

# LIFEWISE ACADEMY



## TEACH THE BIBLE DURING SCHOOL HOURS

### WHY? The Need for Bible Education in Public Schools

Studies show that **8 in 10 American youth don't attend church ... but 9 in 10 attend public schools**. What does this mean? Reaching youth with the gospel in today's culture is a challenge. Since most students aren't inside church walls, why not go where they are?

### WHAT? Released Time and LifeWise Academy

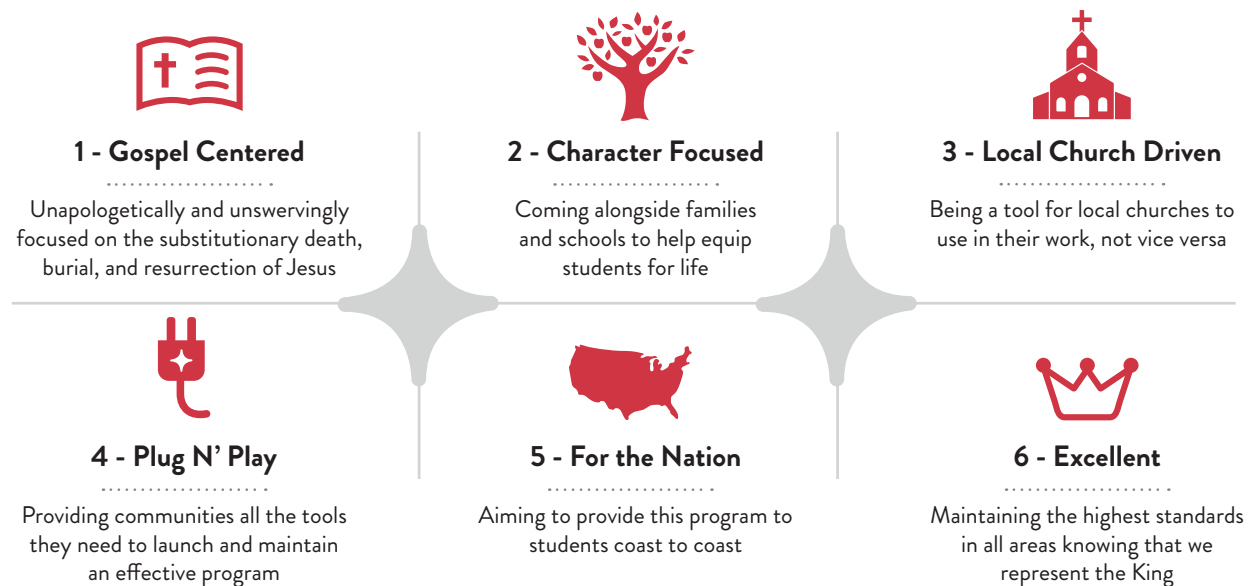
LifeWise Academy is a Released Time Religious Instruction (RTRI) program which exists to reach students in public schools with the gospel. Under little-known RTRI laws, students can be released from public school during the school day to attend religious classes, provided the program is **off school property, privately funded, and parent permitted**.

### Is It Really Legal?

The legality of Released Time Religious Education has been upheld by the US Supreme Court for more than 60 years. Specific state policies vary. For example, Ohio law, HB 171 (ORC 3313.6022) was passed in the Ohio legislature and signed into law by the Governor. The law allows public school students to receive elective Biblical instruction during the school day, following the conditions above.

### HOW? The LifeWise Pledge

LifeWise is committed to serving communities across the nation by providing a valuable program that meets **six foundational principles**.



### THE IMPACT

In Van Wert, Ohio, **nearly 95%** of all elementary school students, grades 1-5, participate in LifeWise and are taught the Bible each week.



The best way to get a feel for the vision of LifeWise Academy and its potential to impact your community is by watching the 3-minute demo video at [lifewiseacademy.org](https://lifewiseacademy.org)

### WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

**1 SPREAD THE WORD**  
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