

FOUNDATIONS

The *Foundations* Tool Box

Foundations promises to increase appreciation for Christian education in your congregation by generating wonderful new opportunities for school parents to learn how the values of Christian education flow directly from Scripture. Its aim is to bring parents, children and Christian educators together around God's Word. Here is a brief description of the powerful tools that are included in the *Foundations* tool kit.



A book entitled, "*Foundations: An Introduction to Christian Education for Parents*" sets the stage for the *Foundations* program. Written by Kenneth Kremer, this easy-to-read book follows a format that is based on the same four Bible themes (*Peace, Hope, Joy, and Love*) that serve as the structure for rest of the program. Questions at the end of each chapter can be used to stimulate meaningful group discussions. (A leader's guide is included with the *Foundations* package.) This book also lends itself well to many other practical uses, including: defining Christian education for parents who are showing interest in your school program, developing strong CE leaders for serving on a congregation's boards and committees, and reaching out to your community with a tool that resonates with ordinary people and reflects your CE identity.

To introduce *Foundations* concepts to your ministry team, the *Foundations* suite contains a stimulating study prepared by John Kolander. This comprehensive study was prepared for school faculties, boards of education, and leadership training programs. It is divided into ten interactive, Bible-based conversations about your congregation's CE program.

The package also includes sermon studies for four Christian Education Sundays by David Scharf and is constructed around the four Foundations themes of *Peace, Hope, Joy, and Love*.

Enhance your congregation's Christian Education Sunday worship with four original songs for the *Foundations* project from Sarah Siegler. These songs are available in simple one-part or two-part settings and are available from NPH as downloadable pdfs.

The Foundations package also includes 20 classroom devotions written by WELS educators at four different learning levels (*non-readers, young readers, early adolescents, and junior high groups*).

The kit also includes a banner design, depicting all four of the Foundations themes.

