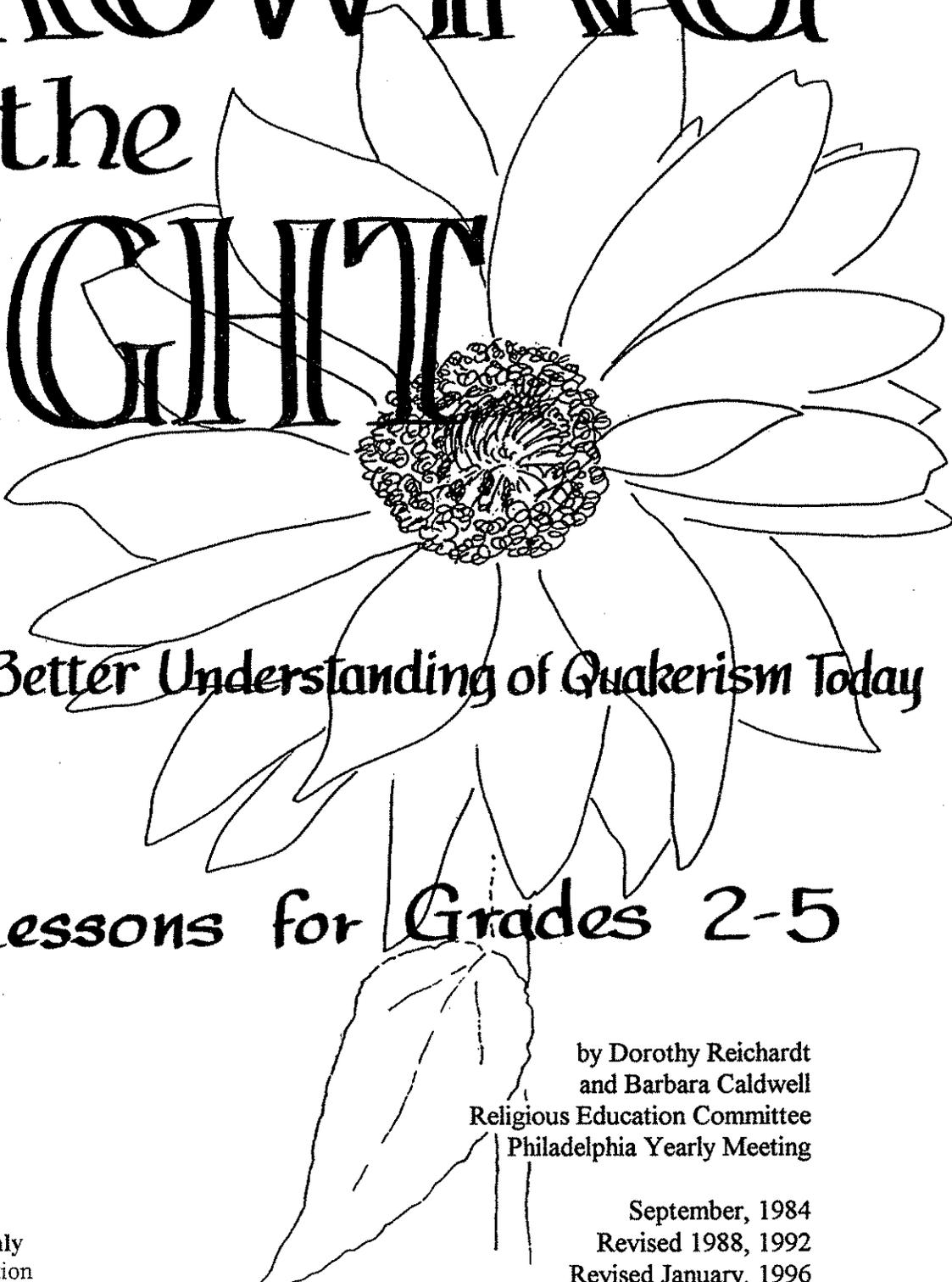


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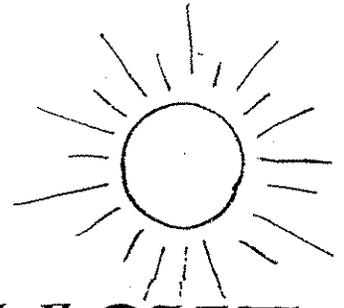
*Toward a Better Understanding of Quakerism Today*

*Nine Lessons for Grades 2-5*

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*This curriculum helps participants better understand Quaker beliefs, process, and practice. It is published as four sets of lessons for four different age groups, including adults. Meetings may choose to teach this curriculum to all ages or use only some sections. Openings are included for every lesson, except Lesson IX. These openings can be used intergenerationally.*

## INTRODUCTION

Who Are These Lessons For?

These lessons are designed for children ages 6-10. However, slightly older or younger children will enjoy most of the activities.

What Is In the Lessons?

These lessons contain a variety of games, songs, stories and craft activities. Times for sharing and for quiet worship are included each week. Lesson I describes the "sharing circle", a group sharing process especially appropriate for this age group. Most weeks you will find more to do than you have time for; lessons are designed for 45 minutes to one hour. Choose those activities best suited to your class, and be flexible about time. For instance, allow a good discussion to continue even if it upsets the daily schedule.

What Do We Need?

Needs are listed with each lesson. Have adequate stocks of basic craft supplies - crayons, scissors, paper, markers, glue - available every week. A good way to organize these supplies is to provide each child with a shoe box in which he/she keeps these basics.

## Books You Will Need

1. A Hymnal For Friends
2. Songs of the Spirit  
Available from Friends General Conference (see p. 3)
3. John Woolman's Journal
4. Evaline Ness, Sam, Bangs and Moonshine, Holt, Rinehart and Winston (available in paperback, also in the collection of most school and public libraries).
5. Several choices for children's books listed in the lessons:  
Dr. Seuss, The Sneetches, Random House  
Dr. Seuss, To Think that I Saw It on Mulberry Street, Random House

## Suggested Books:

1. A good craft manual. The best we know are:  
Making Things, Books 1 & 2, by Ann Wiseman, Little, Brown, \$7.95 each.
2. Games Books. Suggestions:
  1. The New Games Book, ed. by Andrew Fluegelman, Headlands Press, 1976, \$7.95.
  2. Silver Bullets, Project Adventure, Inc., P.O. Box 100, Hamilton, MA, 01936; 617-468-7204

How Do We Prepare?

Read the introduction. All the adults who will work with this age group should at least skim all the lessons. Be sure to read carefully the lessons you will teach. Assemble supplies, work out a flexible time schedule, arrange your space. Revise and adapt as needed.

There is an ongoing project, mats and pillows, begun in Lesson II. If you rotate teachers, the teachers will need to be aware of the status of this project. The service projects in Lesson V will take some preplanning. Look at these several weeks in advance.

Finally, plan to take the children to all or part of Meeting for Worship on a regular basis.

Places to Order or Borrow Materials

Friends General Conference, 1216 Arch St., 2B, Philadelphia, PA, 19107,  
(215) 561-1700; 1-800-966-4556.

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Library, 1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA,  
19102, (215) 241-7220.

Quaker Hill Bookstore, 101 Quaker Hill Drive, Richmond, IN, 47374; (800)-  
537-8838

Problems?

Call Martha G. Smith, Religious Education Office, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, 1-800-2200-PYM #7221.

Credits

Many Friends active in First-Day Schools have contributed ideas to these lessons.