**A2J Curriculum  -  Year 2 (and year 3 below)**

*“My little children, I feel as if I’m going through labor pains for you again, and they will continue UNTIL Christ is fully developed in your lives”     Gal 4:19*

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**App**

***Exploring My Strange Bible* podcast series**

**-all teachings can also be found on YouTube for viewing**

**Series**

**\*Gospel of Matthew**

**\*Spiritual Practices Series** = **Practicing Faith Series**

– practices that “marked the lives of followers of Jesus throughout history”

- order listed in Podcast is different than original schedule

**Church Divisions – Danny Malakowsky  (churchdivisions.com)**

**Examen Questions** – See below

**Year 2**

**Month 1**

Matthew 1:18-25

[Yahweh Saves   Gospel of Matthew](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S1TLU9fG5mY&t=11s)

[Practicing Faith Part 1: Solitude & Community](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z-Sx9gtSFsc)

Spiritual Disciplines Handbook

* Start by reading pages 1-25
* Appendix I  -  Spiritual Growth Planner
  + tool to “put you in touch with a longing or desire for God that translates into intentional motivation for the spiritual journey”
* Start month by reading entire discipline in meditative, prayerful way

Meet with Monthly group to explore results of Examen questions

* What felt life giving about practicing this Spiritual Discipline?  Why?
* Did I feel resistance or desinence?  Why?
* What formation might God be doing in me?

**Month 2**

Matthew 2:1-19

[God With Us   Gospel of Matthew](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y6XIeKYIEKI&t=578s)

[Practicing Faith Series Part 2: Feasting and Fasting by Tim Mackie](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iZu5Zx2lTCM&t=624s)

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**Month 3**

Matthew 4:1-11

[Testing Jesus in the Wilderness    Gospel of Matthew](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nur0SFmH--0&t=4s)

Practicing Faith Series Part 3: Praying & Acting by Tim Mackie

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**Month 4**

Matthew 4:12-25

[Jesus and the Kingdom of God    Gospel of Matthew](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yACigFnNKwg&t=182s)

Matthew 5:1-12

[A Kingdom of Blessing   Gospel of Matthew](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0RAZPetppV4&t=47s)

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**Month 5**

Matthew 5:17-20

[Jesus and the Torah    Gospel of Matthew](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BxDPIyH8UZE&t=74s)

Matthew 5:27-30

[Jesus and Sexual Desire    Gospel of Matthew](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J3PF2FEN_58&t=59s)

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**Month 6**

Matthew 5:33-37

[Jesus, Truth & Spin    Gospel of Matthew](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JM3hNJi8lg4&t=26s)

Matthew 5:43-48

[Love Your Enemy    Gospel of Matthew](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qO7OnQDdxwc&t=615s)

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**Month 7**

Matthew 6:5-14

[The Lord’s Prayer    Gospel of Matthew](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LMmN8Ablo5s&t=82s)

Matthew 7:1-6

[To Judge, or Not to Judge    Gospel of Matthew](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cd42fIzT_eE&t=30s)

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**Month 8**

Matthew 7:7-10

[Ask and You Will Receive    Gospel of Matthew](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H9OBuSjq9Vo&t=159s)

Matthew 8:1-4

[Make Me Clean    Gospel of Matthew](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ljqe2p5G85Y&t=28s)

Spiritual Disciplines Handbook  -  choose one to engage during month

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**Month 9**

Matthew 8:23-34

[Storms and Swine    Gospel of Matthew](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-4Aa8gLqlY)

 Churchdivisions.com

[500 Year History – Introduction by Danny Malakowsky](http://www.churchdivisions.com/500-year-history.html)

Spiritual Disciplines Handbook  -  choose one to engage during month

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**Month 10**

Matthew 9:9-17

[A Jesus-Centered Community    Gospel of Matthew](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k6VXvVWdX5o&t=43s)

 Churchdivisions.com

[500 Year History – Hostility & History by Danny Malakowsky](http://www.churchdivisions.com/500-year-history.html)

Spiritual Disciplines Handbook  -  choose one to engage during month

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**Month 11**

Matthew 9:1-7

[Who Can Forgive Sins?    Gospel of Matthew](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yeX2bnPETjY&t=115s)

 Churchdivisions.com

[500 Year History – Present Signs of Hope & Obstacles](http://www.churchdivisions.com/500-year-history.html)

Spiritual Disciplines Handbook  -  choose one to engage during month

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**Month 12**

Matthew 9:27-34

[An Open-Minded Faith    Gospel of Matthew](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3XUeltipXws&t=306s)

Churchdivisions.com

[500 Year History – The 4th Major Division:  The Reformation](http://www.churchdivisions.com/500-year-history.html)

Spiritual Disciplines Handbook  -  choose one to engage during month

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**Examen questions**

-What stood out in the teaching(s) Why? What might God be saying/doing/inviting

-What felt life giving about practicing this Spiritual Discipline? Why?

-Did I feel resistance or desinence? Why?

*-What formation* might God be doing in me?

**Dates of Monthly Meetings – 4th Sunday of month (A2J Pillars)**

**Feb 21 Roll out new curriculum (Study) R Sept 26 (Prayer) B**

**March 28 Palm Sunday (Mission) R Oct 24 (Study) B**

**April 25 (Simplicity) R Nov 28 (Mission) A**

**May 23 Prayer) M Dec 26 (Simplicity) A**

**June 27 (Study) M Jan 23 (Prayer) A**

**July 25 (Mission) M Feb 27 (Study) R**

**Aug 22 (Simplicity) B**

**Required Text**

***Spiritual Disciplines Handbook*** by Adele Ahlberg Calhoun

-Choose one Spiritual Discipline monthly (more if have desire or capacity)

-start month by reading entire discipline in meditative, prayerful way

-with help of the Spirit, plan an intentional way to engage it

**Formation Manual**

– a tool tto assist engagement with book and process

-Jan “roll out” for monthly women’s Examen Group

-possibly record video to explain way to engage manual

**A2J Daily Prayer Book** – group and personal use

**Rule of Life**

-continue to work on it as it’s a living & active process between you and the Spirit

**Resources:**

**Further Biblical Study on Matthew**

<https://bible.org/> search for “Matthew Outlines”

RT France’s Commentary on Matthew

Dan Wallace’s Greek Grammar Book

Dallas Willard – Divine Conspiracy for Sermon on the mount

**Spiritual Formation by Dr. John Coe**

<https://www.biblicaltraining.org/transcriptions/spiritual-formation-dr-john-coe>

**Bible Project Videos on Themes in Matthew**

Theme videos

Temple, Heaven and Earth, Gospel of the Kingdom,. Exile, Tree of Life, Sabbath

Study notes available on all videos

**Children**

**Life with God for Children Curriculum**

<https://renovare.org/books/life-with-god-for-children-curriculum>

Buy the selected items together **$119.00**

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[Life with God for Children: First and Second Grade (Volume 2)](https://www.amazon.com/Life-God-Children-First-Second/dp/151773911X/ref=pd_bxgy_2/134-8399275-3547336?_encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_i=151773911X&pd_rd_r=297e0e9e-ae7a-4af6-92c8-77ea8585872a&pd_rd_w=bq8kL&pd_rd_wg=RnJoZ&pf_rd_p=f325d01c-4658-4593-be83-3e12ca663f0e&pf_rd_r=MJHT2W3ACS49NE7AZH44&psc=1&refRID=MJHT2W3ACS49NE7AZH44) by Lacy Finn Borgo Paperback $39.99

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**Godly Play** – training and materials

**Year 3**

**Month 1**

Part 18  The Hammer that Heals Gospel of Matthew

Part 19  One Way Road to the Grave Gospel of Matthew

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**Month 2**

Part 20  Jesus Gives Us a Sign Gospel of Matthew

Part 21  Weeds and Wheat Gospel of Matthew

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**Month 3**

Part 22  Severed Heads & Hungry Crowds Gospel of Matthew

Part 23  The Other Side of the Lake Gospel of Matthew

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**Month 4**

Part 24  Death and Taxes Gospel of Matthew

Part 25  Of Millstones and Guardian Angels Gospel of Matthew

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**Month 5**

Part 26  Forgiveness Gospel of Matthew

Part 27  Jesus, Prophet and Provocateur Gospel of Matthew

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**Month 6**

Part 28  Love Poems, Vineyards, and Rocks Gospel of Matthew

Part 29  Love and the Rebirth of the Universe Gospel of Matthew

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**Month 7**

Part 30  Signs of the Times Gospel of Matthew

Part 31  Gold, Darkness, and Dwarves Gospel of Matthew

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**Month 8**

Part 32  Panic Attack Gospel of Matthew

Part 33  The Blood Cries Out Gospel of Matthew

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**Month 9**

Part 34  The Crocus Flower and the Empty Tomb Gospel of Matthew

I am who I am: The Spirit and the Temple - Part 9

-Jesus as temple, shared space of human and sacred and how those who attach to Jesus share in this temple reality. Unpacks OT and NT understanding of temple.

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**Month 10**

Why Church Matters Part 1: A Life of Learning - Acts 1

-what disciple/discipleship means?

**Open (teaching)**

Spiritual Disciplines Handbook - choose one to engage during month

Meet with Monthly group to explore results of Examen questions

**Month 11 (Open)**

**Month 12 (Open)**

43 total - Need 48 total for 2 teachings a month