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If you're working with kids from kindergarten to grade 5, you'll want to discover what's available to you in 252!

Here's a quick look at some of what's included in your access to **252 Kids and Preteen** curriculum and resources:

Starter Compact: This is the folder where you'll find all the *"nuts & bolts"* of what you'll need to use 252 effectively. It contains *all the essentials* of some of the other folders (Groups, Family Experience, Home) that you'll also have access to.

Weeks Folders: Here's where you'll find what you need to help you prep for each week's lesson.

Prelude Folder: The contents of this folder are *designed to help you prepare* and get ready to make the current series and lessons as engaging, fun, immersive, and effective as possible. *You'll only find actual content in this folder in Week 1*, because this is prep material for you and your team to get ready to give your best to kids, and to communicate the aims of the series to your team and to parents. Look around and get to know what's in here! You'll find *ideas for creating your environment, supply lists, artwork and slides for posters or projection*, as well as *monthly overviews* that you can share with your team and parents either by *print or video!*

Small / Large Group Folder: *"Small"* and *"Large"* terminology has *more to do with focus than size*. Everything you need to teach and help your kids learn important biblical truths in fun and engaging ways are found here. This folder includes *artwork and images, music mp3s* for songs kids will love, and *"Scripts"*—the actual leader's manual and *"script"* to guide you through teaching each week's lesson.

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Home Folder:

Here's where you'll find what is necessary to help you make the most of the ORANGE strategy behind the curriculum. *Parent Cue resources, leaders coaching, a social media plan, kids' devotionals (God Times), and other resources* are all available to you here.

Groups:

Inside the Groups folder, you'll find more options than just the "nuts & bolts" that were included in the Starter Compact folder. *Here you'll see that Small and Large Groups each have their own folder, with additional resources to help contextualize to the size and grades of your groups.* You'll also find *unique teaching Script and Small Group activity options* (communicating the same biblical bottom line truths) *for Preteen (grades 4-5)*, if you've got kids in your group who feel they're getting a little too old for what and how the younger kids are learning. If there's *special occasions or holidays* that falls inside a given series, you'll most likely find any resources that connect with them here. *Options, options, options!!* Get to know what's inside and choose what's right for your ministry.

Family Experience:

FX is a completely different resource contained inside your 252 access, that allows you to create a shared "*Family Experience*" that connects directly with the lesson(s) being taught in a given month. You don't have to use it in order to use 252 material for your elementary-aged students, but if you're looking for something to help you provide an intergenerational event for parents and kids, you just might want to check out what treasures you find in this resource!

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Home: Here's where you'll find even more of what's in the *Home folder* that's part of the *Starter Compact* resources above. These resources give you even more flexibility in how you communicate to parents of specific age groups, tools to help kids develop healthy spiritual habits, coaching tips for your leaders to help them partner with families more effectively:

God Times: More than just a "take home" paper, *God Times* is a *collection of 4 weekly activities* that kids can do in their personal time to develop the habit of spending regular time with God. The activities help kids grow *4 Faith Skills* (listen to God, pray to God, talk to others about God, live for God). And *each activity directly connects back to what kids learned in their small group*, helping them apply and work biblical truth into the rhythm of their lives!

Parent Cue: Help parents of your kids get *a new starting point in connecting what kids learn at church with what happens at home*. Parent Cue *can be delivered, weekly or monthly, in print, via email, or through the Parent Cue App*. This resource helps your ministry efforts become even more intentional, letting parents know the *biblical bottom line truth* their kids learned each week, and giving them *conversation starters* and *non-threatening, easy-to-implement, age-appropriate ideas* they can work into the rhythm of life at home.

Social Media Plan: If you use social media to connect with families in your ministry, you'll love the tools and guide included in your 252 access! (And if you don't use social media yet, this might just be the thing to help you get started.) Here you'll find a *social media guide* to help you know what to post and when, along with quality *images you can share across your choice of social media platforms* (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.), helping take what your kids are learning, and keeping it in front of people beyond the limited time kids are in your program each week.

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Media Package:

If you're using *videos* to help you teach your lesson, this is where you want to go. But you'll find so much more here too: *countdown videos*, *music videos* of songs you can incorporate into your program that your kids will love, *customizable art files*, *PowerPoint slides*, and more... Here's just a sample of what you'll find inside this folder:

252 Story:

252 Story videos are *7-10 minute teaching videos* that creatively present biblical truth through story (both biblical and those based on biblical truths and passages that aren't narrative in themselves) in a way that engages children from *kindergarten through grade 5* in age appropriate and applicable ways. If you're using video for the teaching component of 252, Story will be your first "go-to" for most kids.

252 Movie:

If you've got a group of kids who are growing up and feel they're a "little too old" for the "kids' video", but who aren't quite at a stage where you're ready to move them to the junior high curriculum, 252 also provides excellent *Preteen* curriculum options and a corresponding *teaching video resource: 252 Movie* communicates *the same bottom line biblical truths as 252 Story, but in a way that kids in grade 4 and 5 will love!* It's fun. It's quirky. It's has a completely different feel than Story. And it connects. Use *252 Movie* if most of your group falls in this age range, or in addition to 252 Story as a separate teaching time for those kids who are almost-but-not-quite-ready-yet to move on from children's ministry.

Get Reel 2.0:

This is an added bonus! The *Get Reel 2.0* folder contains *4 short videos connecting with the monthly theme, aligning it with the 4 Faith Skills* of hearing from God through scripture, praying to God, talking about God with others, and living for God. These videos can be used if running FX, in your Large Group teaching time, or on their own wherever you choose to use them in your children's ministry and/or corps beyond kids min. They're great for transitional times, or to help emphasize a particular faith skill.

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Starter Facilitator: Here's a hidden nugget! The *Facilitator Script* is a *condensed version of the Teaching Script* you'll find in the Groups folders, specifically designed to guide you through the lesson using the 252 Story and media package components of your curriculum.



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ANY TIME if you're **EVER** lost,
don't understand where to find what you need,
or have questions that we haven't answered here.