

# Kindergarten Stepping Stones



**“The very steps we take come from God;  
otherwise how would we know where we are going?”**

Proverbs 20:24



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A Journey to Excellence through Discovery

# Welcome to...

## Kindergarten Stepping Stones: A Journey to Excellence through Discovery,

an integrated kindergarten curriculum that utilizes literature-based themes with strong spiritual connections so children may get to know God better and love Him more.

This developmentally appropriate curriculum creates an environment where children are loved, nurtured, and encouraged to think, learn, choose, and grow on their journey of discovering God's intimate love for them. As children explore the themes and interact with their teachers and peers, it is the primary purpose of this curriculum to help make the invisible God visible to each child, guiding them into a loving relationship with Jesus so that through service they may each uniquely reflect His love to others.

**Kindergarten Stepping Stones** has been developed in collaboration with the North American Division Office of Education for use in Seventh-day Adventist schools and published by Kendall Hunt Religious Publishing a Division of Kendall Hunt Publishing.

**Kindergarten Stepping Stones** is founded on the philosophy, goals, and essential core elements of Adventist education as outlined in Journey to Excellence, and is based on current research and best

practices in teaching young children. **Kindergarten Stepping Stones** presents solid academic concepts while focusing on the developmental level of the child.

### Philosophy

Kindergarten is an important time of transition for young children. It is a "stepping stone" or bridge between home, early childhood education, and the primary grades of school. It is a "children's garden" where young ones, uniquely created in God's image, are nurtured, and where professional Christian educators celebrate the intrinsic worth and value of each child, understanding that each brings to the classroom a different set of beliefs, customs, traditions, values, and experiences. There is not a set body of knowledge and skills required for entrance to kindergarten or first grade. Start every child where he or she is and take that child as far as he or she is able to go.

## Components

**Kindergarten Stepping Stones** is a complete curriculum for kindergarten that covers all subject areas. The following materials are included:

### Teacher Materials

- Teacher Manual
- 10 Daily Lesson Guides and Blackline CDs
- 37 Trade Books
- 1 Poetry Resource Book (Here's a Little Poem: A Very First Book of Poetry)
- 10 Bible Story Lapbooks
- Bible Story/Music CDs
- Stairway to Reading Phonics Kit with Teacher's Guide

### Student Material

- Kindergarten Bible Story Readers\*
- Bible Story/Music CDs\*
- Stairway to Reading Student Activity Book\*

\*Consumables



# Bible Lapbooks, Readers, and CDs



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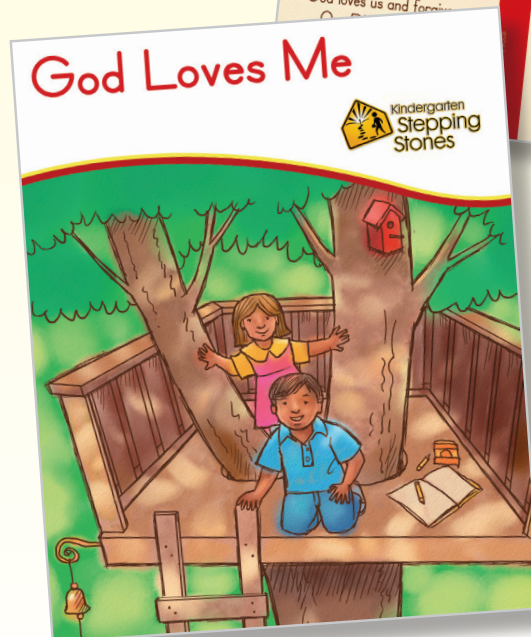
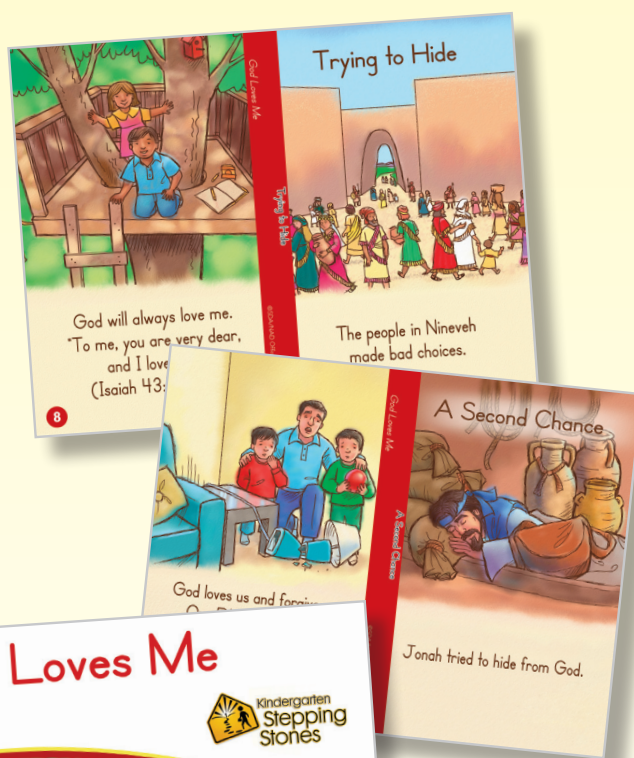
**Kindergarten Stepping Stones** is designed so that the spiritual connection for each Worship/Bible lesson correlates with the theme book for that week.

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### Worship/Bible Lesson Components

- **Bible Story Lapbooks**—contain the Bible stories that will be taught during the month.
- **Kindergarten Bible Story Readers**—provide each child a take-home copy of the week's Bible story.
- **Bible Story/Music CDs**—contain a recording of the Bible stories and songs for each child to take home.

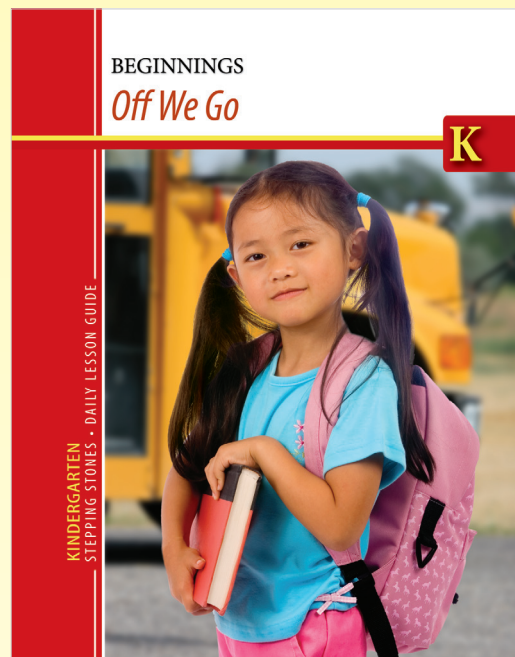


# Daily Lesson Guides, Teacher Manual, Trade Books,

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is a complete curriculum that covers all subject areas. It follows the nine themes found in *Pathways*. In addition, **Kindergarten Stepping Stones** adds an introductory theme, *Off We Go!*, at the beginning of the year as a way to introduce the children to the school setting. This developmentally appropriate curriculum creates an environment where children are loved, nurtured, and encouraged to think, learn, choose, and grow.

Teaching Order	Theme	Daily Lesson Guide/ Theme Books
Intro	<b>Beginnings</b>	<i>Off We Go!</i>
		<i>Hands as Warm as Toast</i> <i>Nico &amp; Lola: Kindness Shared Between a Boy and a Dog</i>
1	Heroes	<i>Let's Be Friends</i>
2	My World and Others	<i>Who's My Neighbor?</i>
3	Living Things	<i>Deep in the Forest</i>
4	Spiritual Journey	<i>Giving Gifts</i>
5	Friends and Family	<i>We are Family</i>
6	Environment	<i>Brrrr! It's Cold!</i>
7	Personal Feelings and Growth	<i>Wonderfully Made</i>
8	Yesterday	<i>Moving On</i>
9	Social Issues and Culture	<i>I'm on a Mission!</i>

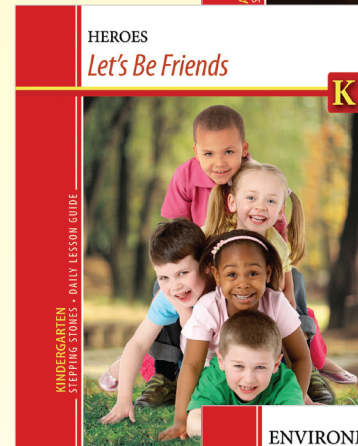
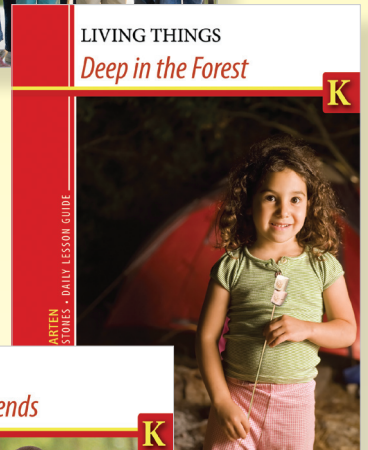
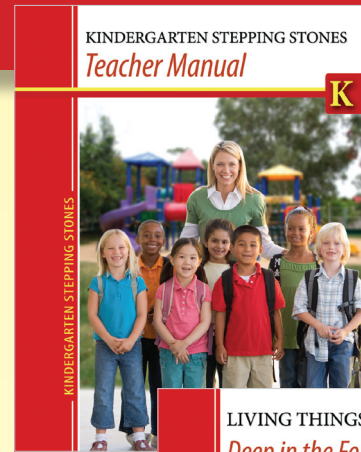




# and Poetry Resource Book

## Teacher Resources

- **Daily Lesson Guides and Blackline CDs**—provide the details needed for lesson planning. There are ten Daily Lesson Guides, one for each monthly theme.
- **Teacher Manual**—gives an overview of *Kindergarten Stepping Stones* and presents the philosophy and practices used.
- **Trade Books**—read by the teacher to the class set the stage for the weekly activities. There are four trade books for most monthly themes.
- **Poetry Resource Book**—provides a starting point for presenting related poetry throughout the themes.

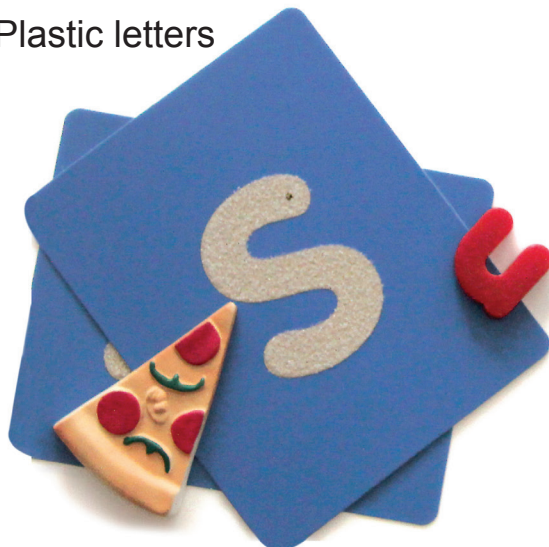
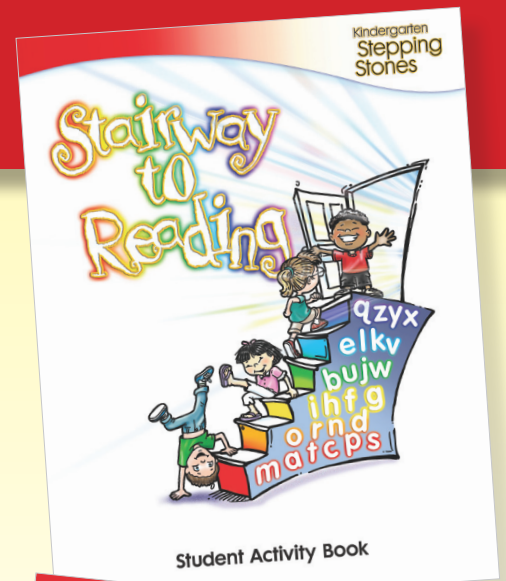


# Stairway to Reading Components

**Stairway to Reading** is an individualized and sequential step-by-step phonics program. It bridges the child's ability to hear sounds in words to the ability to recognize the letters representing those sounds. The child is then guided to put those sounds/letters together to make words. Finally, words are combined to tell a story, and through individual phonetic readers, authentic reading practice is provided.

**Stairway to Reading** has two main components:

- Consumable **Stairway to Reading Student Activity Book**
- **Stairway to Reading Kit** that includes:
  - Teacher Manual
  - Sets of objects for each letter of the alphabet
  - Sets of picture cards for each letter of the alphabet
  - Sandpaper letters
  - Word-building picture cards
  - Plastic letters





## Web Resources

<http://www.nadeducation.org/steppingstones>

The ***Kindergarten Stepping Stones*** website has been developed to provide ready access to a wealth of information and support materials. An overview of the program, links to order forms, professional development videos and PowerPoint presentations, and a host of other materials have been provided to assist teachers as they implement the ***Kindergarten Stepping Stones*** curriculum.



## Additional Teacher Resources:

- Sample Progress Report
- Math Tracking Cards
- Emergent Reading Tracking Cards
- Emergent Writing Tracking Cards
- Sample Bible Story Readers
- Sample Bible Story Recordings
- Sample Bible Theme Songs
- Bible Theme Song Lyrics
- Customizable Blacklines

–Parent Newsletters

- Alphabet cards

–Word wall words

- Theme board words

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arctic 	Antarctica 
snowball 	winter 
spring stepping stones 	poles 

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# Cross-Curricular Themes

Cross-curricular themes serve as the overriding framework for the program. Theme books provide the basis for skill-building activities throughout the curriculum. Themes range from personal, spiritual, and family-oriented ones to those incorporating cultural, sociological, and environmental issues. Spiritual lessons are drawn from each theme that relate to the children's personal spiritual journeys.

**Kindergarten Stepping Stones** follows the nine themes found in *Pathways*. **Kindergarten**

**Stepping Stones** adds an introductory theme, *Off We Go*, at the beginning of the year as a way to introduce the children to the school setting. Although the same nine themes occur at every grade level, specific theme content changes to reflect the developmental and interest levels of the children. The thematic structure offers consistency across grade levels and a framework for the literature units.

<i>Pathways Theme</i>	<i>Kindergarten Stepping Stones Focus</i>	<i>Spiritual Connections</i>
(Introduction)	<i>Off We Go!</i>	God Loves Me
Heroes	<i>Let's Be Friends</i>	God Gives Us Friends
My World and Others	<i>Who's My Neighbor?</i>	God Gives Me Everything I Need
Living Things	<i>Deep in the Forest</i>	God Made Our World
Spiritual Journey	<i>Giving Gifts</i>	Jesus Is God's Best Gift
Friends and Family	<i>We Are Family</i>	God Gives Us Families
Environment	<i>Brrrr! It's Cold!</i>	God Cares for Me
Personal Feelings and Growth	<i>Wonderfully Made</i>	God Helps Me Make Good Choices
Yesterday	<i>Moving On</i>	God Wants Us to Follow Him
Social Issues and Culture	<i>I'm on a Mission!</i>	I Can Share the Good News about Jesus



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