



The Word In Motion **Old Testament and New Testament**

Frequently Asked Questions Guide

What is *The Word in Motion*?

Apologia's *The Word in Motion* is a two-volume Bible study curriculum that equips families to read the Word of God with passion, purpose, and big-picture understanding. In volume 1, students will explore the people, places, events, and all thirty-nine books of the Old Testament. Volume 2 covers the people, places, events, and all twenty-seven books of the New Testament. Along the journey, students will gain a deeper understanding of how all the parts of the Bible fit together to form a single, glorious story of God's love for humanity and His plan for our redemption.

What grades is this series designed to teach?

The series has been designed for use with grades K–8. However, the series is appropriate and instructive for family members of all ages.

Why is it called “*The Word in Motion*”?

The Word in Motion was developed by Apologia in partnership with Walk Thru the Bible, whose popular live events are designed around families learning a series of motions and key words that tell the story of the Bible from beginning to end. Adapted and designed specifically for homeschooling families, *The Word in Motion* uses these motions as a starting point for an expanded curriculum that engages the heart, head, and hands. Although the course employs multiple learning styles—visual, auditory, verbal, and kinetic—the motion element gets kids up and moving while giving them a tool for learning and remembering every major character and event from both the Old and New Testaments. The motions incrementally build on one another as you progress through the

course. Each the week, you will review and practice the motions so that by the end of the school year, students will be able to present a complete forty-point outline of the entire Old or New Testament. Also, the curriculum author has developed an all-new set of hand signals to help students remember the theme and a key word or phrase for every book of the Bible.

What is covered in the Old Testament course?

Beginning at the literal beginning, *The Word in Motion: Old Testament* explores the people, places, events, and themes of the Old Testament, including God's act of creation; mankind's sin and the need for redemption; God's covenants with Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David; the calling of God's chosen people; the establishment of God's law; the Lord's faithfulness and His people's unfaithfulness; the Babylonian exile of the Jews and their eventual return to Jerusalem; God's promises of redemption; and the prophecies of a coming Messiah. This volume also walks students through the characters and themes of each book of the Old Testament, from Genesis to Malachi, with an eye toward how the Bible's central figure, Jesus Christ, is revealed in each book.

What is covered in the New Testament course?

The Word in Motion: New Testament presents the people, places, events, and important themes of the New Testament, beginning with a description of key historical events that took place between the writing of the Old Testament and the ministry of John the Baptist. Students will explore the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the eyes of His disciples and the people who knew Him—some who loved Him and some who hated Him. This volume also tells of the birth of the church, its early history, and the travels and acts of the first men and women who answered Christ's call to take the gospel to the ends of the earth. This course also walks students through each book and letter of the New Testament, with an eye toward how Jesus is presented by each writer.

Does it matter if we start with the Old Testament or New Testament?

Yes and no. Although each volume of *The Word in Motion* will stand on its own and constitutes a complete course of study, Apologia strongly

recommends beginning with the Old Testament. Knowing the key people, places, events, and themes of the Old Testament will build a solid foundation for students to have a clearer understanding of the events recorded in the Gospels as well as the teachings of the New Testament.

What is included with *The Word in Motion* curriculum?

With your purchase of the course, you receive online access to thirty teaching videos (approximately 150 minutes total), a printed copy of *The Word in Motion* textbook, and one printed copy of the companion notebooking journal. Additional copies of the notebooking journal may be purchased separately from Apologia, as each student should have his or her own copy to work in. Please keep in mind that the pages cannot be reproduced.

Is the student notebooking journal required for the course?

Yes, the notebooking journal is an integral part of *The Word in Motion* curriculum. Notebooking is a creative way for kids to personalize, engage with, and capture what they have learned in an artful keepsake. As kids do the activities in notebooking journal and think about their lives in light of each lesson, spiritual truths will come alive for them and provide the opportunity for real-life application. Everything they learn in this course they will process and document somewhere in the notebooking journal pages. For these reasons, each student should have his or her own notebooking journal.

Are there quizzes or exams included in the curriculum?

No, *The Word in Motion* curriculum does not include a testing component.

How long will it take to work through this course?

Each volume is designed to be covered in one academic year. Thus, on a regular schedule, you would need two academic years to complete both the Old Testament and New Testament courses. Each volume contains thirty lessons, which are designed to be completed at a pace of one lesson per week for a total course time of thirty weeks. A detailed lesson plan is provided in the companion notebooking journal.

Does this course require a lot of preparation to teach?

Not at all. Like most Apologia products, the *Word in Motion* curriculum doesn't require a teacher's manual, nor is there any preparation time involved! The lesson plans included in the notebooking journal provide clear directions as to what to do each day.

Can students work through the lessons without a parent's instruction?

The best way to work through *The Word in Motion* is as a family—specifically, read by Mom or Dad with their children gathered around. We strongly recommend that you, as the parent, lead the way in cultivating a high view of God by making the study of His Word a priority in your family.

What if I don't feel qualified to teach the Bible?

The Word in Motion takes the intimidation out of teaching the Scriptures by combining streaming video instruction with fun-to-read narratives, engaging discussion questions, memorable character profiles, clear explanations of important doctrines, vibrant illustrations, and fascinating articles on biblical history and culture. You'll find yourself learning right alongside your kids—and loving it!

Could we use *The Word in Motion* for our family's devotional time?

Absolutely! The books are written in a conversational tone designed to be read aloud in a family setting. *The Word in Motion* is a great way to encourage a love of God and the Bible while helping your children to establish healthy spiritual habits that will serve them well throughout their lives.

How is *The Word in Motion* different from your *What We Believe* series?

Apologia's *The Word in Motion* is a Bible survey course, meaning it covers the biblical narrative in chronological order, from the creation of the world to John's revelation, while helping students explore all sixty-six books of the Bible. *What We Believe* is Apologia's award-winning biblical worldview series that teaches kids to *apply* God's Word in their everyday lives. *The Word in Motion* equips students to know and understand the truth as

revealed in the Bible; What We Believe helps students to navigate a world of confusing messages and ideas and discern the truth by using the Bible as a perfect lens through which to view the world around them. Neither curriculum takes the place of the other, nor do they compete. To live God's Word, we must know God's Word. In fact, *The Word in Motion* and *What We Believe* courses complement each other beautifully, reinforcing key concepts and truths while challenging students and families to honor God in word, thought, and deed throughout their lives.

Can we do *The Word in Motion* and *What We Believe* together?

Yes, most definitely!

Which Bible translation is used in *The Word in Motion*?

Nearly all the verses quoted in *The Word in Motion* are taken from the English Standard Version (ESV). However, we recommend that you use your family's favorite translation to read together and for memorizing Scripture.

What is the denominational perspective of this curriculum?

The Word in Motion is purposely nondenominational in content. Its author and contributing writers represent various Christian denominations and have not set out to promote a particular religious tradition. When discussing key doctrines, the writers have made an effort to acknowledge and accurately represent differing viewpoints among several Christian traditions.

How do I access the teaching videos?

The textbook comes with directions for accessing the website containing the streaming video instruction portion of *The Word in Motion* curriculum. The videos are not available on a DVD or thumb drive.

What is included in the video instruction?

Each lesson begins with a four- or five-minute video you will stream online through the Apologia website. In the video, author Rachael Carman introduces that week's lesson with some background, context, and a related Bible story. She then demonstrates one or more motions or hand

signs for that week's lesson. In Lessons 1–15, students will learn forty motions that help them remember (and share) the people, places, and events of the Old or New Testament. Similarly, in Lessons 16–30, Rachael teaches students a hand sign to remember a key word and theme for each book of the Old or New Testament.