



English Standard Version—FAQ

Which CDG curricula are available in the English Standard Version (ESV)?

The following curricula are available: *To Be Like Jesus, In the Beginning...Jesus, How Majestic Is Your Name, Faithful to All His Promises*, and our new youth curriculum, *Teach Me Your Way*.

Why offer the English Standard Version?

First, the ESV is a literal and readable translation, which means that it maintains the original wording as closely as possible while still being readable for those living in today's culture. As an "essentially literal" translation, the ESV is based closely on the Greek and Hebrew texts of Scripture. Other Bible translations in the "essentially literal" category would include the New American Standard Version, the New King James Version, and the King James Version (which for centuries was considered the standard Bible version of the English-speaking world).

Secondly, the ESV is a translation that can be used from childhood into adulthood. This eliminates the need for a child to switch from the version he memorized and read as a child to a new version as an adult. In fact, there is an ESV children's Bible that includes Bible learning aids used in our curricula

Finally, the ESV allows a church to use one version for older and younger people so the entire church can read and memorize the same version of Scripture *together*. The version an adult can enjoy using because it is literal is the same version a child can appreciate for its readability. Parents, teachers, students, and children can use the same version of Scripture at church.

What is similar between the NIV and ESV curricula?

The lessons in the new ESV curricula are essentially the same as the lessons in the NIV curricula. Solid theology and solid biblical content remain an excellent reason to consider these curricula.

What has changed in the new ESV curricula?

Besides the translation changing, some of the wording in the lessons has changed to accommodate the new translation, which attempts to render the Greek and Hebrew wording the same way every time in English.

Will the ESV curricula replace the NIV curricula?

No. Our elementary Sunday School and Midweek Bible curricula will be available in both ESV and NIV. Our Intergenerational curricula and Youth curricula will only be available in the ESV. And our Preschool, Backyard Bible Club, and Nursery curricula will only be available in the NIV.

When will the remaining elementary school titles be available in the ESV?

Our plan is to have the *Jesus, What a Savior!* Sunday School curriculum available in ESV in 2009 and the remaining Sunday School curriculum available in ESV in 2010.

What if I've already purchased NIV curriculum, but would prefer to use its ESV equivalent?

First of all, we are grateful for our ministry partners who have invested in CDG's NIV curriculum. We desire to make it as easy as possible for you to begin using the ESV. We are offering a conversion discount for those who have previously purchased an NIV Teacher Kit or Leader's Edition and would like to convert to the ESV. These resources are designed to replace the original Teacher's Kit and Leader's Editions that are priced at \$45 each. Please call us to receive this discount; our Resource Consultants will work with you to verify proof of purchase. This offer is not available online.

What should I do with my NIV curriculum after I convert to ESV?

You can continue our partnership and further Children Desiring God's mission of spreading a passion for the Supremacy of Christ. Here's what you can do.

Option 1 (recommended) – Discard the printed NIV Teacher Kit and Leader's Editions and sponsor a missionary or ministry in a developing-world country

Identify a missionary or ministry in a developing world country by providing us with their name and email address. CDG will contact and provide them with an electronic version of the Leader's Edition(s) for each curriculum converted to ESV, identifying you as the sponsoring organization. Sending an electronic version of the Leader's Edition has numerous financial and logistical benefits, if the recipient is able to access the Internet, download a 1-3MB file, and print the resource.

Option 2 – Send the printed NIV Leader's Edition to a missionary or ministry in a developing country

For missionaries or ministries in developing countries that cannot meet the technical requirements listed in Option 1, this is a good option. Similar to Option 1, we ask that you identify the name and email address of the person to whom you will provide the Leader's Edition, and then you will take on the financial and logistical tasks of getting this curriculum in their hands.

Option 3 – Discard the printed NIV Curriculum

We prefer you choose options 1 or 2, but in the event they are not an option for you, we ask that you discard your printed NIV curriculum once it has been replaced by the ESV. Please do not re-sell NIV curriculum that is converted to ESV.

How does Children Desiring God define a "developing country"?

"Developing country" is referenced in the previous FAQ, "What should I do with my NIV curriculum after I convert to ESV?" The spirit of the policy listed above is that you would sponsor a missionary or ministry in a non-industrialized country, who would not be able to afford to purchase CDG curriculum or could not acquire it due to shipping or other restrictions.

CDG realizes there are ministries in industrialized countries that may not have some of the same challenges. By all means, encourage them to contact Children Desiring God (cdg@desiringGod.org) to see what opportunities may exist.

What will I receive when I order a conversion resource?

Teacher's Kit

The conversion resource contains everything that is currently 3-hole punched in the Teacher Kit. In addition, a Visual Resource CD containing PDFs of the Resource Packet and Parent Resource Pages, and new spine and cover printed inserts are included.

Leader's Edition

A new and complete ESV coil-bound Leader's Edition.

Can I convert from printed NIV to Electronic ESV?

The conversion program is set up to manage the conversion from printed NIV to printed ESV.