

How to Use Fuel

Fuel: Igniting New Life with God's Story is a DVD-based curriculum series designed to present the complete biblical narrative in chronological order over a two-year period—the first year covers the Old Testament; the second year covers the New Testament. Each of the eight volumes provides material for 12 sessions on two DVDs and three CD-ROMs.

Fuel can be used in a variety of settings and in a variety of ways. The resources are designed to be flexible to suit each group's needs. The most common scenario will probably be to show the video to a large group of students and then to break up into smaller discussion groups with an adult leader for each. *Fuel* could also be used in cell groups or home Bible studies.

A total of 48 sessions of *Fuel* are provided for each year, allowing for four weeks of alternate activities. *Fuel* however can obviously be adapted to whatever timeline suits your youth group. This resource is timeless and can be used in a variety of different ways.

Contents of the DVDs

Each of the two DVDs in each Volume includes the multimedia resources for six sessions. The presentation for each session is divided into three segments: **The Spark** (attention-getter), **Fanning the Flame** (teen hosts), and **Combustion** (the Bible story). You have the option of playing all three segments uninterrupted or playing each segment individually. You will see the following items on the menu for each session.

Play Session – Use this option to play all three segments of the video for each session without stopping. **The Spark** uses drama, humor, music or interviews to create interest in the issues addressed by each week's Bible story. You may want to stop the DVD after viewing **The Spark** and ask for the young people's reactions to what they have just seen.

Fanning the Flame introduces the themes of that week's session using two teen hosts and candid reactions by typical students to questions related to the session. You could pause the DVD again after this segment and ask your young people to answer the same questions that were asked during the presentation.

Combustion is the heart of the DVD presentation — the actual Bible story told by an experienced communicator in a relevant but interesting way in a creative setting that relates to the story.

Slides – There may be times that you would prefer for one of your leaders to do the presentation for a week's session instead of the DVD presentation. Using your DVD remote control, you can advance through several photos or text screens that will provide visual support for the story. An outline for each story with cues for the slides is provided on the CD-ROMs.

Contents of the CD-ROMs

The *Fuel* CDs include teacher preparation materials and student resources (four sessions on each CD). The CDs also include the audio tracks of the Bible stories presented on the DVDs and readings of the Scripture passages; the tracks can be played on a standard CD player as a preparation aid for the small group leaders. Most of the resources (with a few exceptions) are provided as PDF files. Here are some of the items you will find on the menu for each session.

Below are some of the items you will find available on the CD-ROMs for you to use to support each *Fuel* session:

Teaching Plan

This is a one-page sheet that includes discussion questions and optional activities that lead the students from examination of the Bible story to practical application of the biblical principles that are found there. Reference is made to the other resources that support each session. The teaching plans are provided in rich text format (RTF) for your word processor. With this format, you can customize the plans by adding and deleting text.

Background for the Bible Passages.

Two to four pages of commentary on the Scripture passages are provided for leaders who want to dig deeper into the story.

Story Outline

Small group leaders would benefit from previewing this outline for the Bible story; however, this resource is primarily designed for the leader who chooses to tell the Bible story in place of the storyteller on the video. Suggested cues are indicated for the slides on the DVD. The outlines, like the teaching plans, are provided in rich text format (RTF) so that you can customize them.

Listening Guide

As an optional resource, fill-in-the-blank listening guides are provided for each story. Each file includes two pages — one to be duplicated for the students and one with the answers supplied.

Scripture Passages

It is most beneficial for the students to use their own copies of the Bible as they examine the Scriptures. There are occasions, however, when you might want to provide the printed Scripture to some students, such as visitors. For your convenience, selected Scripture passages for each week are provided in the Holman Christian Standard Bible® translation.

Time Line

Many students, even those who have heard Bible stories since they were preschoolers, have difficulty grasping the historical context of each story and the chronological order in which the stories took place. The same basic, see-at-a-glance time line (in full color) is provided with each week's session with the approximate date of the story indicated on the line.

Exploring the Bible Daily

To encourage daily independent Bible study and prayer, each week's session provides seven suggested Bible readings that allow the students to explore the background of each Bible story on their own. (For the weeks that you will not be using *Fuel*, four bonus "Exploring the Bible Daily" weekly guides are provided on the main menu of this CD.)

You might also want to challenge your young people to read the entire Bible over the course of the two years that you use *Fuel*. If this is your preference, a suggested two-year alternate Bible study plan is provided on the main menu of this CD.

Other resources

For most of the sessions, you will see at least one additional resource listed on the menu. These are a variety of items that can be used to supplement the optional activities suggested on the teaching plans.