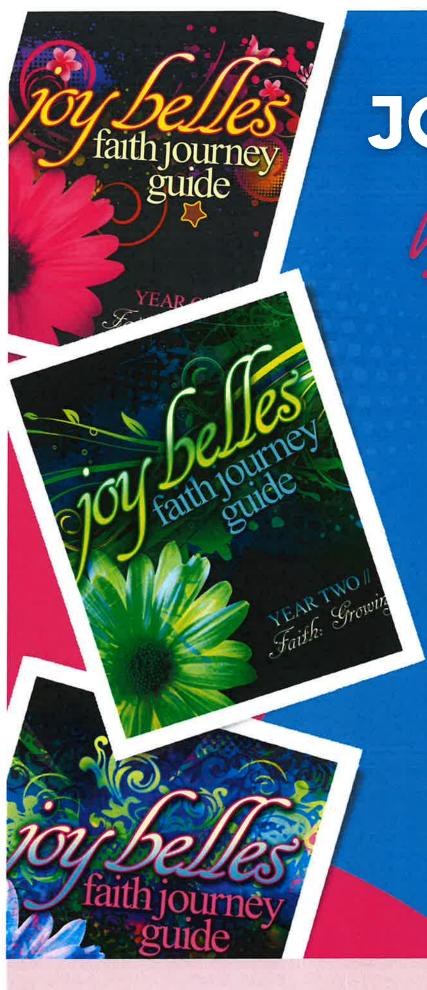
Bar Awards are for each year of participation.



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JOYBELLES

Brades 4-6



YEAR ON

Faith Blossoming Includes 3 sections, each containing 12 lessons

YEAR TWO

Faith Growing Includes 3 sections, each containing 12 lessons

YEAR THREE

Faith Living Includes 3 sections, each containing 12 lessons

Mentor's Guide & Merit Studies are also available





Joybelles

GRADES 4TH-6TH Q V





Joy Belles curriculum is designed for girls in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades. This faith journey covers a three-year period with both a Mentor's Guide and student lessons.

Each year's book contains three sections full of intriguing lessons, activities, and journal pages. Correlating Merit Studies are available. The curriculum can be purchased at pathwaybookstore.com.

JOYBELLES-JB

Grades 4th, 5th and 6th

Scripture:

"I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way . . . I will walk within my house with a perfect heart" (Psalm 101:2).

Pledge:

As a Joy Belle I promise to be honest, cheerful and kind; to be careful in what I think, what I say and where I go—always doing my best for Jesus because I love Him so.

Motto:

We Serve Joyfully

Flower:

Daisy

Colors:

Yellow—signifying honor

Green—representing youth and happiness

White—symbolizing purity

Purple—representing royalty and kingship

Purpose:

- ♦ To encourage spiritual growth .
- To provide opportunities to develop personal ability and skill.
- ♦ To help girls find a place of service.
- $\ \, \blacklozenge \,$ To provide wholesome fellowship and recreation.



HOW TO ORGANIZE

The organization of the Joy Belles is similar to the organization of a YLM. After pastoral approval, the local Women's Discipleship committee selects a mentor for the girls. It may be advisable to select co-mentors or an assistant mentor for these very active girls. A mentor should, of course, exhibit qualities essential for leadership and should reflect Christian maturity. She should be a model of spiritual maturity and show love for her girls.

The Mentor Enrichment Training Course (METC) was developed to better equip the mentor for effective ministry. Each mentor should complete this program. Upon completion, she will receive a Master's Certificate.

After the first meeting, the Joy Belles secretary or mentor should apply for a free charter online at cogyd.org/girlsministries. The International Girls Ministries office will send a permanent charter to the State Coordinator for her signature, and she will mail it to the person who had requested it. The pastor can also sign the certificate. The local club will receive a membership card for each girl.

Organized Joy Belles should conduct regular meetings (usually weekly). The official meeting place for the Joy Belles should be the church. Other activities may be at different locations. The mentor is responsible for sending monthly reports to the state Girls Ministries coordinator.

The Joy Belles uniform is flexible to the desires of the club as long as club colors are included. Backpacks, sash patterns, and iron-on transfers are available from pathwaybookstore.com or by calling 1-800-553-8506.

DUTY OF OFFICERS

Having club officers is optional. For details and duties, please refer to section 5, page 3 of this manual.

ELEMENTS OF THE PROGRAM

The Joy Belles Faith Journey covers a three-year period with both a Mentor's Guide and Joy Belles Faith Journey Guide. While the Mentor's Guide is only available by year, the student Faith Journey Guides may be purchased by year or by section. Each guide is designed to fit in a three-ring binder (not included). It is recommended to begin in Fall and end in early Summer, but the lessons can be started at any time. Each yearly book is divided into three sections. The Joy Belles Faith Journey Series includes the following:

Year One, Faith: Blossoming Year Two, Faith: Growing Year Three: Faith: Living

The Mentor's Guide begins with a toolbox section full of helpful teaching tips, resources, and forms. Each lesson begins with a Lesson at a Glance chart which allows the mentor to have a quick look at the lesson content and materials needed. Each lesson contains an answer key box providing the answers for the Joy Belles Faith Journey Guide activities. Included at the end of each lesson is a Goodie Bag section which offers additional, optional ideas if time permits. Corresponding Merit Studies are included for review and suggested times to use them. Merit Studies are designed to supplement the curriculum and may be ordered separately for each girl.



ELEMENTS OF THE PROGRAM

The Joy Belles Faith Journey Guide includes activity pages and Joy Belle Journal pages that correspond with each lesson in full color. Not only will your girls enjoy working through the activities, but will use the journal pages to reinforce what they've learned that day about God's Word and themselves. A Bible Reading is included at the beginning of the guide. Once the girls have completed their Bible Reading, a certificate is available for free download (please go to www.girlsministries.org, go to "clubs" and then "Joy Belles") or can be ordered for a small fee.

An Award Sheet and sticker set are available for each student. The Award Sheet and Sticker Set should be ordered to accompany the student book. It is recommended to place the Award Sheet in a protective, clear binder sleeve and insert it into the student's Faith Journey Guide. Once the Awards Sheet is completed, it can be presented to the student at the next award ceremony or special end-of-year ceremony. The curriculum also includes posters, Bible Reading Certificates, and graphics packages for all three years. These products may be ordered online at pathwaybookstore.com or by calling 800-553-8506. For a sample lesson (both mentor and student) please contact the International Girls Ministries office.

The following Merit Studies are included in the Mentor's Guide with suggested times to use them in class. A Joy Belle has the opportunity to earn merit badges (extracurricular) for:

Nature

Service

Bearing Fabulous Fruit

Health Music

Homemaking

Gathering Stones
Attributes of Jesus

Sewing

Cooking Prayer

The Holy Spirit

Missions

Fitness Fun

Princess Warriors

Caregivers

Etiquette

Daughters of the King

Merit studies are sold in individual study packets with a badge for each girl. All merit studies and badges may be ordered from pathwaybookstore.com, or by calling 800-553-8506.

Note: Some merit studies may be available in Spanish. To inquire, please email cogyouth@churchofgod.org or call 423-478-7824.

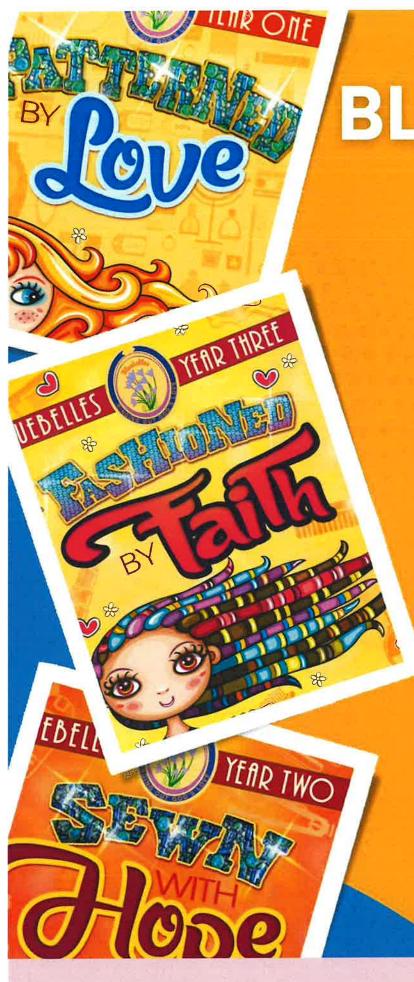




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BLUEBELLES

Brades 1-3



YEAR ONE

Patterned by Love Includes 3 sections, each containing 12 lessons

YEAR TWO

Fashioned by Faith Includes 3 sections, each containing 12 lessons

YEAR THRE

Sewn with Hope Includes 3 sections, each containing 12 lessons

Mentor's Guide & Merit Studies are also available





Bluebelles

GRADES 1ST-3RD 68

Bluebelles curriculum is designed for girls in the first, second, and third grades. This three-year series provides exciting learning experiences, engaging activities, and a Mentor's Guide. The student books are bursting with color, fun, and stylish illustrations.

Your students will be encouraged as they learn to put their love, hope, and faith into action.

Correlating Merit Studies are available. Curriculum can be purchased at pathwaybookstore.com.

BLUEBELLES-BB

Grades 1st - 3rd

Scripture:

"Love one another" (John 13:34).

Pledge:

As a Bluebelle I will try to do my best for Jesus at all times. I will let

His love shine through me to others.

Motto:

Ringing Out God's Love

Flower:

Bluebelle

Colors:

Blue—signifying honesty

Orange—representing love and happiness

White—symbolizing purity.

Purple—represents royalty and kingship. Bluebelles who love and

serve Jesus are children of the King!

Purpose:

♦ To encourage spiritual growth.

♦ To provide opportunities to develop personal abilities and skills.

◆ To help girls discover a place of service.

To provide wholesome fellowship and recreation.

ELEMENTS OF THE PROGRAM

BB Girl Fashioned by God is a three-year curriculum. Each year has 36 lessons. The mentor guide has an upfront section that instructs how to use the curriculum as well as other helpful resources. Each lesson begins with a Lesson at a Glance chart, allowing the mentor to look at lesson content and materials needed quickly. Each lesson contains an answer key box providing the answers to the student booklet. Merit studies are included and noted throughout the curriculum for possible places to use. This is for the teacher's review, but merit studies/badges must be ordered per student.

The student will have three booklets per year, each containing twelve lessons. Churches have the option to use either Unit stickers or Unit badges depending on their needs/preferences. At the end of each booklet, the student may be awarded stickers for placement on the last page or unit badges for sashes/backpacks. Unit Stickers and badges are available at pathwaybookstore.com. The student booklets are in full color and filled with fun, engaging activities.

DISPLAY YOUR AWARDS

The Girls Clubs insignia should be placed at the top of the display with the Bluebelles insignia and Girls Clubs dove pin coming below that position. You may want to obtain your charter numbers and place them between the Girls Clubs and Bluebelles insignias.

The arrangement of badges should be on the front side of the sash or backpack and in this order:

<u>First Year:</u> 3 unit badges, yearly badge <u>Second Year:</u> 3 unit badges, yearly badge <u>Third Year:</u> 3 unit badges, yearly badge

Some churches may opt to use unit stickers and yearly completion badges. Special awards like Merit Badges, State Event Badges, and others may be placed on the back side of the sash.



MERIT STUDIES

Like the other Girls Clubs, the Bluebelles program includes merit studies designed to supplement the achievement program. Each study comes with a merit badge to be given upon completion. Bluebelles Merit Studies include:

God's Word Pets
Manners Music
Safety Visual Arts
Fitness Fun Prayer

Community Caregivers Bearing Fabulous Fruit

Attributes of Jesus Princess Warriors
Daughters of the King Series Gathering Stones

Merit studies are sold in individual study packets for each girl. A mentor should order a complete set of merit studies to place in her counselos notebook. All merit studies and badges may be ordered from pathwaybookstore.com, or by calling 800-553-8506.

Note: Some merit studies may be available in Spanish. To inquire, please email cogyouth@churchofgod.org or call 423-478-7824.

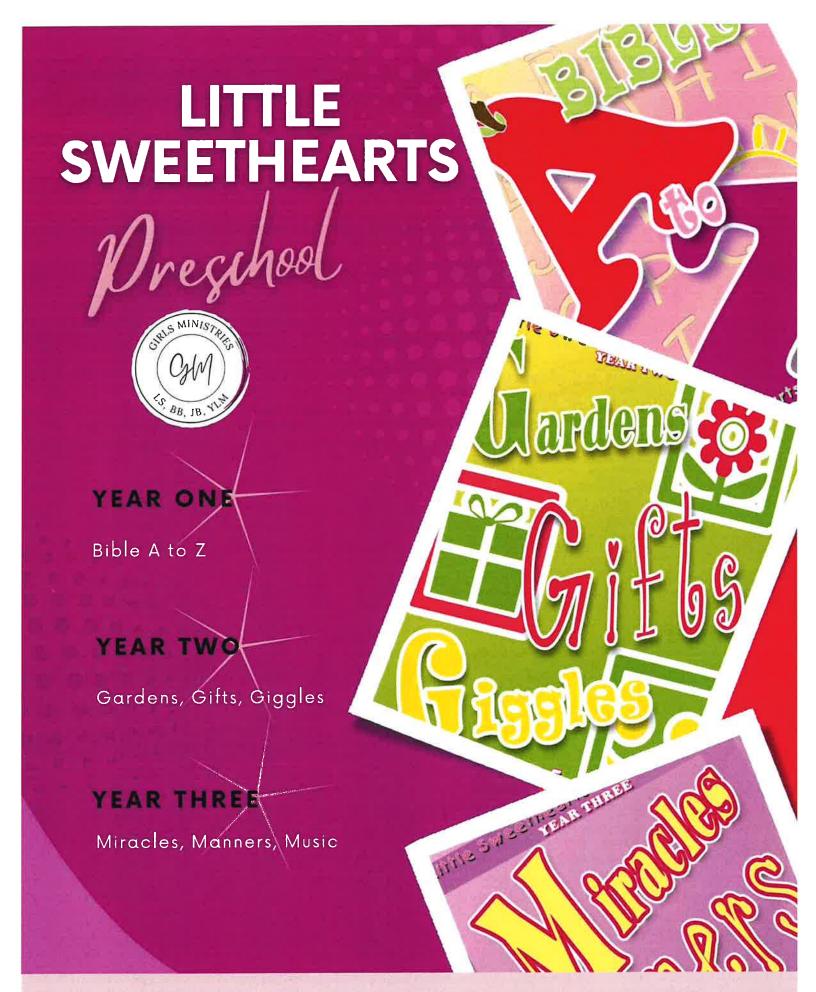


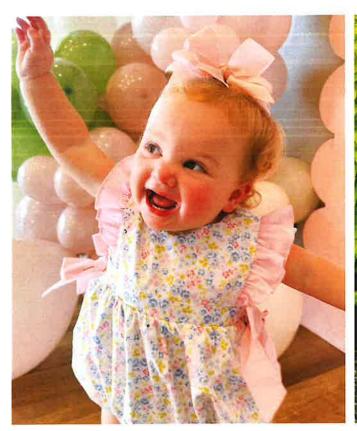


LITTLE SWEET HEARTS-LS

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Little Sweethearts

AGES 3-5

Little Sweethearts preschool curriculum teaches young girls who Jesus is, how special they are to Him, and how they can share His love through Bible stories, hands-on activities, and merit badge studies.

This three-year series teaches children through the use of all five senses. Each year comes in a notebook binder with reproducible lessons for students. Curriculum can be purchased at pathwaybookstore.com.

LITTLE SWEETHEARTS-LS

Pre-School

Scripture: "I am . . . wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14).

Pledge: As a Little Sweetheart, I will do my best to learn God's Word.

Motto: I'm Special to God!

Flower: Sweetheart Rose

Colors: Lilac—signifying humility and innocence

Rose—representing fragrant love

White—symbolizing purity

Purple—representing royalty and kingship

Purpose:

To establish a firm foundation in the faith of our children at an early age.

Encourage personal development and relationship skills.

Provide fellowship and recreation in a Christian atmosphere.



HOW TO ORGANIZE

After pastoral approval, the local Women's Discipleship Committee selects a mentor for the girls. It may be advisable to select co-mentors or an assistant mentor for these very active girls. A mentor should, of course, exhibit qualities essential for leadership and should reflect Christian maturity. She should be a model of Christian character, teaching her girls with love and kindness.

Like the YLM, Joy Belles, and Bluebelles, Little Sweethearts mentors can take the Mentor Enrichment Training Course (METC) designed to better equip them for effective ministry. Every mentor should complete this program. A certificate of completion is presented in the same manner as the YLM, Joy Belles, and Bluebelles program.

On deciding to organize the Little Sweethearts Club, the local church pastor or Women's Discipleship should preview the curriculum. After the first meeting, the mentor should apply online for a free charter at cogyd.org/girlsministries. The International Girls Ministries Department will send a permanent charter to the State Coordinator for her signature, and she will send it to the person who requested it. The pastor can then sign the certificate. The local club will receive a membership card for each girl.

Organized Little Sweethearts should conduct regular meetings (usually weekly). The official meeting place for the Little Sweethearts should be the church. Other activities may be at different locations. The mentor is responsible for sending monthly reports to the state/regional Girls Ministries coordinator.

The Little Sweethearts uniform is flexible to the club's desires as long as club colors are included. Backpacks and sash patterns, and iron-on transfers are available from Pathway Press.

ELEMENTS OF THE PROGRAM

The Little Sweethearts Bible A to Z curriculum covers a one-year period with reproducible handouts for each student. Each year's program is based on twenty-six chapters created to be expanded or repeated to cover a twelve-month period. Each Girls Club is different, and Bible A to Z is adaptable to meet the differences of each club. The basic chapter is set up to be completed in an hour, with each of the twelve chapter segments designed to take approximately five minutes. This will vary depending upon the developmental levels of the children in each local club.

Each local mentor is encouraged to repeat or expand each lesson. The Extras section is provided in each chapter to provide optional activities to extend the length of the proposed hourly class. If time does not permit, use these activities to repeat the lesson. You may wish to complete all twenty-six lessons and then begin again. Or allow each chapter to cover a two-week period. Children learn by repetition, and the biblical lesson will only be instilled to a greater degree through repetition.

There is a poster and sticker set available to purchase for each student. After the completion of each chapter, the child is allowed to place a sticker corresponding to the lesson on the poster. There is a sample copy provided with each teacher's manual, and additional copies may be purchased from pathwaybookstore.com.

At the end of the year, a Bible A to Z badge may be presented to each child, denoting the completion of the Year One curriculum.

Year Two curriculum is entitled Gardens, Gift, and Giggles. Miracles, Manners, and Music is the title of the third year of the curriculum.



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Kids on a Mission

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This joint venture between Church of God World Missions and International Youth and Discipleship has been proven successful with their annual projects that help people worldwide.

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At the beginning of each year we offer downloadable curriculum that is full of fun activities and life-changing lessons. Kids on a Mission may be purchased at cogyd.org.





And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15

