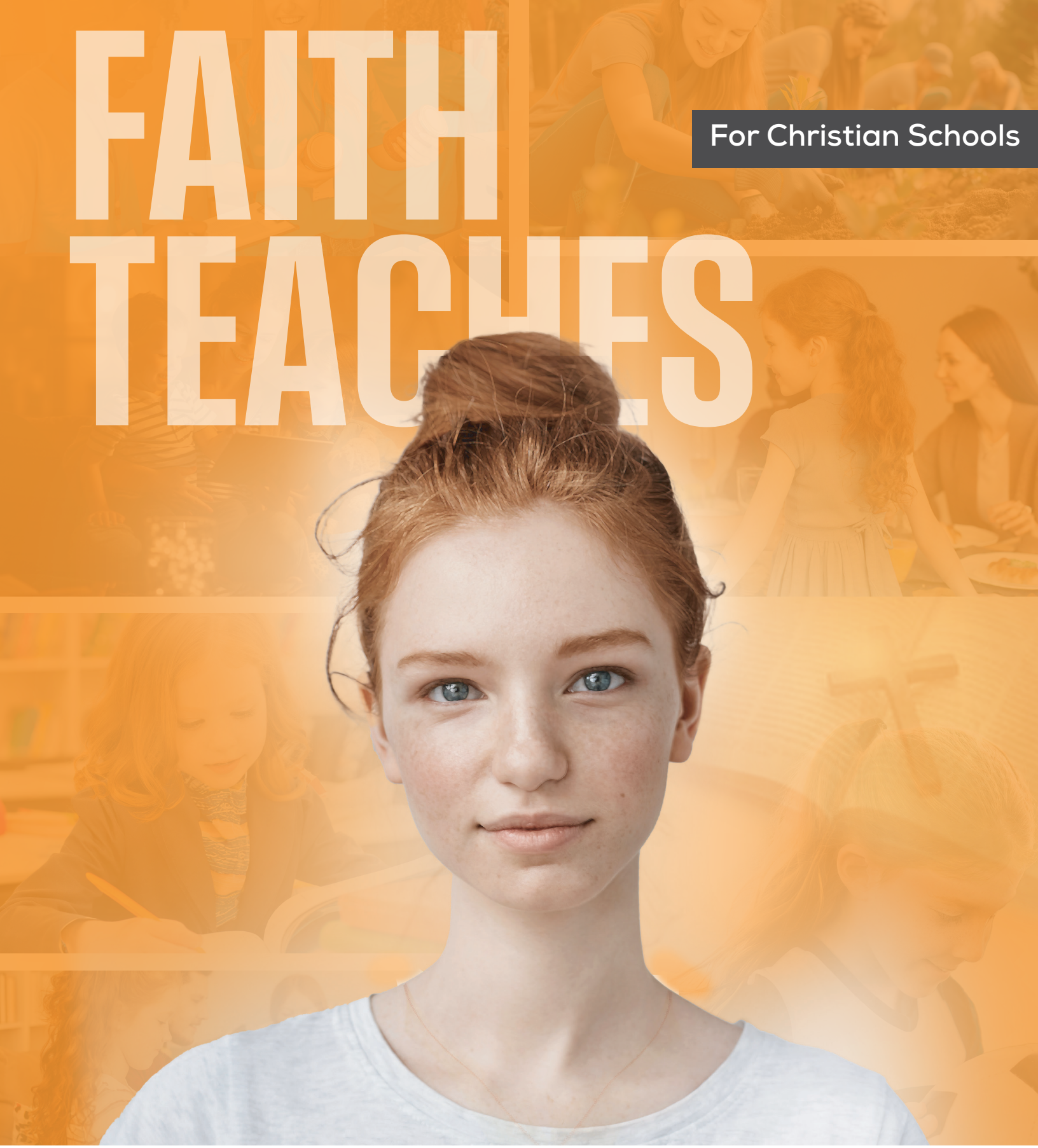
FAITH TEACHES

For Christian Schools



Christian Education Awareness Christian Schools Guide

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

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Dear Christian Educator,

The Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) is delighted to share ways that you can advance Christ-centered education in your school community. For more than 45 years, ACSI has equipped Christian schools and educators around the world with solid resources to infuse biblical worldview into academic learning. Now more than ever, the need to strengthen students and educators to stand against secular ideology with a firm faith foundation is crucial.

That's why ACSI developed this downloadable guide with ways you can champion the faith of students and educators in your school community. While you can implement these ideas however you see fit, we would ask you to consider working with a local church to set aside a Sunday to pray for students and teachers entering the new school year.

As you utilize this guide, we value your feedback. If something is missing that would be useful to you or you want to share a testimony, please email Communications@acsi.org. We pray that God will use your efforts to advance Christ-centered education.

Blessings,

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Faith Teaches

What a loaded phrase!

Our faith, founded on God's Word, the Bible, brings us truths that transform reason. We see a little boy slaying a giant, young men standing unharmed in a fiery furnace. We see the Red Sea parted and a family saved from a world-destroying flood. We read about a talking donkey and a burning bush not consumed. We see a queen save her people from destruction and a Savior saving His people from their sin and eternal separation from Him.

Faith teaches that with God, nothing is impossible.

Our faith teaches us so many things, like the golden rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6:31, Matthew 7:12). We learn in Galatians about the fruit of the Spirit as we abide in Jesus Christ. Through parables, we learn to care for those in need, to forgive, and to shine brightly for Jesus.

Faith teaches how to live and follow God.

Our faith is formed in the seconds of a teachable moment, in the tiny deposits of time in the minivan or a simple smile, the minutes hearing God's Word, the hours of learning, and the years of growing.

Faith teaches anywhere, everyday.

As a faith champion, you have the opportunity to remind your faith community about the power of passing on biblical truths to the next generation. May this be your prayer:

We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.
Psalm 78:4

Christian Education Awareness

ACSI created this Christian Education Awareness campaign, “Faith Teaches,” to encourage schools, churches, and parents.

For Schools

We desire Christian educators to be equipped and strengthened in the educational environment God has placed them in. We believe that the best soil for students to grow is in a Christ-centered educational environment that infuses biblical worldview training into all academics so that students can learn how to stand against cultural currents seeking to detract from God’s ways. Whether schooling happens under a tree in Uganda, a kitchen table in Kansas, or anywhere in between, ACSI wants to support every child to have access to Christ-centered education.

For Churches

We desire for churches to pray for educators and students knowing that the most time spent each day in a child’s formative years is in an educational environment. We believe that the church can come alongside its community to advance Christ-centered education in small or big ways, creating an eternal, next-generation investment today and tomorrow. Whether a church simply prays for students or decides to open their campus Monday to Friday, ACSI wants to support churches in advancing Christ-centered education.

For Parents

We desire Christian parents to be empowered to provide the best spiritual formation journey for their children so they can come to know, love, and follow Jesus Christ from the earliest time possible. We want to ensure parents understand the educational options they truly have in order to best educate their children in a personalized manner. No matter what educational decision is made, ACSI wants to train parents to be the God-ordained teachers in a child’s life.

What Is the Christian Education Awareness Campaign?

The Christian Education Awareness Campaign is designed to advance Christ-centered education by helping parents understand their educational options, encouraging the church to pray for students and teachers starting a new school year, and building up the awareness of local Christian schools. You can see additional free downloadable guides, one for parents and churches, at acsi.org/awareness.

What can Christian schools do during this campaign?

We realize that you have ongoing efforts to promote your school community. Here are some ways you can participate:

Celebrate Christian Education Sunday

Partner with one or more local churches in the area and raise awareness of Christian education. From simple to elaborate, a church can dedicate a Sunday to the importance of Christ-centered education and the role the parent, church, and school play in a child's life. When you partner with a church, perhaps you can share about what God is doing in your school or host a booth to answer questions about Christian education. There is a guide for Christian Education Sunday at faithteaches.com.

Host a Homeschool Co-Op

Open your facilities to host a local homeschool co-op for student assessment testing, student leadership and learning opportunities, or whatever local needs arise.

Collaborate in the ACSI Online Community

Share your wisdom and best practices with other educators on ACSI Online Community. Many groups are available by role, location, and more at acsi.org/community.

Encourage New or Potential Parents to Rethink Discipleship

Gift new or potential parents with *Rethinking Discipleship* by Alan Pue.

Educate Parents on School Options

Host an information night on educational school options in your area, including financial aid. ACSI provides helpful resources through the Children's Tuition Fund for seven states at childrenstuitionfund.org.

Review the School Resource Tool Kit

We are growing a resource tool kit for you at faithteaches.com/schoolresources.

Additional Ways ACSI Can Help

The Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) exists to strengthen Christian schools and equip Christian educators worldwide as they prepare students academically and inspire them to become devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Want to Start a Christian School?

Your greatest evangelistic and discipleship tool could be opening your doors Monday through Friday and training up the next generation to know, love, and follow Jesus. You could mold the next Daniels and Esthers to stand against secular ideology with a firm foundation and biblical worldview. Unite the church, home and school together by exploring Christ-centered education options that will fit your church size and demographics. Learn more at acsi.org/startachristianschool.

Want to Train Your Parents on Spiritual Formation?

While we know that the Bible is our ultimate guide to living, there are not step-by-step instructions for how to train up a child. At acsi.org/flourishingfamilies, you'll find spiritual formation journey information to share with the parents you serve, as well as trusted resources from ministry partners.

Want to Provide Parents with Educational Options?

The past few years have given parents a rude awakening to some of the secular ideologies attacking children in public school. What's a parent to do? Instead of invoking guilt, ACSI wants to empower parents to understand their educational options. Download our Christian Education Awareness Parent Guide at acsi.org/faithteaches under the parent tab.

Want to Learn More?

We have resources like *Rethinking Discipleship* or *Future Ready* that can articulate the importance of Christian education along with innovative models. Also, our friends at the North American Mission Board (NAMB), part of the SBC, recently created a short monograph called, "The Christian Education Reformation." Review these resources at our landing page, faithteaches.com/schoolresources.

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