



WALKING WITH GOD  
and HIS PEOPLE

# Bible Curriculum Grade Level Overview



# Grade Pre–K

Faith formation begins by establishing personal relationships between children and God. In Pre-Kindergarten, the overarching theme is God’s care and love for his people.

The prekindergarten curriculum presents students with an overview of the entire Bible. The Old Testament stories are presented by introducing students to individual biblical characters in a way that shows how God displayed his love and took care of each of these people. The New Testament lessons focus on Jesus’ walk with individuals, and presents the stories and parables that illustrate how individual Christians are to care for others.

The curriculum set includes a comprehensive teacher guide packed with lesson plans, Bible resources, Bible memory, and countless activity ideas plus a workbook for each student with learning activities, hands-on crafts, and much more.

## SUMMARY

**Unit 1:** Creation – Flood (8 Lessons)

**Unit 2:** Abraham – Joseph (8 Lessons)

**Unit 3:** Moses, Samuel, and David (11 Lessons)

**Unit 4:** Christmas (5 Lessons)

**Unit 5:** Elijah, Elisha, King Josiah, Jonah, Daniel, and Esther (9 Lessons)

**Unit 6:** Jesus’ Ministry: Visit to the Temple, Nicodemus, Twelve Disciples, Blessing Of Children, and The Samaritan Woman (5 Lessons)

**Unit 7:** Jesus’ Miracles: Focusing on the Senses (8 Lessons)

**Unit 8:** Jesus Tells Stories: Good Shepherd, Sower, Wise and Foolish Builders, Prodigal Son, and Good Samaritan (5 Lessons)

**Unit 9:** Jesus Teaches His Children How to Live: Prayer, Greatest Commandment, and Care for Others (4 Lessons)

**Unit 10:** Easter (6 Lessons)

**Unit 11:** Gospel Message to the World: Great Commission, Pentecost, Philip, Peter, and Paul (6 Lessons)

Flexible Christmas and Easter units are provided.

# Grade K

The kindergarten Walking with God and his People curriculum gives an overview of both the Old and New Testaments, and begins making connections between them.

Throughout the year, students learn how God showed his love for his people, and how they showed their love and gratitude in return. Throughout the lessons, kindergarten students are challenged to find ways they can show their love for God.

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## SUMMARY

**Unit 1:** God Shows His Love Through Creation (6 Lessons)

**Unit 2:** Our Need for God's Love: Fall – Babel (6 Lessons)

**Unit 3:** Patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (9 Lessons)

**Unit 4:** Joseph (6 Lessons)

**Unit 5:** God's Love Saves Israel: Moses and Exodus (12 Lessons)

**Unit 6:** People Who Showed Their Love For God: Joshua, Gideon, Samson, and Ruth (15 Lessons)

**Unit 7:** People Who Showed Their Love For God: Samuel, Saul, David, and Solomon (14 Lessons)

**Unit 8:** People Who Showed Their Love for God: Elijah, Elisha, Hezekiah, and Jonah (13 Lessons)

**Unit 9:** People Who Showed Their Love for God: Daniel, Esther, and Ezra (9 Lessons)

**Unit 10:** Christmas (6 Lessons)

**Unit 11:** Jesus' Ministry: Baptism, Prayer, Disciples, Nicodemus, and Zacchaeus (8 Lessons)

**Unit 12:** Jesus' Miracles (9 Lessons)

**Unit 13:** Jesus' Parables (6 Lessons)

**Unit 14:** Easter and Ascension (10 Lessons)

**Unit 15:** God's Love for His Church: Pentecost, Peter, Philip, and Paul (11 Lessons)

Flexible Christmas and Easter units are provided

# Grade 1

In Grade 1 students move beyond the study of individual Bible characters to see how God's people and their leaders were interlinked in God's plan for the salvation of his people. Focusing on God's perfect creation, students move through the introduction of sin into the world, the covenants God made with his people, and how he kept them despite their unfaithfulness.

Each curriculum in grades 1 through 4 begins with the study of a New Testament epistle, challenging students to find ways they can live their faith in Jesus Christ. Teachers can teach these lessons at any point in the curriculum. The epistle for grade 1 is 1 John.

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## SUMMARY

**Unit 1:** John (7 lessons)

**Unit 2:** Creation, Fall, Noah, and Babel (6 lessons)

**Unit 3:** Abraham (9 lessons)

**Unit 4:** Isaac and Jacob (6 lessons)

**Unit 5:** Joseph (12 lessons)

**Unit 6:** Moses and Israel (12 lessons)

**Unit 7:** Settling the Land (15 lessons)

**Unit 8:** Judges: Othniel, Gideon, Samson, and Ruth (10 lessons)

**Unit 9:** Samuel and Saul (9 lessons)

**Unit 10:** David (10 lessons)

**Unit 11:** King Solomon (5 lessons)

**Unit 12:** Psalms and Proverbs (7 lessons)

**Unit 13:** Divided Kingdom (9 lessons)

**Unit 14:** Exile: Daniel and Esther (7 lessons)

**Unit 15:** Return from Exile (6 lessons)

**Unit 16:** Christmas (7 lessons)

**Unit 17:** Easter (10 lessons)

Flexible Christmas, Easter and Epistle units are provided.

## Grade 2

Students are introduced to material during the time between the Old Testament and the New Testament and see how important these years were in God's preparation for the coming Messiah. The book of James is the featured epistle in grade 2.

In their study of the New Testament, students trace how Jesus revealed himself as God's promised Messiah. They study the events of Passion Week, Jesus' crucifixion, and the resurrection. The curriculum concludes with a study of how Jesus' followers responded to their salvation in Christ. Students are challenged to respond faithfully, like Peter and Paul, to Christ's saving work.

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### SUMMARY

**Unit 1:** James (6 lessons)

**Unit 2:** Old Testament Review—Focus on the Promised Messiah (10 lessons)

**Unit 3:** Intertestamentary Times (7 lessons)

**Unit 4:** Christmas (9 lessons)

**Unit 5:** Jesus' Ministry: Child at the Temple, Baptism, Temptation, 12 Disciples, and Sermon on the Mount (10 lessons)

**Unit 6:** Jesus Preaches: Feeding the five thousand, Transfiguration, and Rich Young Ruler (10 lessons)

## Grade 3

In grade 3, students begin to use their cognitive skills to study the Old Testament with a focus on what it means for people to be created in God's image. Starting with two flexible units – a study of Ephesians and a unit on Bible study helps – lessons begin to emphasize a Christian's identity in relationship to God, and what that identity promises and requires. During this Old Testament study, students learn of God's characteristics, such as holiness, justice, mercy, and love. They also learn what it means to be created in God's image and see how others created in God's image responded in faith and disobedience to him.

The curriculum set includes a comprehensive teacher guide packed with lesson plans, Bible resources, Bible memory, and countless activity ideas. Student workbooks contain engaging learning activities as well as a 32-page, 4-color Bible dictionary complete with photos and maps. Downloadable student test banks are also available beginning at grade 3.

### SUMMARY

**Unit 1:** Ephesians (6 lessons)

**Unit 2:** Bible Study Helps: Footnotes, Concordances, and Maps (8 lessons)

**Unit 3:** Creation (6 lessons)

**Unit 4:** Fall–Babel: Need for a Savior (7 lessons)

**Unit 5:** Abraham (12 lessons)

**Unit 6:** Isaac and Jacob (14 lessons)

**Unit 7:** Joseph (12 lessons)

**Unit 8:** Moses and Exodus (12 lessons)

**Unit 9:** Traveling in the Wilderness (12 lessons)

**Unit 10:** Worshiping God: Tabernacle and Feasts (10 lessons)

**Unit 11:** Forty More Years in the Wilderness (15 lessons)

**Unit 12:** Settling Canaan (13 lessons)

Flexible Epistle and Bible study helps units are provided.

## Grade 4

Grade 4 builds on the lessons of grade 3, starting with two flexible units: a study of Paul's epistle to the Philippians and a unit on the writing of the Bible that covers the development of writing during ancient times, the writing of the Bible, and the organization of the Bible.

Students then begin an in-depth study of Israel from the time of the judges until Israel's exile. These units show students numerous examples of God's faithfulness, and how He showed both justice and mercy to His people. Students start making the connection between these Biblical examples and how God and those he places in authority have shown them justice and mercy. Students also note the many promises of hope and salvation that God gives to his people, especially in the final unit on Isaiah.

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### SUMMARY

**Unit 1:** Philippians (6 lessons)

**Unit 2:** Bible – Writing of the Bible and Techniques Used by the Ancients to Write (8 lessons)

**Unit 3:** Review of Creation – Joshua (6 lessons)

**Unit 4:** Judges (13 lessons)

**Unit 5:** Ruth (5 lessons)

**Unit 6:** Samuel (6 lessons)

**Unit 7:** Saul (14 lessons)

**Unit 8:** David (9 lessons)

**Unit 9:** King Solomon (7 lessons)

**Unit 10:** Psalms and Proverbs (9 lessons)

**Unit 11:** Divided Kingdom (7 lessons)

**Unit 12:** Elijah (9 lessons)

**Unit 13:** Elisha (7 lessons)

**Unit 14:** After Ahab to Israel's exile (12 lessons)

**Unit 15:** Isaiah (6 lessons)

Flexible Epistle and Bible writing history units are provided.

# Grade 5

Moving into a fully-illustrated, hard-cover textbook, the grade 5 curriculum focuses on God's covenant promises. The Old Testament units demonstrate that God did not abandon his people during their exile from the Promised Land, but cared for them during the exile by raising up leaders such as Daniel and Esther. As God prepared his people for their return to Judah, he gave them new leaders in Ezra and Nehemiah. And God sent John the Baptist to prepare his people for his Son's ministry.

Then students connect the Old Testament promises to their New Testament fulfillment. In the lessons about Jesus' early life and ministry, students recognize that Jesus perfectly fulfilled God's Old Testament promises by carrying out his father's work as he ministered to people. Students also will reflect on Jesus' statements about his death and resurrection. Throughout this curriculum, students are challenged to think of ways that God is preparing them for work in his kingdom.

The companion workbook includes engaging learning activities, additional resources, as well as a 32-page, 4-color Bible dictionary complete with photos and maps. Downloadable student test banks are also available.

## SUMMARY

**Unit 1:** 1 Peter (7 lessons)

**Unit 2:** God's Covenant People (7 lessons)

**Unit 3:** Last Days of Judah (10 lessons)

**Unit 4:** In Exile: Daniel (7 lessons)

**Unit 5:** Esther (5 lessons)

**Unit 6:** Judah's Return (9 lessons)

**Unit 7:** The Writers (6 lessons)

**Unit 8:** Jesus' Birth and Early Life (12 lessons)

**Unit 9:** Jesus' Early Ministry (7 lessons)

**Unit 10:** Jesus' Ministry Extends (8 lessons)

**Unit 11:** Sermon on the Mount (9 lessons)

**Unit 12:** Growing Popularity (7 lessons)

**Unit 13:** Parables of the Kingdom (7 lessons)

**Unit 14:** Ministry around Galilee (7 lessons)

**Unit 15:** Continued Ministry (7 lessons)



# Grade 6

The grade 6 curriculum completes the four-year study of the Bible begun in grade 3, and starts with an Old Testament review focusing on the need for and plan of salvation. Students then draw connections between the Old Testament and New Testament through a detailed study of Jesus' ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension. Students also take a closer look at Paul's missionary journeys, learning how God's gift of salvation was extended to the Gentiles and spread throughout the world.

Students gain insights into how to share the gospel message through the examples of Peter, Paul, and others, and increase their understanding of how everyday people are used to build God's kingdom. In addition to their study of Colossians, students take a general look at the letters the apostles sent to the early church, followed by a study of the Book of Revelation and God's promise of everlasting life with him.

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## SUMMARY

- Unit 1:** Colossians (6 lessons)
- Unit 2:** The Setting of God's Story (10 lessons)
- Unit 3:** Later Judean Ministry (12 lessons)
- Unit 4:** Triumphal Entry through Passover (10 lessons)
- Unit 5:** Last Supper and Jesus' Death (9 lessons)
- Unit 6:** Jesus' Resurrection (10 lessons)
- Unit 7:** Pentecost, Peter, Stephen, and Philip (11 lessons)
- Unit 8:** Paul's Missionary Journeys (5 lessons)
- Unit 9:** Journey Two (8 lessons)
- Unit 10:** Paul's Journeys Continue (11 lessons)
- Unit 11:** Letters to the Churches (12 lessons)
- Unit 12:** Revelation (7 lessons)

## Grade 7

In the grade 7 curriculum, a thematic approach replaces the chronological approach employed in the earlier grades. Concentrating on the Old Testament, the unit focuses on such topics as God's covenant and his promise of a Savior. The unit on the feasts of Israel helps students make connections between the feasts and the work of Jesus Christ in the New Testament. The unit on Job and Ecclesiastes give students an opportunity to study two books of the Bible that were not presented in the previous grades. Studying Proverbs gives students practical guidelines for how they are to live as God's children, and walking with the prophets give students a personalized look at God's characteristics and the promises He made to Israel.

In the unit on prayer, students learn more about God's gift of prayer, and how to use it to build their relationships with God. Optional downloadable units on intertestamentary times and biblical archeology give students additional insights into life in biblical times and Bible history. The final unit on literary genres was developed to assist students as they read Scripture. The patterns and features of the literary techniques in the Bible will add another dimension to the students' Biblical understanding.

Textbook content is supported by workbook assignments, maps, and activities specifically developed to help students understand what it means to walk with God and his people. Downloadable test banks are available.

### **SUMMARY**

**Unit 1:** Old Testament Themes (16 lessons)

**Unit 2:** Feasts of Israel (15 lessons)

**Unit 3:** Job and Ecclesiastes (16 lessons)

**Unit 4:** Proverbs (15 lessons)

**Unit 5:** Prophets (15 lessons)

**Unit 6:** Prayer (16 lessons)

**Unit 7:** Intertestamentary Times (15 lessons)

**Unit 8:** Literary Genres (16 lessons)

## Grade 8

Students in grade eight will continue the thematic approach to studying the Bible, beginning with the birth of Jesus and continuing through his early ministry, death and resurrection . A unit on New Testament writings gives students an opportunity to note the various challenges facing the New Testament churches, and compare them with today's challenges. The unit concludes with a study of Revelation that introduces students to apocalyptic literature as well as God's plans for those who have been saved through Christ.

In a unit on personal devotions, students discover how a meaningful devotional habit strengthens their relationship with God and helps them grow in faith and obedience.

A series of units on Church history concludes the grade 8 curriculum. Students learn what happened to the church after the conclusion of the New Testament, and follow its progress through the centuries to current issues facing the church today. Students will recognize how God continued to work in the lives of his people throughout the history of the church and is present with us now, just as He promised. Note: In a new optional online (downloadable) unit, grade 8 students can study the novel *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* by the great Christian writer C.S. Lewis.

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### SUMMARY

**Unit 1:** The Early Church (16 lessons)

**Unit 2:** New Testament Writings (16 lessons)

**Unit 3:** Personal Devotions (16 lessons)

**Unit 4:** Church History (60 lessons)