



Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy

Lower School Lower Elementary - Christian Studies

Scope and Sequence

Vision:

At the heart of our Christian faith is the belief that the triune God is a personal God who reveals Himself to humanity through Scripture, His nature, His redemptive purpose in history, and His love for all creation. Central to this faith is the crucified and risen Jesus Christ and our knowledge and belief that the son of God became human so that we could be forgiven and restored to God. It is our conviction that in understanding the incarnate God we come to know our own nature and purpose, for we are created in God’s image. Given these core convictions, the Christian Studies curriculum studies Scripture to hear God’s truth, encourages a love of learning and the exercise of reason, gains wisdom from the historic voices and traditions of the Church, and seeks to understand our own human experience within this world. The Socratic nature of our classes make them a practical laboratory for discussing and developing their faith in a safe environment. The goals of this curriculum are therefore to (i) allow students to articulate a distinctly Christian worldview, (ii) develop the student holistically, and (iii) encourage students to pursue excellence in order to engage God’s world.

<u><i>Content Standards</i></u>	<u><i>Core Competencies</i></u>
<p><i>Students explore the following broad content themes and topics:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ God’s purpose in restoring humanity and creation into right relationship and humanity’s participation in building the Kingdom of God. ❖ The role and value of Scripture, reason, tradition, and experience in theologically forming a Christian worldview. ❖ The triune God: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. ❖ The unique Nature of Christ as fully divine and fully human ❖ The nature of humanity as made in the image of God yet fallen. ❖ God’s redemptive work through Christ for salvation. ❖ The importance of spiritual formation through classic spiritual disciplines including prayer, meditation, fasting, study, simplicity, solitude, submission, service, confession, worship, guidance and celebration. ❖ The relevance of Church history and historical theology in the formation of faith and appreciation for the diversity of God’s Kingdom. 	<p><i>Students work to master the following overarching skills:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Think theologically and critically ❖ Interpretation of Scripture ❖ Application of Scripture ❖ Develop Christian worldview ❖ Reflection on Self & God’s World ❖ Spiritual Formation



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Kindergarten Topics: Attributes of God; the purpose and results of prayer, both individual and group; Creation; monthly Scripture memorization and devotions; concept and consequences of sin; steps to salvation; service projects; Bible stories: emphasis on real life application; biblical truths integrated into all subject areas; Christian music; Christian holidays: Christmas and Easter. (**K-Prep** at developmentally appropriate levels.)

Grade 1 Topics: Attributes of God; Trinity; Creation; consequences of sin and need for forgiveness; plan of salvation; Old and New Testament character studies; Biblical truths integrated in all subjects; Christian attributes; Being a disciple; Christ's life and teachings; weekly Scripture memorization; Christian holidays: Christmas and Easter; group and individual prayer; group praise and worship; Service projects.

Grade 2 Topics: Attributes of God; know and apply Christian character traits of key biblical figures; Bible structure and reference tools as aids; individual and corporate prayer; group praise and worship; apply biblical knowledge to life situations such as conflict resolution; Christian holidays: purpose of Christ's birth, death, and resurrection; plan of salvation; weekly Scripture memorization; service projects.

Grade 3 Topics: Old Testament Books of the Bible and their key words; Old Testament timeline: Creation through King David; making biblical choices; developing a Christian world view; discipleship; servanthood; Advent; "Road to the Cross" and resurrection; names of Jesus; plan of salvation; weekly Scripture memorization; service projects; Individual and corporate prayer; group praise and worship.