

# Customizing Your Curriculum

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## *I. Know Your Kids*

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## ***II. Gather Various Opinions***

A. Parent

B. Teacher

C. Child

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## ***III. Consider Curriculum That's Easily Customizable***

A. Look for Customizable Formats – Word Documents, Writeable PDF

B. Don't Spend Time with a Locked Format

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## ***IV. Customize Pacing***

A. Quiet / Loud / Slow / Fast

B. Rearrange Order of Activities

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## ***V. Customize the Classroom Environment***

A. Lighting

B. Temperature

C. Props

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## ***VI. Vision & Train Teachers***

A. Cast Vision for Customization

B. Train Teachers to Facilitate Well

C. Encourage Teachers to Follow the Spirit's  
Leading



# Resources

Lemon Lime Kids Website & Blog

<http://www.lemonlimekids.com>

What's In the Bible? Curriculum

<http://curriculum.whatsinthebible.com>

Use LemonLimeKids at Checkout for a 10% Discount

What Matters Now in Children's Ministry

<http://www.cmwhatmatters.com>

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