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OASIS FAQs

Q: Who makes Oasis?

A: Oasis is made by Logosdor. The content is developed by a team of theologians/writers/editors and teachers from a range of protestant Christian church backgrounds and all content is aimed at being non-denominational. Individual denominational church traditions are not taught or addressed in Oasis material.

Q: How does Oasis present the Bible?

A: Bible content is always handled as the Word of God - it is true, it is living and it is God's active way of speaking to all people.

In Oasis, Bible text is presented in three main ways: dramatised video, physically reading the Bible and dramas. In addition to this, the Bible text is EXPLORED via discussion, experiential games, creative challenges, puzzles and discovery learning.

Q: What is the Oasis format?

A: Briefly, Oasis is divided into three areas:

MISSION - The first three weeks feature large group activities and a dramatised Bible message usually delivered via a video clip;

DISCIPLESHIP – The following three weeks contains both large and small group activities. The Bible passage and message usually occurs during small discussion groups;

MINISTRY – The next three weeks have a choice of electives based on the previous six weeks of Bible teaching.

CELEBRATION – The final week where the Ministry electives can be used to minister to your adult congregation and parents. Ideas for the Celebration are provided in the Manual.

Q: What is Mosaic Learning?

A: Mosaic Learning is an educational approach that provides a variety of learning styles for children. In this approach children participate in engaging in activities within and outside of their learning strengths to help create a positive and challenging learning environment. Children are also empowered to 'put the pieces together themselves' - taking responsibility as active participants in learning, meaning they are more likely to benefit from the process.

Q: What is Experiential Learning?

A: Activities that allow children to learn through their experiences. These activities are always written to be guided and facilitated by a leader, with a debrief that allows children to process and comprehend what the activity meant. Activities of this type are sometimes referred to as 'simulation games', however experiential learning is a much broader application than simply 'games'.

Q: What Oasis pack should I start with?

A: You can start with any pack, as each pack is self contained. Living Legend Powerful Friend, On Track and the Bible Alive and Active are all good 'starting' packs - the Bible Alive & Active only runs for 7 weeks rather than the usual 10 weeks.

Q: Should we do the Oasis packs in a particular order?

A: It is not necessary to do the packs in any particular order. Different packs have different styles, so we would suggest using a mixture throughout the year from:

- 'Big Picture' packs (the Mega Plans and the Bible pack) give an overview of God's plans, historical context for scripture and an appreciation of the Bible as God's word.
- 'Trinity' packs (Living Legend, God the Father, Holy Spirit and I AM eXtreme) give children an opportunity to take a close look at who God is in the Bible and explore how they can relate to God today.
- 'Character' packs (Peter, Paul, Joshua) take children on a faith journey as they share the experience of someone who has followed, failed and been reconciled to God.
- 'Lifestyle' packs (Rock Solid, God's Wise Guys and On Track). These focus on the development of Christian character in children.

Q: Where can I get help to start using Oasis with my group?

A: On the website go to Resources, then Oasis, and download the **start up manual** and the **kids love it** video clip. These resources will help you (and your leaders) to understand how Oasis works. You can also speak to someone at Logosdor +61 (02) 9477 3961.

Q: What is the *kids love it* video?

A: The video clip '*kids & leaders love it*' provides simple training and explanations for new leaders and new groups. This video is free to download from our web site or can be ordered on DVD for \$10 through the web shop, sending an email to resources@logosdor.com or by calling the Logosdor office +61 2 9477 3961.

Q: How many leaders are needed to run Oasis?

A: Ideally a leader ratio of one leader to 6 or 7 children is good but most churches realistically run with 1 to 10 kids (the more boys in the group the more leaders needed we have found!). During the group discipleship times it is good to have a lower ratio for relationship building as well as during the creative ministry electives. We recommend that you keep an absolute minimum of 1:12 for adult leaders to children and use teenage leaders to help increase the supervision and contact ratios.

Q: I've looked at the preparation for the lessons, this looks like a lot of work.

A: Oasis does require preparation from every participating leader. The material is written so that leaders can be delegated an area of responsibility. Apart from a group leader's meeting (necessary) every 3 sessions, each leader should spend up to 1 hour preparing for each session. This includes practical preparation and pre-reading.

Q: What age group is Oasis best for?

A: Oasis is written for primary school aged children (ages 7-11 years). Most children who have been attending school for a year will cope well with the program and can remain with it up to high school age.

Q: Can teens come to Oasis?

A: The teens in your church and community may like to assist you as trainee leaders and we find that teen leaders usually do well in Oasis (and the leaders meetings are very useful for teaching and training). Your teens will still learn the lessons each week but it may be more interesting for them to be assisting you rather than being part of the group with the younger children. You have opportunities in your leaders meetings for discussion times with them to ensure they fully understand the material.

Q: Is Oasis OK for unchurched kids?

A: The way the program is structured is great for unchurched kids as there is no church jargon or prior knowledge assumed and the multimedia program is a familiar style for children today.

Q: Can I use Oasis as a school holiday club?

A: Yes, instructions for how to convert Oasis to a holiday club are in 'Free Downloads' on our resources menu at LINK

<http://www.logosdor.com/resources/downloads.aspx?cat=6>

Q: How can I purchase an Oasis pack?

A: You can place an order directly to Logosdor on the website, by phone or by email.

Website

You can place and pay for an order via credit card through the web shop

<http://www.logosdor.com/shop/default.aspx> which is an easy and secure way of dealing with the payment in AUD\$ (for international orders, the payment is processed in AUD\$ - your bank will do the currency conversion for you when they charge your credit card).

Phone

Place your order by calling the Logosdor office +61 (02) 9477 3961. You can pay by credit card over the phone or have an invoice sent to your church to be paid by direct deposit or AUD\$ cheque.

Email

You can place an order by email to resources@logosdor.com which will be invoiced for payment by credit card, direct deposit or AUD\$ cheque.

NB Do not send credit card information by email

Other Distributors

Logosdor is now distributing Oasis and other resources through Kidsreach in **New Zealand** so if you are an NZ customer you may like to purchase from them.

Some Logosdor resources, including Oasis, are also available from Koorong.

Q: When will the other Oasis packs be available on DVD?

A: We are continuing to convert the remaining Oasis packs to CD/DVD versions and hope to have all packs available on DVD by the start of 2009. You can continue to check out the web site for new additions or join our monthly email update list and be sure to receive news of new resources.

Q: I have an Oasis pack with a video. How can I get a DVD to use with my pack?

A: If your church has already purchased an Oasis pack that is now available as a CD/DVD pack you can upgrade and purchase the new CD/DVD version for \$75. This way you only pay for the cost of the components rather than the \$145 RRP.

Q: How do I replace damaged or lost pack components?

A: Lost or damaged pack components can be replaced by contacting us. With some sold out packs, it is possible that the items may no longer be available. We will endeavour to find a solution if this is the case. We can usually supply replacement components in the more current formats.

If the materials that we send out are damaged before they arrive, we will replace them at no cost.

Q: Can I borrow a pack from another church or lend my church's pack to another church?

A: You may not lend or sell your Oasis pack without express permission from Logosdor Limited. As a not-for-profit company we rely on sales of resources and donated funds to continue our work. We do ask churches to comply with the copyright on our programme as continuing sales of Oasis packs are needed to provide funds to continue the conversions of the remaining Oasis packs to DVD. We do sometimes give permission for churches to borrow a pack from another church if the pack is sold out and the available Oasis packs do not meet their needs.

Any queries please contact Logosdor Ltd on +61 (02) 9477 3961. You will need to submit your request in writing to oasis@logosdor.com

Q: Can I copy the resources provided in the Oasis pack I have purchased?

A: *Implicit in the purchase agreement (and clearly stated inside each manual cover) is permission to print or photocopy any of the manuals, including sheet music and song words in the Oasis pack you have purchased, for your church use and only for your church and no other. Videos, CDs and DVDs may not be copied; additional copies may be purchased from Logosdor Limited.*