

## Uncommon Scope and Sequence

The Uncommon Junior High and High School group studies fall into three tracks: Biblical studies, Christian Living studies, Issues studies. See the following charts.

**Uncommon Junior High Group Studies Tracks**

Biblical Studies	Christian Living Studies	Issues Studies
The Life of Jesus	The Christian Life	Parents & Family
The New Testament	Prayer & Worship	Friends & Peer Pressure
The Old Testament	Sharing Your Faith & Serving Others	Dealing with Pressure & Change Releases Spring 2012
The Armor of God	Listening to God Releases Winter 2012	Feelings, Emotions & Dating Releases Fall 2012

**Uncommon High School Group Studies Tracks**

Biblical Studies	Christian Living Studies	Issues Studies
The Life of Jesus	The Christian Life	Parents & Family
The New Testament	Prayer & the Devotional Life	Resisting Temptation
The Old Testament	Sharing Your Faith & Serving Others	Dealing with Stress & Crisis Releases Spring 2012
Winning Spiritual Battles	Spiritual Gifts	Living Out Jesus' Teachings Releases Fall 2012

## Uncommon Integrated Scope and Sequence

This scope and sequence integrates the studies for each age level so that they build well and provide variety in terms of tracks. These studies stand alone and can be done in any order.

Uncommon Junior High	Uncommon High School
<b>The Christian Life</b> Christian Living Study 978 08307 46422	<b>The Christian Life</b> Christian Living Study 978 08307 46446
<b>The Life of Jesus</b> Biblical Study 978 08307 46439	<b>The Life of Jesus</b> Biblical Study 978 08307 47269
<b>Prayer &amp; Worship</b> Christian Living Study 978 08307 54816	<b>Prayer &amp; the Devotional Life</b> Christian Living Study 978 08307 54793
<b>The New Testament</b> Biblical Study 978 08307 55226	<b>The New Testament</b> Biblical Study 978 08307 55660
<b>The Old Testament</b> Biblical Study 978 08307 56438	<b>The Old Testament</b> Biblical Study 978 08307 56452
<b>Parents &amp; Family</b> Issues Study 978 08307 50993	<b>Parents &amp; Family</b> Issues Study 978 08307 50979
<b>Sharing Your Faith &amp; Serving Others</b> Christian Living Study 978 08307 57343	<b>Sharing Your Faith &amp; Serving Others</b> Christian Living Study 978 08307 57145
<b>Listening to God</b> Christian Living Study 978 08307 61364	<b>Spiritual Gifts</b> Christian Living Study 978 08307 46453
<b>Dealing with Pressure &amp; Change</b> Issues Study 978 08307 60916	<b>Dealing with Stress &amp; Crisis</b> Issues Study 978 08307 62118
<b>The Armor of God</b> Biblical Study 978 08307 58982	<b>Winning Spiritual Battles</b> Biblical Study 978 08307 58364
<b>Friends &amp; Peer Pressure</b> Issues Study 978 08307 47900	<b>Resisting Temptation</b> Issues Study 978 08307 47894
<b>Emotions &amp; Dating</b> Issues Study 978 08307 63696	<b>Living Out Jesus' Teachings</b> Issues Study 978 08307 63856

## Uncommon Junior High Detailed Scope and Sequence

This is a suggested order for churches that want a sequence for teaching the Uncommon Junior High studies. We have three tracks of studies: Biblical, Christian Living and Issues. We have integrated them all into one sequence where they build well on each other, but all courses can stand alone. A general overview of each study is given as well as an overview of each unit in each study for more detail. There will be new courses incorporated into this sequence as they are released.

### **The Christian Life** Christian Living study 978 08307 46422

*Overview:* Challenge the young teens in your group to understand and put into action what it means to walk in the Way of Jesus.

*Unit I: The Basics of Christianity*—Guide your students as they interact with Scripture and wrestle with getting to know Who God is and the relationship He wants to have with them.

*Unit II: The Fruit of the Spirit*—Equip your students with the knowledge and skills they need to demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit as they nourish an on-going relationship with Christ.

### **The Life of Jesus** Biblical study 978 08307 46439

*Overview:* Guide your students as they study the miracles and parables of Jesus and discover the difference these events and principles can make in their lives today.

*Unit I: The Miracles of Jesus*—Introduce your students to the God that wants a relationship with us so badly that He sent Jesus to provide a way for us to draw near to Him, but who is also the Holy One who demonstrates His power in ways that should make us shake in our shoes.

*Unit II: The Parables of Jesus*—Teach spiritual truths to your students like Jesus did, through His parables, and apply these lessons to your students' everyday experiences.

### **Prayer and Worship** Christian Living study 978 08307 54816

*Overview:* Create unforgettable worship experiences that will open your students' hearts to God's presence and show them how to form the habit of a daily, disciplined quest for Him.

*Unit I: Prayer*—Prayer is the lifeblood of faith. Without it faith inevitably dies. Teach your junior-highers how to pray and let them know that God wants to listen to them.

*Unit II: Worship*—A biblical view of worship with the goal of removing misconceptions and bringing revival to His Church—especially to your students.

### **The New Testament** Biblical study 978 08307 55226

*Overview:* Introduce your students to Christ's earliest followers—people who weren't remarkable at first glance, but made their mark for God. Your students will gain a big-picture view of how the Gospel spread throughout the world, and learn that the same Spirit that equipped these early followers is available to them today.

*Unit I: The Kingdom of God Is Near*—These stories of often over-looked, sometimes nameless followers of Christ will offer hope to your students that each person's story of faith is important. This unit will also give them an overview of the four gospels.

*Unit II: The Kingdom of God is Growing*—Introduce your students to the life-changing impact of the gospel as the early Church modeled Jesus to the world—an impact that is reaching nonbelievers across all continents today. Help your students realize that the same power unleashed in the Early Church is available to them today.

### **The Old Testament** Biblical study 978 08307 56438

*Overview:* Beginning with the story of Adam and Eve and continuing with Old Testament heroes, you can connect your students with our common history and purpose and God's plan for us and the world.

*Unit I: In the Beginning*—From Creation to the story of Joseph, introduce your students to the truth and relevancy of the beginnings of our world, family, sin, worship, faith and deliverance as illustrated in the book of Genesis.

*Unit II: Heroes of the Faith*—From Moses to Esther, these heroes of the Old Testament will give your students a great chance to see real people facing real issues in the hands of a real God and how the Word of God intersects with your students' world today.

### **Parents and Family** Issues study 978 08307 50993

*Overview:* Help the young teens in your group honor God in their families by dealing with their wildly fluctuating feelings and relating positively to their parents and siblings.

*Unit I: Parents and Family*—Discover what God's Word has to say about the family and your students' place in it, clearly spotlighting the realities facing families today, and simple principles from God's Word and God's ideal for the family.

*Unit II—Family and Friends*—Showing the love of Jesus in our homes and with friends.

**Sharing Your Faith and Serving Others** Christian Living study  
978 08307 57343

*Overview: Introduce your students to the Great Commission and the Great Commandment, to missions at home and around the world, and their calling to participate in God's work of redemption and reconciliation.*

*Unit I: Sharing Your Faith—Help your students understand why it's important to be a committed disciple of Christ and how they can live that out in their daily lives through the truths outlined in the Great Commission.*

*Unit II: Serving Others—Give your students an awareness of their gifts, abilities and the opportunities they have to fulfill the Great Commission and Great Commandment to love God and their neighbors as themselves.*

**Listening to God** Christian Living study  
978 08307 61364

*Overview: Help your young teens explore why they need to hear God's voice and how they can be more receptive to what God has to say to them.*

*Unit I: Seeking God's Voice—Show your students how God is actively communicating with them and give them practical guidance, helping them seek God's voice in His Word, for guidance, vision, strength, transformation and help in sharing His good news.*

*Unit II: Obeying God's Voice—Guide your students to respond to what God is saying to them and rely on His unwavering love and character as they obey His call to salvation, to receive power, to do show love to others, wait on His timing, walk in faith—to obey His voice in every avenue of life.*

**Dealing with Pressure & Change** Issues Study  
978 08307 60916

*Overview: Invite your students to influence their world for God and challenge them to choose God's best as they navigate the changes that are part of this stage of their lives.*

*Unit I: Dealing with Pressure—Invite your students to be a positive influence in their world—reaching their friends and school for Christ.*

*Unit II: Dealing with Change—Help your students choose God's standard as they handle the physical, emotional, social and spiritual changes they are facing today that can influence the course of their future.*

**The Armor of God** Biblical Study  
978 08307 58982

*Overview: Help your young teens be strong in the Lord by putting on every piece of God's armor.*

*Unit I: The Defensive Armor—As a result of the salvation we experience through Christ, we are commanded to live equipped by God and ready to resist spiritual darkness, share God's grace with others, serve others and, with the Holy Spirit's help, find freedom through prayer.*

*Unit II: The Offensive Weapon—Having confidence in the everlasting reliability and power of God's Word, our sword, we can defend ourselves from Satan's attacks and go on the*

*offensive sharing God's message of redeeming love with others.*

**Friends and Peer Pressure** Issues study  
978 08307 47900

*Overview: Help the young teens in your group learn how to let God reign in their friendships and how to lead rather than follow.*

*Unit I: Friends—There aren't many things more important to junior-highers than friends. Help your students understand that God wants them to have healthy, supportive friendships. Discover that the best way to have good friendships is to be a good friend, and that it is normal for friendships to change and that experiencing loneliness is often part of this process.*

*Unit II: Peer Pressure—Help your students understand that a strong connection to God will help them know the right thing to do. God can give them the courage to stand up and do what is right and be a positive influence on their peers.*

**Emotions & Dating** Issues Study  
978 08307 663696

*Overview: Equip your young teens to understand and respond to their many changing emotions and developing interest in dating relationships using God's standard, wisdom and encouragement as they grow.*

*Unit 1: Emotions—Junior highers are entering uncharted waters as they juggle all the changes they are facing, emotionally and relationally. Guide your kids with God's Word as they explore what it means to be content, loved, and accepted, as well as handle feelings of abandonment and feelings that can lead to violence and suicide—understanding that in all things, God is the one that satisfies all of our needs.*

*Unit II: Dating—For young teens, interest in the opposite sex is budding and blooming. Give your kids a foundation for building healthy dating relationships before a crisis arises. Show them that having Jesus as their first love and seeing themselves as loved and honored by Him will help them value and strive for God's best in dating relationships.*

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### **The Christian Life** Christian Living study 978 08307 46446

*Overview:* Give your kids the tools to answer their faith-life questions. Help them work through what it means to be a follower of Christ and how they can walk together in His love and forgiveness.

*Unit I: God's Love*—Give your teens the basics of the faith—God's unconditional love, the new life He offers, the opportunity to model a lifestyle of love and to become a disciple of Christ—so that they can genuinely respond by loving God for what He has done for them.

*Unit II: Setting a Strong Foundation*—Help your teens build a solid foundation of spiritual truth—with Christ as the cornerstone, the freedom of obedience, stepping out in faith and investing in spiritual growth—so that they can stand when the storms of life come.

*Unit III: God's Will*—Guide your students to better understand God's will for their lives and how He reveals that plan through Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Church. Encourage them to seek Him first and follow Him one day at a time.

### **The Life of Jesus** Biblical Study 978 08307 47269

*Overview:* Invite your teens to take a long look at the life, teachings, death and resurrection of Jesus and how He can make a difference in their lives.

*Unit I: The Beginnings*—As your students examine Jesus' birth, His baptism and temptation in the wilderness, and look at Him as the incarnation of God; they will catch a greater glimpse of the depth of His love and the strength of His commitment to them.

*Unit II: Significant Events*—Looking at four core events of Jesus life—choosing His disciples, the Triumphal Entry, the Last Supper and the Crucifixion—will show your students how Jesus entered an ordinary existence and made it an extraordinary, eternal demonstration of His love.

*Unit III: Sacrificial Love*—The greatest love story ever written—Jesus' death, resurrection, ascension and second coming—needs to be told in order for your students to understand the meaning of the price paid on the cross so that they can live abundantly and eternally.

### **Prayer and the Devotional Life** Christian Living study 978 08307 54793

*Overview:* Guide your students to make prayer and Bible study part of their daily diet.

*Unit I: Communicating with God*—Help your teens build a relationship of communication with their Creator through praise and thanksgiving, confession, asking and listening.

*Unit II: Praying Like Jesus*—Show your students that Jesus is the ultimate model for the discipline of prayer, beginning with the Lord's Prayer, Jesus prayer of surrender in Gethsemane and His intercession for others. Help them wrestle with their questions about how God answers prayer and focus on Jesus, the only One worthy of imitation.

*Unit III: Developing a Disciplined Devotional Life*—Guide your students as they develop a habit of regular communication and devotion to God and change their spiritual lives forever.

### **The New Testament** Biblical study 978 08307 55660

*Overview:* This comprehensive overview from the Gospels to Revelation will introduce your students to God's unconditional love, God's grace through Christ, becoming part of God's family and being an agent of change in their world.

*Unit I: Heroes of the New Testament*—By examining the lives of Peter, Paul, Timothy and Mary your students will see that ordinary people with an extraordinary love for God are heroes in His eyes.

*Unit II: The Heart of the New Testament*—Bring your students into contact with the living Word of God—His love letter to us—as you explore God's unconditional love, His amazing grace, His invitation to be part of His family and His power to be an agent of change in their world.

*Unit III: The Message of the New Testament*—Give your teens a bird's eye view of the Gospels, Acts, the letters to the Early Church and Revelation. Help them examine God's love letter of encouragement, refreshment and refocus by inviting them to be intimate with the Savior and ready for His return.

**The Old Testament** Biblical study

978 08307 56452

*Overview:* Introduce your students to the physical and spiritual history of our human family and the God who keeps His promises, works miracles and forgives His people when they make terrible choices.

*Unit I: Extraordinary Books*—Give your students an overview of four key books that will help them understand life in the Old Testament: Genesis, Exodus, Psalms and Proverbs.

*Unit II: Our Extraordinary God*—The Old Testament images of God as One who keeps His promises, works miracles, opposes sin and forgives will help your students understand His true nature and add depth to their relationships with Him.

*Unit III: Ordinary People with Extraordinary Qualities*—Samuel, Esther, Job and Daniel are Old Testament heroes who, as ordinary people, took what God had given them and did their best to glorify God with it. These heroes can inspire your students to become godly heroes in the present and the future.

**Parents and Family** Issues study

978 08307 50979

*Overview:* Help your teens understand and appreciate how God wants to shape them through their family relationships as they honor their parents, act with love toward their siblings and become active, contributing members of their families.

*Unit I: Communication*—Explore the biblical communication skills needed for healthy relationships where a family can love and members can be loved. A strong family is essential to the quality of your students' lives.

*Unit II: Respect*—God placed parents in the lives of your students for a purpose, and they can honor God and impact their families by showing honor and respect for their parents

*Unit III: Stress*—Give your teens the tools they need to lay a foundation for building a functional, healthy family of their own some day as they discuss resolving conflict, setting healthy priorities for their time, coping with divorce and family crisis in their families today.

**Sharing Your Faith and Serving Others** Christian Living study

978 08307 57145

*Overview:* Equip your students to make a difference in the world as they see the heart of Jesus for the lost, share their faith with others, become an encouraging, generous friend, lead their peers with gentleness and compassion and learn how to use their gifts in service to others.

*Unit I: Sharing Your Faith*—Study the Great Commission with your students and help them better communicate the transforming love of Christ to a generation that hasn't responded to Him.

*Unit II: Peer Leadership*—As you help your students get their priorities right, they can live lives of integrity that will give them opportunities to be spiritual leaders among their peers.

*Unit III: Gifted to Serve*—Through Christ, your students have been given spiritual gifts to live as servant leaders for the cause of our living, loving God.

**Spiritual Gifts** Christian Living study

097 08307 46453

*Overview:* Enable your students to discover their unique combination of spiritual gifts and explore how their gifts can draw them closer to God, and help them reach out and encourage others in faith in Christ.

*Unit I: Spiritual Gifts that Demonstrate God's Love and Presence*—Help your teens understand and identify their spiritual gifts then begin the adventure of using them for God's glory.

*Unit II: Spiritual Gifts that Come Alongside God's People*—Discover the important role that serving gifts play in building up the Church.

*Unit III: Spiritual Gifts that Provide Communication and Leadership*—Explore the role that communication gifts play in building up the church.

**Dealing with Stress & Crisis** Issues Study

978 08307 62118

*Overview:* Provide your students with biblically based answers for dealing with the stresses and pressures that they face on daily basis. Also equip them to minister to their friends in need and teach them how to point their friends toward faith in Christ.

*Unit I: How to Help a Friend in Crisis*—Teach your students how to minister to and counsel their friends facing crisis and questions surrounding death and dying, using God's Word as their guide. Provide them with the tools they need to lead their friends to faith in Christ.

*Unit II: Major Trauma*—Coach your students as you present opportunities to dialogue about issues that come up when they are faced with a major crisis—reinforcing the fact that there is absolutely nothing that God can't help them handle. Issues include sexual abuse, suicide, AIDS and pornography.

*Unit III: Major Stresses*—Explore with your students how God wants to meet them where they are and walk with them through the stresses that they face including loneliness, moodiness, worry and eating disorders.

**Winning Spiritual Battles** Biblical Study

978 08307 58364]

*Overview: Prepare your teens to stand firm against the enemy, provide them with the knowledge of who their enemy is and equip them to be victorious in spiritual warfare as they put on the full armor of God and plug in to God, their commander-in-chief.*

*Unit I: Prepare for Battle—Receiving salvation through Christ and growing in Him by the power of the Holy Spirit are the foundation students need to be prepared for the challenges that Satan will throw their way.*

*Unit II: Understand Your Enemy—Knowing who the enemy is (and isn't), understanding his tactics goal and limitations will allow your students to have the knowledge they need to uproot Satan's schemes to separate them from God.*

*Unit III: Equip for the Fight—Give your students practical insights on how wearing the armor of God provides them with much-needed protection and equips them to meet the challenges of this earthly life victoriously.*

**Resisting Temptation** Issues study

978 08307 47894

*Overview: Help your teens strengthen their mental and spiritual defenses as they understand God's Word on avoiding sexual temptation, the false promises of drugs and alcohol, and discerning the mixed messages from the media.*

*Unit I: Resisting Sexual Temptation—Present positive biblical sexuality to your students while helping them discern the negative consequences of following the world's standards rather than God's standards.*

*Unit II: Resisting the Temptation of Drugs and Alcohol—Educate, challenge and encourage your students to honor God with their bodies and look at how putting a negative substance into their body affects their entire life—including their spiritual life.*

*Unit III: Resisting Temptation from the Media—Help your teens see the powerful influence of music and the media on their lives and guide them to develop a Christian approach to their listening and viewing habits.*

**Living Out Jesus' Teachings** Issues Study

978 08307 63856

*Overview: Help your teens build a foundation based on Jesus teachings for keeping their priorities in focus, examining their motives and making godly decisions.*

*Unit I: Priorities—Have priorities that are in line with what God wants begins with setting self aside, putting God first and following Jesus' example of loving others as He loves us.*

*Unit II: Motives—There are many reasons why we act and think the way we do. Jesus calls us to examine our motives so that we can give generously, trust Him completely and love others without judging them—all for the sake of knowing Him better and showing Him clearly to others.*

*Unit III: Decisions—Teens are barraged with choices that can lead them closer to God or pull them away. Equip your teens to examine their choices through God's eyes, always turning to Him in prayer and the knowledge of His Word.*