

Facilitator Guide

for the DVD Edition of

Making the Connections

The DVD Edition of *Making the Connections* was developed to fill three basic needs:

- 1) To provide a helpful means by which a given administrator can train new staff members who have not been through a live training workshop provided by a certified *Making the Connections* instructor;
- 2) To provide a way for teachers who have been through the live training to review certain portions of the workshop for added reinforcement and understanding;
- 3) To provide a way for teachers in small or remote schools to receive training when a live workshop is not feasible.

The following recommendations are provided to assist facilitators:

1. Be sure each participant has a copy of the textbook *Making the Connections: How To Put Biblical Worldview Integration Into Practice*. This book contains vital reference material, as well as the *Participant Guide*. This guide is very important, as it contains the various “Thinking Exercises” referenced in the DVD. Also, the text contains a blank hard copy of the BWI Planner. The purchase price of the text includes permission for copies of the BWI Planner to be made by the individual for whom the text is purchased. To order this text, please go to The Biblical Worldview Institute website at www.biblicalworldviewintstitute.org.
2. It is recommended that the facilitator of the DVD edition read the entire textbook (*Making the Connections*) and watch each session of the DVD before showing it to a group, in order to become familiar with the content.
3. Throughout the course, various exercises call for the participants to form “huddle groups” for discussion. These groups should not be larger than four people, maximum. Three works well, but five or more does not. Too many heads make for cumbersome discussion. In addition, we recommend that participants be grouped according to general grade levels, that is, pre-school teachers with pre-school teachers, primary teachers with primary teachers, intermediate with intermediate and secondary teachers grouped with like-subject areas.

4. If possible, have participants sit at tables with three or four to a table. This generally works better than theater-style seating, as a lot of writing is required.
5. The DVD edition of *Making the Connections* is divided into ten sessions. They are not all the same length in time, and some sessions include guided practice “Thinking Exercises” requiring the DVD to be paused. A “Thinking Exercise” may take anywhere from 6 minutes to 45 minutes, depending on how much work or discussion is devoted to each exercise. Suggested time limits are mentioned in the DVD, but flexibility in this regard is understood.
6. Although it is possible to go through the entire course in one day, do not feel constrained to do so. Consider using the DVD Edition to the advantage of the participants by breaking the course into weekly sessions (perhaps as a part of regular staff meetings), and spreading the content over a period of two or three months, taking sufficient time to be sure the concepts are digested properly and truly understood.
7. The 10 Sessions are as follows. Times shown in parentheses indicate the length of the presentation given in the DVD, but *do not include pause times for exercises*:

1. Introduction (7:47)	6. The Pivotal Step 4 (26:13)
2. Postmodern Thought (23:53)	7. Steps 5 and 6 (13:10)
3. Worldview Basics (21:07)	8. Integration Plan (9:41)
4. Planner Overview (19:19)	9. What Integration is NOT (14:41)
5. The Left Side (9:54)	10. Now It’s YOUR turn! (18:29)
8. Schools that purchase the DVD Edition of *Making the Connections* are qualified to receive an electronic version of the BWI Planner for each teacher receiving the accompanying textbook/participant guide. This will enable teachers to fill out the Planner on a computer. To access this tool, qualifying schools may go to The Biblical Worldview Institute website at www.biblicalworldviewinstitute.org and enter the following pass-protection code to download the BWI Planner: **mtcbwip**

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