

## The Workshop Rotation Model ~ [www.rotation.org](http://www.rotation.org)

### The Workshop Rotation in One Long Sentence:

In Workshop Rotation Sunday School, we teach one Bible story for 4 to 5 weeks in a row to all our kids, --rotating them into different exciting, media-based "workshops" each week, ...while the teachers stay-put in the workshop of their strength, -repeating, adapting, and improving their lesson each week during the "rotation".



### Why Rotate?

The Workshop Rotation Model slows down the rate of story change, which benefits both students and teachers.

- **Bible literacy improves** when the same story is taught through different workshops over 4 to 5 weeks.
- **Each workshop focuses on a different creative learning style** or "intelligence," which broadens memory.
- **Teacher preparation time is reduced from every week to every 4 or 5 weeks.** This also allows the teacher to improve their lesson and consider more creative approaches because they aren't having to come up with something new each week.
- **Teachers are recruited for** the workshop of their strength and choice in four to five week commitments.
- **Traditional boring classrooms become transformed into fun, inventive workshops.** Students anticipate something new each week, and teaching supplies and equipment are organized by workshop instead of being scattered across classrooms and closets.
- **Creative Workshop environments signal quality to parents, and are attractive to visitors and our kids!**
- **Flexible scheduling** depending on the size of your church, chosen story, creative inspiration, or calendar need.
- **Free Rotation Curriculum.** Many Rotation churches use [www.rotation.org](http://www.rotation.org) to glean their 8 to 12 lesson sets a year. Money previously spent on curriculum can be re-directed toward attractive decor and teaching resources.

### A typical 5 Week Rotation Schedule for 4 age groups and 5 workshops, with each workshop taking a week off.

This example also shows the Rotation preference for scheduling Video earlier in the rotation for younger grades. The "Open" week could have Grade 1 or 6 added to it. Churches with 6 rotating grade groups would need 6 workshops open each week, but would still typically just have a 5 week rotation per story, meaning, each grade would not use one of the workshop for the story.

STORY: TEN COMMANDMENTS	GRADE 2	GRADE 3	GRADE 4	GRADE 5	OPEN
Week 1	<b>VIDEO</b>	ART	BIBLE GAMES	COMPUTER	DRAMA
Week 2	DRAMA	<b>VIDEO</b>	ART	BIBLE GAMES	COMPUTER
Week 3	COMPUTER	DRAMA	<b>VIDEO</b>	ART	BIBLE GAMES
Week 4	BIBLE GAMES	COMPUTER	DRAMA	<b>VIDEO</b>	ART
Week 5	ART	BIBLE GAMES	COMPUTER	DRAMA	<b>VIDEO</b>

### Small Church Adaptation

This example shows 3 Rotating Groups in a five week "rotation" on the Ten Commandments with no computer workshop for K-1.

STORY: TEN COMMANDMENTS	GRADES K-1	GRADES 2-4	GRADES 5-6
Week 1	<b>VIDEO</b>	COMPUTER	BIBLE GAMES
Week 2	ART	<b>VIDEO</b>	COMPUTER
Week 3	DRAMA	ART	<b>VIDEO</b>
Week 4	BIBLE GAMES	DRAMA	ART
Week 5	COOKING	BIBLE GAMES	DRAMA