



HE CHOSE YOU

Student Curriculum

Grades 4-12

How to Use This Curriculum

GROUP AGES

This curriculum is designed for use with students in upper elementary school (grades 4–6), junior high, and high school.

LARGE GROUP/SMALL GROUP

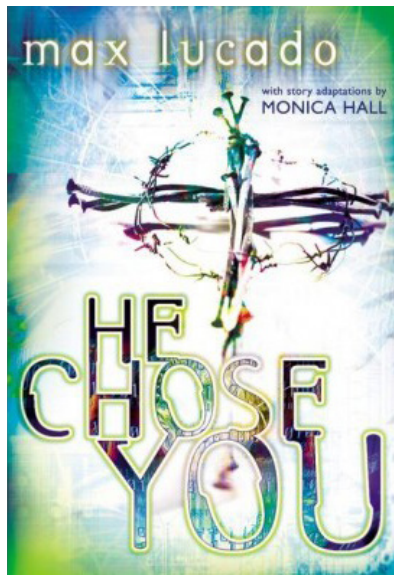
The *He Chose You* student curriculum is designed to be experienced in a group setting such as a Sunday school class, youth group meeting, or small group gathering. The first half of the lesson plan is a message outline that provides the major points, illustrations, scripture references, and applications for the leader to use in preparing a complete large group message. Midway through the lesson is a Pair Up activity, where students are invited to share responses to a question with the person sitting next to them. The second half of the lesson plan is a discussion guide. To ensure everyone has enough time to participate in discussions, it is recommended that groups larger than 10 students break up into smaller groups of 4 to 6 students for the discussion portion of the meeting.

SMALL GROUP FACILITATION AND STUDENT HANDOUTS

If your group breaks up into smaller discussion groups, it is recommended that each group have an adult facilitator who is responsible to read questions aloud and monitor discussions, prompting students to respond and ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to participate. There are guidelines and instructions for the facilitator included in the lesson plans that will help them keep the discussions on track. Some lessons include an activity for the students to do during the small group segment; instructions are provided for the facilitator.

Student Handouts are supplied for the small group portion of the lesson. The handouts contain the list of discussion questions and engagement activities; students may write down their responses to the questions and activities on their handouts. Each session ends with a time of prayer and a challenge to read the next 3 chapters in Max Lucado's book *He Chose You*.

USING THE *HE CHOSE YOU* BOOK



The messages for students are based on the principles in the book *He Chose You* by Max Lucado. *He Chose You* is adapted for a teen audience from Max Lucado's book for adults called *He Chose the Nails*. The adults in your church may be reading and discussing *He Chose the Nails* in their small groups, Sunday school classes, or during the weekend services. Youth group messages are based on selected chapters in *He Chose You*, and the lesson plan indicates which chapters to focus on when preparing the message.

As an Easter/Lent focus, students are challenged to join the rest of the church and read 3 chapters a week in *He Chose You* during this series. While reading the book at home is beneficial to enhancing the message, it is not necessary for students to have read *He Chose You* to engage in the lesson.

USING THE BIBLE

The primary Bible translation quoted in this curriculum is the New International Version, unless otherwise noted. Scripture references are provided throughout the teaching outlines for the leader to refer to when preparing the message. It is up to the leader whether or not to have students look up those references, or to read them aloud during the message, or to just summarize them for purposes of illustration. Students should be encouraged to bring their own Bibles and read from them during the discussion. Materials lists include Bibles if they are usually provided in your classroom.

TIMING

The time notations indicate the suggested time for the message is 20 minutes, and the suggested time for the discussion is 20 minutes. If you have a longer meeting time, you may wish to allow more time for discussion and activities.

LIST OF MATERIALS

It is helpful to prepare and assemble the materials for each session ahead of time. The following materials list is a summary of items needed.

Materials Needed for All Weeks:

- Copies of the lesson plan (1 per facilitator)
- Student Handouts (1 per student)
- Pens (1 per student)
- Bibles (optional if students provide their own Bibles)

Additional Materials Needed for Session 1:

- Trailer released November 12, 2016, for the movie [*Beauty and the Beast*](#) (released March 2017) and TV or computer with Internet access
- Thorn, a plant or vine with thorns, or a [crown of thorns](#) (available on Amazon by searching “crown of thorns from the Holy Land”)

Additional Materials Needed for Session 2:

- Red paint and sponge paintbrushes (optional)
- Wooden cross, nails, and a hammer (optional)

Additional Materials Needed for Session 4:

- Bible app with several Bible translations or Bibles in different translations

Additional Materials Needed for Session 5:

- Trailer #1 from the movie [SING](#) (released December 2016) and TV or computer with Internet access (optional)

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