

LOWER SCHOOL BIBLE

From kindergarten to fourth grade, students will complete a survey of the Bible using the apologetics-focused Twelve Stones curriculum in K-4th grade. Integrated daily lessons constructed in a spiral sequence, thought provoking questions, and guided assignments will embed an overview of biblical content on student's hearts and minds. In addition, students will be involved in the *Friendzy* program in which they will learn the tools they need to navigate the world and friendships with confidence through the lens of God's word.

Some of the Biblical Truths Covered:

- *God is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit*
- *God created His image-bearers to love and serve one another*
- *God is truth and always tells us what is right and true*
- *Jesus died to bring His image-bearers into a new family and nation of harmony called God's church*
- *God created people in His image*
- *God holds His creation together by His power*
- *God created people to need Him for everything*
- *Jesus died to restore fellowship/harmony between people and God*
- *Jesus died to restore harmony between God's image-bearers and the earth*

LOWER SCHOOL LANGUAGE ARTS

A strong foundation in reading, writing, and communication is developed through a comprehensive and balanced language arts program that includes phonics, reading, writing, handwriting, spelling, and grammar. Students practice and apply these skills through purposeful, hands-on learning experiences supported by whole-group, small-group, and individualized instruction within a structured reading and writing workshop model.

Across kindergarten through fourth grade, students develop their writing skills by composing narrative, persuasive, and informational pieces with increasing depth and sophistication. Through a biblical worldview, students are encouraged to view language as a gift from God—using their reading, writing, and communication skills to think critically, express ideas clearly, and communicate truth with wisdom, integrity, and grace.

Kindergarten

- *Simplify Writing Units of Study*
- *Flyleaf – Reading and Phonics*
- *Heggerty – Phonemic Awareness*
- *Handwriting*

Second Grade

- *Simplify Writing Units of Study*
- *Flyleaf – Reading and Phonics*
- *Heggerty – Phonemic Awareness*
- *Handwriting*
- *StoryWorks*

Fourth Grade

- *Simplify Writing Units of Study*
- *Interactive Grammar & Vocabulary*
- *Mentor Sentences*
- *Novel Studies*

First Grade

- *Simplify Writing Units of Study*
- *Flyleaf – Reading and Phonics*
- *Heggerty – Phonemic Awareness*
- *Handwriting*

Third Grade

- *Simplify Writing Units of Study*
- *Cursive Handwriting*
- *Interactive Grammar & Vocabulary*
- *Mentor Sentences*
- *Novel Studies*

Fifth Grade

- *Simplify Writing Units of Study*
- *Interactive Grammar & Vocabulary*
- *Mentor Sentences*
- *Novel Studies*

LOWER SCHOOL SCIENCE

Students deepen their understanding and love for our Creator and His creation while engaging in active and meaningful learning experiences working within the areas of physical, earth, and life sciences at each grade level. Through hands-on activities and investigations, children develop increasing sophistication in their scientific thinking that builds from year to year. Students are taught to evaluate scientific learning through the creation, fall, and redemption narrative of the Bible. Classroom lessons are enriched through a variety of STEM activities that extend beyond the classroom.

Kindergarten

Units of Study:

- *Materials and Motion*
- *Trees and Weather*
- *Life Cycles*

First Grade

Units of Study:

- *Sound and Light*
- *Air and Weather*
- *Planets and Animals*

Second Grade

Units of Study:

- *Solids and Liquids*
- *Pebbles, Sand, and Silt*
- *Insects and Plants*

Third Grade

Unit of study:

- *Motion and Matter*
- *Water and Climate*
- *Structures of Life*

Fourth Grade

Units of study:

- *Physical Science – Energy and Matter*
- *Earth and Space Science*
- *Natural Disasters and Resources*

Fifth Grade

Units of Study:

- *Life Science – Cycles and Ecosystems*
- *Human Body – Balance and Wellness*
- *Earth Systems*

LOWER SCHOOL MATH

The math curriculum is intentionally designed to provide students with a purposeful progression of knowledge each year, building a strong and lasting mathematical foundation. Through varied instructional materials, hands-on tools, and effective strategies, students develop a deep understanding of key mathematical concepts, including operational and algebraic thinking; number and operations in base ten and fractions; measurement and data; and geometry. Instruction emphasizes active, engaging learning experiences that strengthen essential math skills while promoting logical reasoning, problem-solving, and clear communication. Through a biblical worldview, students are encouraged to recognize math as part of God's orderly and purposeful creation, developing accuracy, perseverance, and stewardship as they apply mathematical thinking to real-world situations.

Kindergarten

- *BJU Math*
- *Interactive and manipulative-based lessons*
- *Hands-on math centers/tubs*

First Grade

- *BJU Math*
- *Interactive and manipulative-based lessons*
- *Rocket Math program*

Second Grade

- *BJU Math*
- *Interactive and manipulative-based lessons*
- *Rocket Math program*

Third Grade

- *BJU Math*
- *Interactive and manipulative-based lessons*
- *Rocket Math program*

Fourth Grade

- *BJU Math*
- *Interactive lessons*
- *Rocket Math program*

Fifth Grade

- *BJU Math*
- *Interactive lessons*
- *Rocket Math program*

LOWER SCHOOL HISTORY

The social studies curriculum is designed to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and understanding necessary to become informed, responsible, and engaged citizens. Through the study of history, geography, civics, and culture, and through quality, literature-based units, students learn to understand their world at the local, national, and global levels. Instruction integrates biblical principles, encouraging students to view history as the unfolding of God's sovereign plan, recognize the value and dignity of all people, and develop discernment as they examine past events and their influence on the present and future.

Kindergarten

- *Self, family, and community*
- *Citizenship and character*
- *Basic economic concepts*
- *Change over time*
- *Introductory map skills*

First Grade

- *Historical thinking*
- *Geography and map skills*
- *Citizenship and community roles*
- *Foundational economic concepts*

Second Grade

- *Citizenship and government*
- *Timelines and historical figures*
- *Maps and symbols*
- *Economics*
- *Environmental awareness*

Third Grade

- *Local and state history*
- *Government and economics*
- *Thirteen Colonies*
- *American Revolution*

Fourth Grade

- *North Carolina history*
- *North Carolina's role in major historical events*
- *State symbols and landmarks*
- *Geography and map skills*

Fifth Grade

- *United States history (early 20th century to present)*
- *Geography and map skills*
- *Economics*
- *Structure and function of government*