

Nurture-Inspire-Teach Beliefs and Morals

(so you know what to generally expect in the books and materials of NIT)

NIT believes that:

“All thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children” (Isaiah 54:13);

that children should be brought up “in the “nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4);

that truth should be taught, yet only what is acceptable and appropriate chosen to be shared as we gently lead our little ones to be blessed by Jesus; and for our choice of material of any sort, our approach is “even as unto babes in Christ, I have fed you with milk” (1 Corinthians 3:1-2) and choosing “that which is good, to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers” (Ephesians 4:29);

that God’s Spirit should be the primary teacher who Jesus said can “teach you all things”, and “guide you into all truth” (John 14:26; 16:13) working through us as we teach and play and instruct and do;

that the effects of our teaching and training of our children—if we are led by God and His Spirit—should be that both we and our children will show the fruits of His Spirit: “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.” (Galatians 5:22,23) Thus we believe that stress has no place in the classroom, and loving, patient teaching, with an air of joy should be the norm;

that we follow the admonition, “for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honest. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.” (1 Timothy 2:2-4);

and finally, in our ambition to provide our children with the type of education that God knows is best, we aren’t afraid to do things God’s way, even if it’s different than what the world is doing, for we take to heart the wisdom in the passage that says, “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” (Romans 12:2)

Faith/Belief/Morals

NIT Materials will be most enjoyed by those who share in the same faith and beliefs that are reflected and taught through the materials. The NIT’s Bible based-basic beliefs and moral standard is as follows:

--Believing in Jesus, God’s Son, and receiving His free gift of forgiveness and salvation is the way to Heaven, to live eternally with God. Believe what it says in the Bible about His coming to Earth and His life, His death, His resurrection; and His return.

--God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are united as One God-head and are in charge of all, and we will have to answer one day for the deeds and actions and words from this life; and we are loved immeasurably.

--We have one chance on Earth only; and everyone has been created by God and should live their life to please Him, and show His love to others.

--Loving God and loving others are the two basic rules of happy living and the most important rules of all.

--Putting the needs of others before ourselves and going by the “Golden rule” is the best way to go about our day, our work, our life. Unselfishness is a habit to be honed and polished each day through practice and through letting the knowledge of God’s love for each one help to dictate our actions, choices and preferences.

--The Bible is God’s Word, and should be learnt and taught, and followed in the appropriate ways, as His Spirit leads and shows us is right. It’s important to take time daily to communicate with and learn from Jesus both through the written Word, as well as commune heart to heart through prayer and in letting Him speak to our heart as well.

--We are to follow Jesus’ commissions to all those who love and follow Him—to tell as many others about Him as possible. It’s the job of each of us. He gave His life for us, and we are to give and live our lives to bring as many to Him and to salvation through Him as possible.

--We can receive the gift of the Holy Spirit that Jesus promised, to empower us to tell others about Jesus as well as to help us with other spiritual gifts needed in our service for Him. With the Holy Spirit empowering us, and helping us to read and understand and live God's Word, our lives can reflect the fruits of the Spirit.

--Children are special to Jesus, and in caring well for them and loving them, we are showing our love and respect to Jesus.

--Jesus paid with His sacrifice both for the forgiveness of our sins, as well as for the healing of our bodies. He has promised healing to us and can do the seemingly impossible to restore us to good health, as we claim in by faith, and follow what He shows us to do to gain or retain health, and are obedient to Him.

--Salvation is by grace, not works, and once received is forever, eternal. Rewards, however, are dependent on our faithfulness to God and doing what He asks of us while on Earth. Heaven is prepared to house those who love Jesus, and reward lavishly those who do His will.

--Prayer and communication with Jesus should be a regular action and part of all that we do; not just talking to Jesus but being open to listening to what He might say to us—both through the voice of His Spirit and through His Word that He reminds us of. Prayer works and is the essential element to a successful life lived for God.

--Through Jesus we have power over evil and can resist and overcome as we pray and claim God's promises in the Bible. There will be difficulties and hardships thrown at us as we do good in life, as God's enemy will always be in opposition to those that do things God's way, but if we don't quit and we call on God's power, we will be winners every time.

--God sends His angels and ministering spirits to help and assist us in our life on Earth. We can seek God for His help through them and listen to the "whispers" they give us that will help to keep us safe and doing our jobs well, and taking good care of our children.

--Humility, meekness, gentleness, patience, preferring others, yielding to God's plans and other's wishes when it is best, are good traits to hone. Pride and forcefulness, stress and panic, fear and worry aren't from God's Spirit.

--We are to teach our children what is right and good and true and prudent, but aren't to put stumbling blocks in their way. God's Word says, "they shall learn war no more" and "blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God". NIT does not approve of anything of the wrong side being shown and taught to children. No materials that have war, or weapons, or show violence of any kind; or things that engender feelings of fear rather than peace, are considered appropriate—especially not for children.

--God created the world about 6,000 years ago, and will renew it (and later recreate the surface) again one day to bring it back to its pleasant state that it was originally made, without the negative side of life and Earth that now exists due to mankind's sins and disobedience to God. Jesus will return to take His saved people to Heaven, judge the evil ones, and allow those good ones still on the Earth to live in peace under His rule as King of all; and we who have loved and served Him in our lives now, who are saved, will help to rule the world under the direction of King Jesus.

--We are to implement an attitude and use words of praise, positiveness, thankfulness and gratitude. Giving place to the negative is to give place to the Enemy and only makes things worse. We are to "serve the Lord with gladness" and "enter into His presence with thanksgiving" and "in everything give thanks"

--Love and serving Jesus won't make everything here and now perfect for us, for as Jesus said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation", and we are to patiently and bravely endure what comes our way, knowing Jesus will one day wipe away all tears and reward us for every hardship. We are to pray and let God' right the wrongs that He sees fit to; and to have faith that "all things will work together for good to those that love God". We can know that He is righteous and just and will see to it that we are compensated and that His way will win in the end.

--We are to trust God to mend or right the affects of the wrongs of others—and even of ourselves. We don't need to harbour anger and bitterness as a way to punish others or ourselves. We are to ask for God's forgiveness and mercy to come into our hearts and help us to forgive others. We know that when we do, God also forgives us for the many wrongs we do as well.