

Bible Study Curriculums

1st Grade—The ABC's of God: A study on the Greatness and Worth of God

Who is God? What is He like? How should I act toward God? The ABC's of God was written to answer these questions and to present children with the bountiful feast of all that God is in His greatness, His worth, and His Word. There is no way that we can make God too great or too worthy for children. He will always be infinitely greater and worthier than we can ever communicate. The curriculum uses the framework of the alphabet to teach children the attributes and character of God. Each week the children learn a letter of the alphabet and one of God's attributes that begins with that letter. The lessons do not necessarily go in ABC order, but they present God in His fullness as He has revealed Himself throughout redemptive history, with special attention to the revelation of Christ.

2nd Grade—Faithful to All His Promises

On one level, the promises of God are a source of peace and beauty, a calm reassurance of future hope, and a comfort. On the other level, they are a matter of life and death. When things are good, they are a gentle source of comfort and you know if you need them they are there. But if you have been "in over your head", being overwhelmed by circumstances, then you know they are a matter of life and death. The promises of God keep us from sinking. They are precious and they are powerful because behind these promises is the all-powerful, all-knowing, faithful, patient, gracious, unchanging, sovereign Ruler of the universe. God Almighty backs up every one of His promises. He is watching to see that His word is performed (Jeremiah 1:12). Children will explore God's promises and learn to put their confidence in Him and them.

3rd grade—Firm Foundations: Creation to Christ

The foundation of any building is of utmost importance. Without a solid foundation the structure will crumble! "The majority of Christian teaching emphasizes individual doctrines of the Bible rather than presenting the Bible as one complete, interdependent revelation of God." However, in this curriculum children gain an overall understanding of the Bible and its key themes as they learn who God is and what He has done, as presented in His Word. The chronological lessons start in Genesis and conclude with the life of Christ. Children will learn how the events of the Old Testament point to Jesus Christ and find their fulfillment in Him. These scriptural lessons lay a good foundation for a clear, God centered presentation of the Gospel.

4th grade—In the Beginning...Jesus

The Bible is one complete true story that progressively reveals God's redemptive plan, which comes to complete fulfillment in the person and work of Jesus Christ. *In the Beginning...Jesus* begins with a historical mystery – Jesus' death on the cross – and asks the questions: "What really happened here?", "Why did Jesus die?", and "Who did it?" To find the answers to these questions, the study goes to the beginning of the Bible narrative in Genesis and then moves chronologically through the Old Testament text as the students search for clues that foreshadow the coming of Jesus and His redemptive work on the cross. Special emphasis is given to showing that the Bible is God's story from beginning to end and that Jesus is the key to understanding the story.

5th Grade—How Majestic is Your Name

“O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! (Psalm 8:1a). A study on the names of God is a study of the character of God, because God’s names reveal His character. As children see who God really is, the irresistible goodness and greatness of His character will draw them to Him. How can you help but admire a God such as Elohim who created the whole universe from within Himself? How can you help but stand in awe of Jehovah, who exists without need of anyone or anything? How can you not be attracted to Jehovah-jireh who anticipates your every need? “Those who know Your name will trust in You, for You, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek You” (Psalm 9:10).