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-1 Peter 3:3-4

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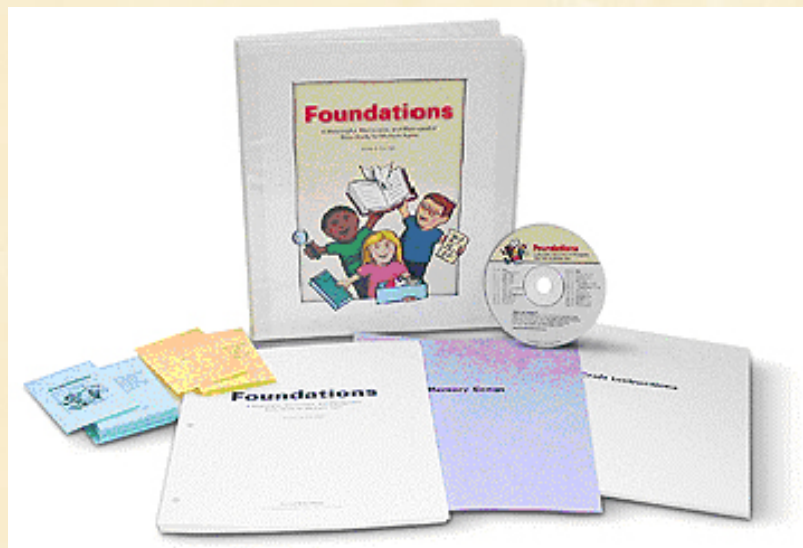
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Foundations: A Meaningful, Memorable, and Manageable Bible Study

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Foundations: A Meaningful, Memorable, and Manageable Bible Study for Multiple Ages

by Kim High

<http://www.foundationsbiblestudy.com>

Reviewed by Kim O'Brien

Foundations is a 20-week study for designed for elementary through middle-school aged children that focuses on building a strong foundation for living the Christian life. It covers topics such as: What is the Word of God? Why should we study the Word of God? What is grace? How should we love? Why do we need self-control? And much more.

Foundations is a very user-friendly program; it requires little preparation time, and weekly instructions are clearly laid out for the parent. Every week's lesson begins with a list of all of the items needed for that week. This is a big plus- you do not have to flip through a lot of pages to figure out what you will need. The author has even included the answers to the discussion questions.

Each week's lesson includes making a craft of some kind. Some of the crafts require sewing, but the author has included other options, which I appreciated. Pre-made tags containing

the scripture that the craft represents are provided, ready for you to copy and cut out. The author has really thought through how to make this parent/teacher friendly and has succeeded! The first week each child makes a "Bible Treasure Box" out of a shoebox to store all of his crafts in. I liked the idea of all crafts fitting into one box, however, for some families having each child make a box will not be realistic. This is easily remedied by having all the children work together to make one box. Flash cards, game cards, and a CD containing PDF files of the art projects and songs are also included in the program.

The author recommends starting to use this study when the oldest child in the family is upper elementary or middle-school age, but I think that **Foundations** could be used with younger children as well. It truly is designed for multiple ages.

For me, **Foundations** did have a couple drawbacks. The first is that the flash cards used for the Bible memory verses were printed in the NIV version. The other drawback is that it is only a 20-week study. If you are using this for your Bible curriculum for the year, you will need to add to it for the remainder of the school year.

Foundations comes packaged in shrink-wrap and three-hole punched, ready to be put into a binder. It is reasonably priced at \$25.00, and may be ordered from www.foundationsbiblestudy.com.

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