

Grace Christian School

Elementary Course Descriptions

2025-2026



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Grace Christian School admits students of any race, sex, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at Grace Christian School. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, national or ethnic origin in administration of our educational policies, scholarship, and financial programs, athletic, and other administered programs.

Grace Christian School reserves the right to admit and retain students on the basis of academic performance, religious commitment of parents and students, philosophical compatibility, and a willingness to cooperate with the Grace administration and abide by the school's policies.

Elementary Schedules

Chapel	Each Wednesday, parents are always welcome to attend with their student(s). <u>K-4 Chapel:</u> 8:10-8:35 <u>5-8 Chapel:</u> 9:50-10:40
Lunch	40 minutes
Recess	Grades K-5, 35 minutes daily; Grade 6 3x week, 35 minutes
Art	Grades K-6, 1x weekly, 45 minutes
Computers	Grades 3-6, 1x weekly, 45 minutes (typing skills using typing.com)
Library	Grades K-5, 1 x weekly, 45 minutes *Library checkout times are available for 6th grade
PE	Grades K-5, 2x weekly 30 minutes; 6th grade 1x weekly, 45 minutes
Music	Grades K-5, 2x weekly, 30 minutes
Band/Ensemble	6th grade, 45 minutes daily

**Schedules vary by teacher/grade level and may change from year to year based on scheduling needs. Schedules will be provided by teachers at the beginning of the school year to parents.*

Bible Memory

Each grade level has assigned Bible verses that students will memorize and recite/write as a part of the curriculum and grades. Verses will be distributed to parents at the beginning of each school year in the back-to-school folder and assigned to students throughout the school year.

Reading Intervention

Our reading intervention program is provided to students who have been identified as needing additional support for reading fluency and/or comprehension by their classroom teachers using data and classroom observations. These students meet daily for 20 minutes in a small group setting with one of the reading interventionists. They use a variety of methods and strategies to work with students to improve their reading skills using SIPPS and Reading A-Z as instructional tools. Students are assessed weekly and may graduate from the program when they have met proficiency standards.

Instructional Support

Our instructional support teacher works closely with classroom teachers to identify strategies for students to be successful in their classrooms. Students are supported in their regular classrooms and are not pulled for small group instruction or taught alternative curriculums by this teacher.

Grace Christian School is not able to offer special education services or write or service IEP's or 504's. If students have testing completed (ADHD, Dyslexia, Speech/Language, NeuroPsych, etc.), parents are encouraged to meet with the instructional support teacher to ensure that the necessary information is communicated with the classroom teacher and the appropriate accommodations are in place for the student to be successful.

Grace Christian School is not able to provide any testing to students for identifying special needs or diagnose any educational/medical disabilities or exceptionalities. Teachers are welcome to fill out forms provided by medical professionals if parents are seeking testing by their providers.

Elementary Testing

Students in grades K-6 participate in three benchmark tests throughout the school year and one standardized test annually (typically the last week of April). Benchmark tests include reading fluency, accuracy, and comprehension and math skills. These tests provide the teachers with important data that is used to target student needs. The standardized test is used as a measure of student growth and achievement each spring. Grace Christian School uses the Iowa battery of tests for part of the benchmark assessments and the annual test each spring.

Testing dates will be communicated in advance and parents are provided with scores from each assessment.

Teaching Standards

Teaching standards are established guidelines that outline expectations for educators in terms of their professional knowledge, skills, and practices to ensure effective teaching and positive student outcomes. Grace Christian School does not follow one set of teaching standards; instead standards that we believe best ensure the expected educational outcomes for our students have been chosen from all over the country. Standards are frequently assessed by teachers and administration. These standards emphasize expected learning objectives rather than specific teaching methods, aligning with our commitment to instructing children through a biblical worldview in every daily lesson to honor God.

Kindergarten

Bible

The Young Reader's Bible; The Jesus Storybook Bible
Bible K, 3rd Ed (Purposeful Design Publications)

Throughout the year, students will develop an understanding that the Bible is God's Word by exploring familiar lessons from both the Old Testament and New Testament, emphasizing God's love. Kindergartners will delve into the unique creation each of us represents, themes of thankfulness, Christ's birth, and the impactful question of "What Would Jesus Do?". They will learn about the wisdom of the Psalms, the Christmas story, and the assurance that we are all in His hands. Each lesson, enhanced by Bible memorization and discussions, is a step towards a deeper connection with the divine.

Phonics/Reading

From Phonics to Reading, Level K, 1st Ed (Sadlier Publishing)

Quarter by quarter, students will explore the fundamentals of language, beginning with ABC Bootcamp, during which they learn letter recognition, sounds, and key words while integrating biblical principles such as Ephesians 4:11-12 and Psalm 119:11. Progressing through units, students will delve into phonemic awareness, letter formation, and decoding skills, all anchored in a biblical worldview. As they encounter literature, grammar, and writing, students will engage with God's Word, developing critical thinking skills and clear communication.

Writing

Step Up to Writing (Voyager Sopris)

Writing is modeled by the teacher with student participation with an emphasis on retelling and summarizing and sentence writing. Students work on opinion, informational, and personal narrative writing throughout the year.

Penmanship

Letters and Numbers for Me (Handwriting Without Tears, 2022)

In our Kindergarten program, students engage in learning capital and lowercase letters, numbers, words, and sentences, fostering good handwriting habits and cultivating strong writing skills.

Math

Math K5, 4th Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

Math K5 uses an interactive approach with manipulatives to build a foundation of math concepts. Lessons on number sense, addition and subtraction, time, money, and other skills are introduced. Students engage in daily hands-on and worktext exercises, progressively advancing from basic counting to practical applications of geometry and measurement. Lessons integrate biblical narratives, emphasizing God's design in mathematical order. Each chapter builds on the last, with regular reviews ensuring a comprehensive understanding of core mathematical principles. By the end of the year, students will have a strong foundation in math, setting the stage for ongoing academic success.

Science

Little Learners (Teacher Created Curriculum)

Kindergartners will explore the wonders of God's creation through their senses. Topics include the five senses, living and nonliving things, animal life cycles, seasons, weather, STEM, measurements, force and motion, plant growth, and matter. Each lesson emphasizes God's care for creation and the value and purpose of life as a reflection of God's design. Students will participate in field trips and hands-on STEM activities that will help them gain an understanding of sensory exploration, scientific principles, and a deep appreciation for God's intricate design in the world.

Social Studies (Teacher Created Curriculum)

Little Learners

Kindergartners will learn about fundamental citizenship and social skills. Topics include: friendship, classroom rules, conflict resolution, community helpers, maps and globes, veterans' honor, Thanksgiving traditions, the birth of Christ, Christmas customs, Martin Luther King Jr. 's legacy, and lessons from Presidents Washington and Lincoln. The curriculum underscores biblical principles like repentance (2 Chronicles 36:15), responsibility (Luke 13:1-9), love for others, and seeking God's guidance in leadership. Students will participate by completing a variety of activities and hands-on learning and field trips.

First Grade

Bible

Bible 1, 3rd Ed (Purposeful Design Publications)

This course explores key Bible verses and principles to foster spiritual and biblical growth in students. Topics include God's creation, the fall of man, attributes of God, provision of Christ, and essential values like faith, obedience, kindness, forgiveness, and trust in God's protection. Familiar Bible characters and events illustrate God's gifts, such as family, leaders, helpers, His Word, His Son, and His Church. Through activities, discussions, and assessments, students will apply Bible knowledge to everyday life, deepening their understanding of biblical concepts.

Phonics

From Phonics to Reading, Level A, 1st Ed (Sadlier Publishing)

First grade phonics covers short vowel sounds, blends, digraphs, and various vowel spellings. Biblical principles are integrated by emphasizing the gift of hearing from God and encouraging students to align their communication with truth. Students learn to distinguish vowel sounds, recognize diphthongs, and apply sound-spelling patterns.

Reading

Reading 1, 4th Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

First graders will begin to develop skills in reading, comprehension, and creative expression. Students will engage in a variety of activities including making predictions, identifying rhyming words, matching characters with actions, and reading sentences with varied voice expressions. Biblical principles such as obedience, kindness, and trust in God's control are explored. Through an array of exercises including drawing, inferencing, sequencing, and reading, students will not only enhance their language proficiency, but also cultivate critical thinking and creativity.

Writing

Step Up to Writing (Voyager Sopris)

Students will continue working toward building strong and complete sentences before moving into writing paragraphs.

Penmanship

My Printing Book (Handwriting Without Tears, 2022)

Students will review and enhance their printing abilities while reinforcing additional language skills, including grammar, paragraph writing, and the recognition of key word roots.

Math

Math 1, 4th Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

Students will learn about numerical concepts, spanning from counting sets of 0-10 objects, mastering addition and subtraction with 2-digit numbers, time-telling, money concepts, and geometric shapes. The curriculum integrates biblical principles, encouraging discussions on kindness, thankfulness, and serving others. Students will explore the Fruits of the Spirit, the promise of trusting in God, and utilize their mathematical knowledge to glorify God.

Science

Science 1, 4th Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

The first grade science curriculum offers a comprehensive exploration of God's creation. Students delve into plant life, identifying parts and functions of plants and emphasizing responsible resource use. The curriculum also covers the animal kingdom, addressing living and nonliving entities, animal needs, and God's design wisdom. Hands-on activities enhance learning. Celestial bodies, including the sun, moon, and stars, reinforce biblical concepts. Later units cover seasons, weather, and light, seamlessly integrating scientific principles with biblical truths.

Social Studies

Heritage Studies 1, 4th Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

First graders explore the biblical narrative, beginning with family and God's design, covering geography, family rules, traditions, inventions, and redemption. They study community dynamics, the roles of churches, government, citizens, and Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy. They learn about jobs, goods, services, and wise use of money, integrating biblical teachings on service and stewardship. Finally, they trace U.S. history, covering transportation, communication, key figures, and immigration, emphasizing technology's cultural impact. Activities, discussions, and assessments build a foundational understanding of social studies concepts from a biblical perspective.

Second Grade

Bible

Bible 2, 3rd Ed (Purposeful Design Publications)

This course guides second-grade students through a biblical journey, starting with foundational lessons from Genesis and emphasizing trust in God and applying His commands to daily life. Units cover themes like obedience, humility, service, courage, forgiveness, and generosity, integrating Bible verses and practical applications. Special units focus on the birth of the Savior and Easter, providing a comprehensive understanding of biblical principles. The course also highlights Bible heroes and their character traits, encouraging students to apply these teachings in their lives.

Phonics

From Phonics to Reading, Level B, 1st Ed (Sadlier Publishing)

Second-grade phonics focuses on foundational phonics skills, covering short vowels, closed syllables, consonant +le, blends, final e, long vowels, open syllables, vowel teams, r-controlled vowels, diphthongs, complex vowel /o/, and the six syllable types. Second grade objectives emphasize: meticulous spelling, inspired by the belief in the inerrant Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16), communication, that aligns with the principle that attention to detail in letters is crucial (Matthew 5:17), and reflection of God's precision (Matthew 12:33-37).

Reading

Reading 2, 3rd Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

This second-grade course, organized into four units, cultivates foundational reading and comprehension skills while integrating biblical principles. In "All God's Creatures," students predict story themes and explore literary elements, emphasizing connections to biblical teachings. "Hearts and Hands" focuses on character analysis, poetry creation, and the exploration of realistic fiction and fantasy, incorporating themes of love and humility from relevant Bible verses. "Memories to Keep" engages students in predicting events and exploring biographies, framed within the context of biblical themes. In "Precious Treasures," the course integrates mystery comprehension, map skills, and poetry interpretation, fostering connections between academic content and biblical teachings. Throughout the course, reading skills align with biblical values to instill a love for reading.

Writing

Step Up to Writing (Voyager Sopris)

In the 2nd-grade writing course, students utilize the Step Up to Writing program, focusing on specific writing strategies embedded in the writing process. The program emphasizes key stages such as pre-writing, drafting, revising, editing, creating a final copy, proofreading, and sharing. Specifically designed for informational and expository writing, the curriculum aligns with state standards, emphasizing informative/explanatory, opinion/argument, and narrative writing. Second graders will develop skills to organize their writing effectively, incorporating a structured beginning, middle, and end, empowering them to express their thoughts coherently through a systematic and engaging writing process.

Penmanship

Cursive Kickoff (Handwriting Without Tears, 2022)

Cursive Kickoff gives second grade students the opportunity to begin cursive instruction. After a quick review of print, lessons progress to teaching cursive letters in developmental groups based on formation.

English

English 2, 3rd Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

Second grade language arts focuses on foundational language skills, emphasizing the integration of biblical principles. Students learn to locate and understand various elements in a worktext, such as the title, contents page, and handbook. They explore the creation of language by God and the importance of effective communication. The course covers sentence structure, distinguishing between complete and incomplete sentences, and identifying parts of speech like nouns, pronouns, verbs, and adjectives. Throughout the course, biblical values are integrated, fostering a holistic approach to language development.

Math

Math 2, 5th Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

In second grade math, students cover addition and subtraction facts, place value, time, 2-digit and 3-digit addition/subtraction, data interpretation, measurement (customary and metric), multiplication, division, fractions, geometry, money, and math review. Integrated with biblical principles, the curriculum emphasizes practical problem-solving while connecting mathematics to real-world applications. The course explores God's promises to Abram (Genesis 13:16; 22:17), and reflects on the biblical principle of laying up treasures in heaven rather than on earth (Matthew 6:20).

Science

Science 2, 5th Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

In second grade science, students explore matter, states of matter, and changes in matter, investigating properties and classifications. They delve into force, motion, and matter movements, applying scientific inquiry skills. The course also covers plant and animal growth, habitats, and ecosystems, integrating biblical perspectives to connect scientific concepts to passages from Genesis, exploring God's creation and design. Ethical implications, such as building structures responsibly and understanding the effects of the Fall on plants, are discussed. The curriculum fosters a holistic understanding of science, encouraging students to apply biblical principles in their scientific explorations.

Social Studies

Heritage Studies 2, 4th Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

In second grade social studies, students explore communities, comparing past and present societies while integrating biblical principles. Emphasizing the Creation Mandate, biblical perspectives on work, and community values, students learn about family migration, research history, and understand the impact of historical communities. The curriculum covers government basics from a biblical worldview, addresses financial decisions and scarcity, and explores geographical factors influencing populations and natural disasters. Concluding with an overview of American culture, the course emphasizes core values, technology's impact, and Christians' responsibility in their culture, connecting topics to relevant Bible verses for a comprehensive understanding.

Spelling

Spelling 2, 2nd Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

Second grade spelling focuses on activities such as word sorting, word studies, proofreading, dictionary skills, and writing to strengthen spelling and communication skills. Thirty-two weekly spelling lists are included, and each list contains approximately 20 words.

Third Grade

Bible

Bible 3, 3rd Ed (Purposeful Design Publications)

The third-grade Bible curriculum offers a comprehensive exploration of biblical teachings. Students learn foundational verses, understand the Books of Moses, and grasp the importance of God's sovereignty. They cover principles related to salvation, the mind, purity, and willingness, and explore various Bible passages while learning to read timelines and maps. The course emphasizes trusting Christ as Savior, developing a godly mind, and witnessing for Christ. It includes engaging activities that reinforce Christian values and principles. Additionally, students study the life of Christ and the early Church.

Reading

Reading 3, 3rd Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

In this third grade reading course, students explore themes and develop vital reading skills. They predict unit themes from titles, find stories using the table of contents, and identify unknown words through the glossary. They practice recognizing main characters, inferring character traits, and explaining character changes. Engaging with poetry, students identify rhymes and participate in choral readings. Through activities, they compare and contrast characters, recognize first-person point of view, and create their poems. Emphasizing kindness, love, and respect, along with biblical truths, the curriculum covers genres like historical fiction, mystery, and biography, enhancing comprehension and analytical skills. Encouraging a love for reading, the course promotes independent reading, book-related activities, and sharing insights, fostering critical thinking, creativity, and a deep understanding of literary elements.

Writing

Step Up to Writing (Voyager Sopris)

In this third grade writing course, utilizing the Step Up to Writing program, students learn writing strategies across the entire writing process, from pre-writing to sharing. With a focus on informational and expository writing, the curriculum covers state standards, including informative/explanatory, opinion/argument, and narrative writing. Alongside mastering specific text types, students explore expressive writing through stories, poems, and reports. The course enhances vocabulary knowledge and teaches active revision and editing skills, empowering students to become proficient and expressive writers across various genres.

Penmanship

Cursive Writing (Handwriting Without Tears, 2022)

Cursive Writing allows third grades to easily transition from printing to cursive with fun, engaging warm-ups. Students cover cross-curricular lessons that focus on paragraphs, poems, and composition with incorporated letter review for words and sentences.

English

English 3, 3rd Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

English 3 combines grammar and writing skills in a student-friendly consumable book to provide students with the knowledge and practice they need to become clear verbal and written communicators. Students will gain a foundational knowledge of standard English and learn to effectively plan for and write opinion pieces, informative texts, and narratives. Teacher modeling, mentor texts, and independent practice help students master necessary writing and grammar skills.

Math

Math 3, 4th Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

In this third grade math course, students cover addition and subtraction facts, place values to 1,000,000, multiplication and division with 2 and 3 digit numbers, data interpretation, time and calendars, measurement, fractions, geometry, money, and decimals. They develop addition and subtraction strategies, multiplication and division facts, measurement skills, and more. Throughout the curriculum, biblical worldview truths are integrated, emphasizing math as a tool designed to aid people's work and showcasing God's intricate design in the world. The course includes assessments, instructional strategies, and resources for each unit to support effective learning.

Science

Science 3, 5th Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

In this third grade science course, students delve into weather and climate, exploring meteorological tools, cloud formation, the water cycle, and severe weather. They also study soil, rocks, minerals, and fossils, learning about earth's origin, soil composition, rock classification, and mineral properties. Additionally, the curriculum covers cells, tissues, organs, systems, animals, and ecosystems. The unit on electricity and magnetism emphasizes a biblical perspective on these concepts. Throughout the course, students integrate Scripture, understanding God's control over weather and creation, and embracing environmental stewardship.

Social Studies

Heritage Studies 3, 4th Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

In the third grade social studies course, students explore Africa, Europe, Asia, Oceania, North America, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America. Each region is examined through government, citizenship, environment, economics, culture, and religion. Students analyze the relationship between geography and culture, evaluating biblical principles in each region's context. The curriculum fosters critical thinking by comparing cultural practices, assessing governments, and examining Christianity's impact on global cultures within a biblical framework.

Spelling

Spelling 3, 2nd Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

Third grade spelling focuses on activities such as word sorting, word studies, proofreading, dictionary skills, and writing to strengthen spelling and communication skills. Thirty-two weekly spelling lists are included, and each list contains approximately 20 words.

Fourth Grade

Bible

Elementary Bible Grade 4, 3rd Ed (Purposeful Design)

In this enriching journey, our fourth grade students will delve into the profound truths and enduring relevance of God's Word, exploring its inspiration and reflecting on the attributes of God. The fascinating curriculum will lead them to grasp the concept of the Trinity, appreciate God's creation, and understand the essence of glorifying God. The students will uncover the intricacies of sin, its consequences, and the pivotal role of gratitude. Through dedicated study, they will delve into the life of Jesus, the profound concept of salvation through faith, and the transformative work of the Holy Spirit. Engaging topics like prayer, evangelism, stewardship, and the profound events of Easter will be explored. As the year concludes, students will reflect on eternity, Christ's imminent return, and the weighty topic of the final judgment. This curriculum serves as a robust foundation, nurturing a strong and well-informed Christian worldview.

Reading

Reading 4, 3rd Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

In our fourth-grade reading course, students explore various genres, develop reading skills, and engage with biblical teachings. They learn to identify key features in books, understand poetry elements, and analyze characters. The curriculum encourages critical thinking from a biblical worldview, integrates character development, and emphasizes cultural awareness. Through discussions, reflections, and creative projects, students deepen their understanding of literature and its connection to faith and life.

Writing

Step Up to Writing (Voyager Sopris)

The fourth-grade writing course, using the Step Up to Writing program, provides instruction in writing strategies across the entire writing process. Students focus on developing skills in informational and expository writing, emphasizing clear organization, detail, and command of written language. The curriculum includes narrative writing in prose and poem forms, 5-paragraph essays across narrative, opinion, and informative writing, and aims to enhance students' proficiency and creativity in writing.

Penmanship

Cursive Success (Handwriting Without Tears, 2022)

Students will develop cursive fluency with lessons that feature advanced language arts and cross-curricular activities. Review & Mastery pages help students practice their cursive handwriting while giving them opportunities to review letters and connections.

Spelling

Spelling 4, 2nd Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

Fourth grade spelling focuses on activities such as word sorting, word studies, proofreading, dictionary skills, and writing to strengthen spelling and communication skills. Thirty-two weekly spelling lists are included, and each list contains approximately 20 words.

English

English 4, 2nd Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

In fourth-grade English, students focus on essential language skills, distinguishing between complete sentences and fragments, and exploring different sentence types and structures. They develop narrative writing skills, from planning to publishing personal narratives, and gain proficiency in capitalization, pronouns, and verb tenses. The curriculum integrates biblical themes like God's promises and global missions, connecting language arts with broader worldview understanding.

Math

Math 4, 4th Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

In fourth-grade math, students delve into place value, money, decimals, and fractions, mastering operations like addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. They explore geometry, data interpretation, and measurement, including time, temperature, and Roman numerals. The curriculum progresses to more advanced topics like 2-digit multiplication and division, 3-dimensional figures, and algebraic concepts. Throughout, biblical truths underscore the idea that God is the source of order and truth in mathematics, enriching students' understanding with a Christian worldview.

Science

Science 4, 4th Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

In fourth grade science, students explore the intricate design of God's creation, recognizing how science concepts align with biblical principles. Lessons cover plants, animals, stars, and the solar system, with hands-on activities like modeling bird beaks and studying the human body's digestion process. The curriculum emphasizes God's provision and design in all aspects of creation, encouraging students to view science through a Christian worldview. Through these explorations, students deepen their understanding of God's love and wisdom in His creation.

Social Studies

Alaska History, *Teacher Created Curriculum*

In the Alaska Studies unit, fourth-grade students explore geography, ecosystems, history, and cultures with a biblical perspective. They learn about Alaska's climate zones as part of God's design, appreciate wildlife adaptability, and acknowledge Indigenous heritage. Through hands-on projects and critical thinking, students gain a comprehensive understanding of Alaska's heritage and reflect on cultural identity through biblical principles.

Fifth Grade

Bible

Elementary Bible Grade 5, 3rd Ed (Purposeful Design)

The fifth grade curriculum focuses on the authenticity of God's Word, distinguishing between general and special revelation. Scientific observations showcase God's special design, validating truths through the actions of Bible characters, fostering confidence in the unshakeable truth of Scripture. From Abraham's unwavering trust to transformative experiences of figures like Joseph and Moses, students navigate themes of obedience, forgiveness, and faith. Through narratives of Jacob, Samson, and Ruth, they grasp the nuances of choices, consequences, and loyalty. The curriculum explores Old Testament thank offerings, leaders like Deborah and Gideon, and the reigns of Kings Saul, David, and Solomon. Prophetic voices of Isaiah and Jeremiah resonate, emphasizing perseverance and God's faithfulness.

Reading

Reading 5, 3rd Ed (Bob Jones University Press); Various Novel Studies (varies by teacher and by year)

In fifth-grade literature, students explore various literary aspects while integrating biblical principles. Through lessons on classics like *Where the Red Fern Grows*, students connect titles to story content, identify settings, and analyze figurative language. Character analysis is emphasized, allowing students to explore positive traits, motives, and moments of irresponsibility. Students engage with poetry, reader's theater performances, and folktale evaluations for a comprehensive literary experience. Biblical integration guides students to evaluate characters' responses through a Christian lens, emphasizing truth, goodness, and beauty in literary analyses.

Writing

Step up to Writing (Voyager Sopris)

In fifth-grade writing, students engage with the Step Up to Writing program, focusing on strategies for the entire writing process. The curriculum emphasizes informational and expository writing, helping students organize their ideas effectively. Students build confidence in language arts skills, including spelling, grammar, punctuation, and reading comprehension. They learn to craft paragraphs and well-structured compositions with clear beginnings, middles, and ends, aiming for purposeful written expression.

Spelling

Spelling 5, 2nd Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

Fifth grade spelling focuses on activities such as word sorting, word studies, proofreading, dictionary skills, and writing to strengthen spelling and communication skills. Thirty-two weekly spelling lists are included, and each list contains approximately 20 words.

English

English 5, 2nd Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

In fifth grade English, students explore language and writing skills comprehensively. They identify and correct sentences, recognize complete subjects and predicates, and diagram sentence structures. The curriculum covers nouns, pronouns, possessive forms, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, and conjunctions. Students learn persuasive writing, planning, drafting, revising, and proofreading essays, including compare-contrast essays and persuasive letters. They also study poetry, using a thesaurus for descriptive words and creating poems. Biblical principles and Christian values are integrated throughout.

Math

Math 5, 4th Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

In fifth grade math, students engage with a curriculum blending mathematical principles with a biblical perspective. They explore number sense, decimals, whole numbers, positive and negative numbers, and geometry. The curriculum covers understanding 12-digit numbers, reading and writing decimals, and applying mathematical operations. Students delve into fractions, equations, and real-world math applications, aligning problem-solving with biblical principles. Geometry lessons highlight God's orderly design in shapes and patterns. The curriculum emphasizes values like stewardship, service, and recognizing God's design in the universe, with each chapter including biblical references to connect math understanding to a faith-based worldview.

Science

Science 5, 4th Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

The fifth-grade science curriculum merges scientific exploration with a Christian worldview. Students define and recognize worldviews, focusing on characteristics of a Christian worldview. Topics include Earth's layers, minerals and rocks, fossils and dinosaurs, matter, energy, heat, biomes, ecosystems, and sound. Each topic integrates biblical principles, emphasizing God's design and purpose in creation. Students discern truth from a biblical viewpoint and explore stewardship and responsibility. The curriculum encourages applying scientific knowledge in service and glorifying God through understanding His creation.

Social Studies

Heritage Studies 6, 4th Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

In fifth-grade social studies, students journey through ancient civilizations, exploring origins and biblical teachings. Topics include defending the Bible's historical reliability, analyzing primary and secondary sources, and historical essay writing. They explore civilizations like Mesopotamia, Egypt, Israel, India, China, Greece, Rome, and the Byzantine Empire. Emphasis is on critical thinking, hands-on activities, and understanding biblical connections.

Sixth Grade

Bible

Elementary Bible Grade 6, 3rd Ed (Purposeful Design)

exploring Creation, deciphering prophecies about Jesus, and delving into the New Testament narrative. They unravel God's redemptive covenants in the Old Testament, align their values with Christ's teachings in the Gospels, and witness the transformative power of the Holy Spirit in Acts. Through the epistles, they delve into themes of faith, unity, and relationships, culminating in Revelation's exploration of future events. Encouraged to embrace faith, embody love, and uphold truth, students form a robust foundation for their spiritual journey.

Reading

Novel Units: *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli; *Sing Down the Moon* by Scott O'Dell; *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Patterson

In our sixth grade reading course, students delve into thought-provoking novels like "Maniac Magee" by Jerry Spinelli, reflecting on themes of problem-solving, racial tension, and heroism. They analyze fiction elements, exploring protagonists, antagonists, settings, and plot structures, relating these themes to biblical perspectives on challenges and racial harmony. "Sing Down the Moon" by Scott O'Dell prompts discussions on decision-making's generational impact and literature's role in shaping worldviews. "Bridge to Terabithia" by Katherine Paterson explores bullying, friendships, and imagination's profound influence. Supplementary materials like the Adventures in Greatness Speed and Comprehension Reader by Abeka and the Read Theory online program enhance students' reading comprehension skills, focusing on key ideas and knowledge integration.

English

English 6, 2nd Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

Our sixth grade English course offers engaging activities to enhance language skills. Students master sentence structure by writing, identifying, and punctuating various sentence types. They learn to change sentence types, identify subjects and predicates, and combine sentences using compound structures. Diagramming skills are honed, and the use of conjunctions and semicolons in compound sentences is explored. Biblical integration underscores the importance of communication and honesty in writing. Students also develop planning, drafting, revising, and publishing skills through narrative and research reports.

Spelling

Spelling 6, 2nd Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

Sixth grade spelling is a comprehensive spelling program developed from the perspective of a Christian worldview. Throughout the text, the student is encouraged to apply spelling skills in order to produce accurate, God-honoring written communication.

Math

Big Ideas Math: Modeling in Real Life, 1st Ed (Cengage, 2022)

Our sixth grade math curriculum provides a strong foundation in key mathematical concepts. Students begin with numerical expressions and factors, applying order of operations to solve problems. This aligns with a biblical perspective on the order evident in God's creation (Job 38:1-38). As they progress, students master operations with fractions and decimals, explore rates and ratios, and engage with algebraic expressions and equations. Geometric concepts like area, surface area, and volume are also covered. Additionally, students develop skills in working with integers, understanding statistical measures, and constructing data displays. Through the integration of biblical principles, students recognize God's order in both mathematical principles and His creation, fostering critical thinking and problem-solving within a biblical framework.

Science

Science 6, 4th Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

In our sixth grade science curriculum, students explore diverse topics emphasizing the interconnectedness of scientific concepts. From plate tectonics to plant and animal diversity, hands-on activities and experiments enrich their learning. Aligned with the biblical worldview, the curriculum underscores God's unchanging nature amid evolving scientific ideas. Students delve into animal classification, plant characteristics, and reproductive processes, understanding God's design in creation. Through experiments, discussions, and biblical readings, students grasp their role as stewards. This integrated approach ensures scientific knowledge is viewed through the lens of biblical truths, affirming God as the Creator and sustainer of all things.

Social Studies

Heritage Studies 5, 4th Ed (Bob Jones University Press)

In our sixth grade social studies curriculum, students explore America's history, covering key periods like America's First People, European Exploration and Settlement, and The Civil War. Through engaging activities and discussions, students dive into Native American cultures, American independence, and the nation's growth. Biblical principles are integrated, emphasizing virtues, Christian values, and the significance of work. This holistic approach aims to give students a nuanced understanding of history while connecting them to God's guidance and principles throughout America's past.

Elementary Specials

Elementary K- 5 Music

Game Plan; An Active Music Curriculum (Kriske & Delelles; Published by KiD Sounds LLC)

In this K-5 music class, elementary students will cultivate a love for music while connecting with fundamental musical elements. Through worshipful expressions, students will engage with rhythms, melodies, harmonies, music forms, and timbre, actively participating in singing and playing instruments. The curriculum also includes exploration of music notes, reading music, and learning about composers. This course seeks to instill a deep appreciation for music while integrating biblical principles, harmonizing faith with the foundational principles of music theory.

6th Grade Ensemble

Teacher Created Curriculum

Sixth grade ensemble students will delve into musical exploration, learning to play instruments such as the ukulele, soprano recorder, handbells, and Orff instruments and learning choral repertoire. The curriculum integrates biblical principles, emphasizing values like unity, creativity, and the celebration of talents. Through collaborative music-making and exploration of various instruments, students will not only develop musical proficiency but also cultivate character traits rooted in biblical wisdom. This course seeks to create a harmonious and supportive musical community that celebrates the unique gifts of each student.

6th Grade Band

Teacher Created Curriculum

In this beginning sixth grade band course, students will begin a musical journey, learning the fundamentals of playing instruments and exploring the joy of collaborative music-making. The class integrates biblical principles, emphasizing values such as harmony, discipline, and the appreciation of diverse talents. Through the experience of creating music together, students will draw inspiration from biblical teachings on unity and the celebration of individual gifts.

Art, Grades K-6

Adventures in Art (Chapman)

In elementary art, students will embark on a colorful journey of self-expression and artistic exploration. The curriculum goes beyond the canvas, integrating biblical principles to inspire values such as gratitude and appreciation for God's creation. Students will engage in hands-on projects that encourage imagination and creativity.

Physical Education, Grades K-6

Teacher Created Curriculum

Throughout the school year, students will develop sportsmanship and teamwork in units covering physical testing, volleyball, football, basketball, frisbee, lacrosse, handball, badminton, paddles and balls, floor hockey, soccer, tee ball, and dance. The Physical Education (PE) curriculum, rooted in biblical principles, places a strong emphasis on values like respect, fair play, cooperation, and the recognition of individual strengths, with a growth mindset focus, while ensuring that students not only hone their physical skills but also cultivate virtues inspired by biblical teachings.

Computers, Grades 3-6

Yeti Academy

Students in grades 3-6 will develop their typing skills by progressing through various units and assessments on Yeti Academy, focusing on improving precision and speed. They will also gain experience using programs within Google Suite. This class integrates biblical principles (Proverbs 16:3; Colossians 3:23; James 1:4; Ephesians 5:15-16), emphasizing diligence and precision. It not only enhances typing proficiency and computer skills but also fosters character development, encouraging students to become responsible and effective communicators.

Library, Grades K-5

Teacher Created Curriculum

In elementary library, students will explore the fascinating world of literature, fostering a love of reading and critical thinking skills. This class is designed to instill values inspired by biblical principles, emphasizing virtues such as wisdom, kindness, and empathy found in various biblical teachings. Through engaging stories and discussions, students will not only enhance their literacy skills but also cultivate a character rooted in biblical wisdom.

**6th grade has checkout times available*