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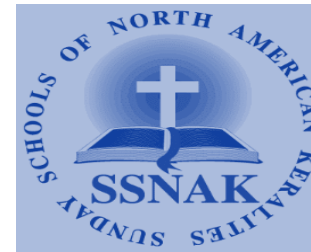


Sunday Schools of North American Keralites

Reaching Our Generation by Teaching the Word of God

HOW CAN YOU PARTNER WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY?

- ◆ Invest time, finance and other resources in our children's moral and spiritual development through sound Christian education
- ◆ Establish Sunday Schools in needy areas aimed at transforming the lives of our young generation
- ◆ Be a resource person for Curriculum Development, Teacher's Training, and Networking
- ◆ Coordinate your city, or regional level Sunday school network
- ◆ Give us a call, and we'll be happy to let you know how else you can get involved.



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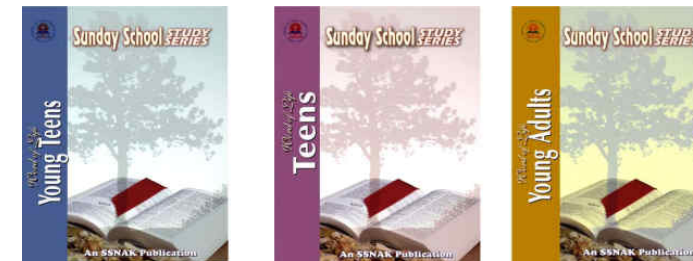
Understanding the need for biblically sound and culturally adaptable Sunday School teaching methods, Sunday Schools of North American Keralites (SSNAK) primarily focuses on the development of Sunday school curriculum and text books. The project to develop Sunday School text books was undertaken by SSNAK in July 2001. A thirty member Curriculum Development Team consisting of theologians, ministers of the gospel, Sunday School

ers' guide for young teens. SSNAK has provided Sunday school text books to over 100 churches in the USA and abroad, and trained over 500 Sunday School Teachers in 15 places including overseas cities such as Toronto (Canada), and Southall (London). These training programs were mainly facilitated by Sushil Mathew, Dallas, TX.

Other goals of this ministry are to provide networking opportunities for Sunday Schools and Churches, and to develop and make available

the Board of SSNAK on curriculum matters. I trust that the leaders of our community will do all they can to promote this effort. The list of curriculum writers involved in this project is impressive. The Keralite community is blessed to have such an outstanding group of men and women to contribute to this work. One can easily see that they have taken the time to develop the lessons in an age-appropriate way and user-friendly way. I am impressed with the quality of this first volume. The word of God is the focus of the Word Series....."

Prof Ezhamkulam Samkuttu, Ph.D., states, "...Each lesson features questions, life issues and relevant Bible passages that will encourage the participants to interact with one another and the teacher. Another notable quality is that each writer is committed to a strictly fundamental interpretation of the Bible. Each lesson is written as part of the whole, which attests to the competency of the authors in arranging various subjects on a common thread. This will serve as a valuable weekend companion to all who want to learn more about Jesus and His church. I am confident that this new Christian education tool will be received with great enthusiasm."



directors/ teachers, and laymen worked together under the direction of Dr. Thomas Idiculla, in producing these books. This group of committed Sunday school well wishers has worked tirelessly for the past five years in ensuring that the vision was kept alive through these text-books. Sushil Mathew, Leslie Verghese, Shibu Thomas, Leema Thomas-Joseph, and Albert Mathew have served as members of the editorial team. SSNAK has published 4 Text books for Young teens, Teens and Young adults, and Teach-

ing materials in local dialects for regions in the world that are found to be in dire need of appropriate and sound Sunday school curriculum.

What Others Are Saying About SSNAK Books

In his foreword to the Young Teens book, **Dr. Thomson K. Mathew**, Dean, School of Theology and Missions, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK, states, "It has been my privilege to be affiliated with this organization, being active in the training of teachers through their regional and national conferences. I have also been an advisor to

SUNDAY SCHOOL: A CLOSER LOOK

Sunday School curriculum must be Bible based. It must provide a deeper understanding of the Bible and must be age appropriate. It must also connect with children and their life which is culturally adaptable and must teach basic Christian principles and doctrines.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

- ◆ Communicates God's Word to Children
- ◆ Helps children to understand Biblical principles
- ◆ Leads children to salvation
- ◆ Helps children to walk closer with God
- ◆ Helps a child become a true Christian
- ◆ Paves the way for good citizenship, fellowship and discipleship
- ◆ Transforms students into spiritual champions and missionaries

ASSESS:

- ◆ Your passion for Sunday School
- ◆ Your knowledge about Sunday School
- ◆ Your Bible knowledge
- ◆ Your spiritual growth
- ◆ Your spiritual gifts
- ◆ Your strengths
- ◆ Your weakness

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' TRAINING

SSNAK has trained over 500 teachers in major cities/states in North America including New York, New Jersey, Dallas, Atlanta, Oklahoma, Florida, California, Chicago, Philadelphia, Oklahoma



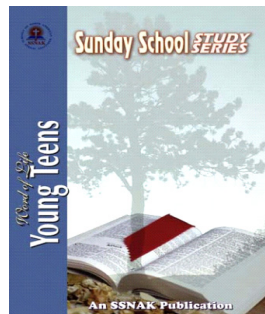
City . In addition, two international training/workshops were conducted in Toronto (Canada) and London (UK).

Equip your Sunday School Teachers with comprehensive communication training. These training modules are based on needs and available for churches and can be arranged in various cities upon request. The Training modules are professionally presented with hand-outs, State of the Art Training Sessions with Audio Visual Aids with several Training Sessions to Choose from.

- ◆ **Introductory Workshop**
- ◆ **Combined Teachers & Parents Workshop**
- ◆ **Teaching Methods Workshop**
- ◆ **Classroom Management**

- ◆ **Origin & History of Sunday School**
- ◆ **Role of a Sunday School**
- ◆ **The Sunday School Teacher**
- ◆ **The Jesus Model of Teaching**
- ◆ **Elements of Effective Sunday School Teaching**
- ◆ **Effective Communication**
- ◆ **Contemporary Teaching Methodologies**
- ◆ **Handling your difficult students in class**
- ◆ **Motivating your students**
- ◆ **Conducting Effective Examination**

Hear What the Churches Have to Say about the SSNAK Text Books



“We have been using SSNAK Sunday School books for the past three years. We have found it to be of excellent standard, explaining the fundamental

truths and doctrines of the church in simple language and providing insights into practical Christian living. We highly recommend the use of this curriculum in all the Sunday Schools in North America.”

P.A. Samuel, Sunday School Director, India Christian Assembly, New York.

“I am exceedingly happy to let you know

that most of our Sunday schools in this region are using the SSNAK textbooks to teach our children. The responses from our teachers using these books during the past three years are outstanding. By using these biblically sound and culturally adaptable SSNAK textbooks, I am sure we can teach our younger generation in a better way in the days to come.”

Michael Johnson, MDiv. Sunday School Director, IPC Eastern Region.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS

Young Teens (for ages 12 –13)

- ◆ Featuring The Word, Christ, Church & Life

Teens (for ages 14 & 15)

- ◆ Featuring The Old Testament, Discipleship, Early Church & Spiritual Warfare

Young Adults I (for ages 16-18)

- ◆ Featuring The New Testament, Missions, Church History & Christian Virtues

Young Adults II(for 18+)

- ◆ Apologetics, Holy Spirit, Pentecostal Movement, Marriage and Family

Teacher Guide(for Young Teens)

SSNAK New Projects

Teachers' Guides: Teachers' guides for the Teens, Young Adults I and Young Adults II text books are currently in the workshop. SSNAK is inviting volunteers to help complete this project. If you feel called for this project, please do not hesitate to contact the Board members.

Translation to Hindi & Gujarati: SSNAK has undertaken a project to help communities that are in dire need of Sunday School text books in local languages. The first of this international ministerial venture is to facilitate the translation of the currently available books to Hindi and

Gujarati. More details of this endeavor will be available in the web site. SSNAK needs immediate financial sponsors for this project. Please visit the web site for more details.

www.ssnak.org

SSNAK Ministry

SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF NORTH AMERICAN KERALITES (SSNAK) is a non-profit Christian organization to equip the local churches to build a strong generation of Pentecostal Christians.

CORE VALUES

Acknowledging the Lordship of Jesus Christ in every area of life—public and private, sacred and secular. A passion for the teaching of the Bible to children and youths, demonstrated through, fullness of the Holy Spirit for the harvesting of souls.

OUR GOALS

- ◆ Provide networking opportunities for Sunday Schools.
- ◆ Develop Bible based culturally adaptable Sunday School text books.
- ◆ Provide training for Sunday School teachers.

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What do we need to be mindful of when teaching children in Sunday School?

1. Teens are different—they have different intellectual, emotional, and spiritual traits
2. You need to know your students: Sunday School teaching is a ministry that wins only through genuine relationship.
3. Know your lesson objectives
4. Cognitive – what students ought to know after the lesson
5. Behavioral – what students ought to do after the lesson
6. Pray for your students daily that the holy spirit minister to their hearts
7. Captivate reluctant or indifferent students
8. Motivate students seeking a deeper relationship with God; and committed to discipleship
9. Activate students to step out in service to the church and community
10. Teaching is not just a lecture but it is an interaction: encourage questions, measure their understanding, generate worksheets, discussions, case studies, questions, role playing, and tests.

SSNAK CURRICULUM

Unit	Young Teens 12-13 years	High School 14-15 years	Young Adults 16-18 years	Adults 18+
Word	Authority of Bible	OT Survey	NT Survey	Christian Apologetics
Christ	Salvation	Discipleship	Missions	Gift Based Ministry
Church	Doctrines	Early Church History	Church History	Pentecostal Movement
Living	Christian Living	Spiritual Warfare	Christian Virtues	Marriage and Family

SSNAK Curriculum

- ◆ **Biblically sound and culturally adaptable lessons**
- ◆ **Combined Teacher, Student Version in a very user friendly format with assignments and practical application for each lesson**
- ◆ **Text is organized into four major units: Word, Christ, Church, and Living Series**

For Sunday School Books or Teachers Training, please contact us by email: info@ssnak.org or phone: 516-236-1739 | 781-223-0082

