

Developing the 'Mind'...

ACSI Bible Curriculum Highlights

Repeated Themes Throughout All Levels:

1. God loves and cares for us. His heart's yearning is for our right relationship with Him. His intents and desires for us are gracious and good.
2. We must experience salvation to be in right relationship with God. Therefore, students must often hear the message of repentance, personal faith and acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord.
3. After salvation, God's desire for us is that we be conformed to the character of Jesus Christ. This involves a transformation of the mind and heart through the work of the Holy Spirit to both give us the desire and enable us to do the will of God.
4. A personal relationship with Jesus Christ is dynamic and life changing as a Christian is faithful to grow in knowledge and obedience to Him. Thus, there is a focus on personal Bible study, prayer, devotions, praise and worship as a means of growing this relationship.
5. While the inward "man" of the heart is of primary focus, ultimately the test of faith is in outward behavior. Therefore, students should be given many opportunities to apply Biblical knowledge to life problems experienced at their age levels. This theme of application must be evident in every lesson.
6. The Truth of God is revealed in His Word, the Bible. Therefore, the teaching of sound doctrine flows through every lesson. It is this knowledge of God and His works which establishes a solid foundation for life.
7. God has a heart for all people of the world. Therefore, missions and service are fundamental themes repeated throughout the curriculum. Students are taught that it is God's will that Christians learn to serve others and to share the good news of salvation in their homes, neighborhoods, and in the whole world.

Scope and Sequence

Kindergarten

Theme: God Loves Me

"The Kindergarten program focuses on the familiar children's stories of the Bible. From the stories of Creation, Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, David, Jesus and many others, students will appreciate the lives of famous heroes, who by example provide a foundation for living. Missions Mike travels to various parts of the world to report on the people and their customs as he encourages students to have hearts for the world."

Life Issues Addressed: Being obedient, honest, sharing with others, getting along with others, taking turns, being unselfish, telling the truth.

First Grade

Theme: God's Gifts to Me

"Familiar Bible stories are expanded into a theme of 'God's Gifts to Me' as students study how God gives gifts of the world, families, friends, leaders, salvation, the church and a way to live. Students are provided with a variety of colorful, innovative materials from which they make booklets, mobiles, baskets, puzzles, flash cards and much more."

Life Issues Addressed: Being honest, getting along with others, telling the truth, being obedient, taking turns, feeling that others are unfair.

Second Grade

Theme: God's Way to Live

"The content format changes as second-graders begin learning about Bible characters in two-and three-week units. Studying a different life scenario each week, they focus on character traits demonstrated throughout the Bible. For example in the study of Moses, students learn about humility, courage and diligence. Through the year they study thirty-six character traits from the lives of Bible characters and how to emulate these traits in their daily lives."

Life Issues Addressed: Being honest, selfishness, disobedience, getting along with others, tattling, feeling that others are unfair, self-esteem.

Third Grade

Theme: Christ and His Church

"Third-graders study the life of Christ, the book of Acts and missions. As students are personally guided through the Gospels they learn and apply principles from the messages, parables, miracles and life events of Jesus. Moving into Acts, students see the building of God's Church as the Gospel spreads through the missionary journeys of Paul and through famous missionaries of history. Students get a glimpse of famous Christians through the 'Portraits of Faith' biographies. Through 'Sword Searches,' students have opportunities to consider the teachings of Scripture in relations to real life problems."

Life Issues Addressed: Being honest, getting along with others, disobedience, feeling that others are unfair, influences of TV, selfishness, time management.

Fourth Grade

Theme: Christ and His Word

"Through randy "Sherlock" Holmes and his faithful companion, "Woofson," students begin the year with tools for Bible study and then tackle traditional doctrinal subjects masterfully prepared for their grade level. Some of the topics include God, His Word, Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Church, Salvation, Heaven, and Hell. Students not only gain an understanding of these doctrines but how the doctrine applies to them personally."

Life Issues Addressed: Being honest, getting along with others, self-esteem, time management, family dynamics, seeking acceptance, feeling that others are unfair.

Fifth Grade

Theme: Christ and My Choices

“Three strands of instruction occur in fifth grade: a survey or overview of the Old Testament; an in-depth study of the lives of various Bible characters presented in chronological order; and choices (good or bad) made by these characters which serve as examples for students as they make their own choices. These materials are magnificently woven together as they challenge students to examine their own decision making. Hymn studies, missionary stories and exciting adventures make this a comprehensive program.”

Life Issues Addressed: Being honest, seeking acceptance, self-esteem, feeling that others are unfair, getting along with others, influences of TV, being respectful of adults.

Sixth Grade

Theme: Learning to Live Out My Faith

“Through an in-depth study of the book of Acts, students will learn about living out their beliefs in the face of adversity and challenges. Students will be exposed to introductory methods of inductive Bible study and practice using spiritual disciplines such as scripture memorization, etc. A strong emphasis is placed on encouraging students live fully for Christ and to take the Christian faith on themselves, rather than simply accepting it as a “family tradition.”

Life Issues Addressed: Integrity, humility, service, responsibility, respect for others, self-control, perseverance.

Seventh & Eighth Grade

Theme: Preparing for a Life of Ministry

“Seventh and eighth grade students will learn the basic principles and tools of inductive Bible study, and become equipped in basic apologetics through addressing the most common issues/questions brought against the Bible and the Christian faith. Students will learn about their own spiritual gifts and how God desires to use them in ministering to others while experiencing the joy of service. An emphasis of the class will be discussion, projects, and activities centered on preparing to live actively for Jesus Christ.”

Life Issues Addressed: Integrity, humility, service, responsibility, respect for others, self-control, perseverance, forgiveness, grace, kindness.