

7th Grade Bible Curriculum Objectives:

Help students to:

- I. Possess a vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ
 - i. Take advantage of opportunities to either accept Jesus as their savior, or dedicate their lives to Him as completely as they know how.
 - ii. Provide salvation/rededication opportunities at least three times a year (in class, chapel, one-on-one).

- II. Be confident in their faith. Begin familiarizing themselves with a scriptural base of evidence they can trust.
 - a. Understand the basic fundamentals of the Christian faith.
 1. The inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible.
 - a. Inspiration (Handbook of Christian Truth (ch. 2)
 - i. Pragmatic test (Handbook, ch. 3)
 - ii. Fulfilled prophecy (Handbook, ch. 3)
 - iii. Historical evidence (Handbook, ch. 3)
 - b. Origins, Canonization, Translations (Handbook, ch. 1)
 2. The sole authority of God as creator and sustainer of the universe. (Handbook, ch.6; Basic Training, ch. 4).
 3. The absolute necessity of our need for a savior. (Handbook, ch. 12-16; Basic, ch. 5-6)
 4. The deity of Jesus Christ.
 - a. His virgin birth (Handbook, ch. 20; Training, ch.6)
 - b. His sinless life (Handbook, ch. 21)
 - c. His miracles (Handbook, ch. 22)
 - d. His death (Letters from a Skeptic, ch. 16; Basic Christianity, ch. 7)
 - e. His resurrection (Handbook, ch.23; Basic, ch. 4; Training, ch. 8-9)
 - f. His ascension (Handbook, ch. 24)
 5. The atoning death and the redeeming resurrection of Christ. (Handbook, ch.23-24; Training, ch. 8-9)
 6. The role and work of the Holy Spirit.
 - a. Who is the Holy Spirit? (Handbook, ch. 8; Training, ch. 11)
 - b. What is the role and purpose of the Holy Spirit? (Handbook, ch. 8)
 - c. How does the Holy Spirit work through us? (Handbook, ch. 8)
 7. The resurrection of the saved and the lost and the existence of eternal life. (Handbook, ch. 50-51; Training, ch. 13)

- III. Continue developing their general, overall knowledge of the Bible.
 - a. Read the New Testament.
 - b. Memorize the book titles of the Old and New Testaments.

- c. Memorize passages of scripture weekly.
- d. Understand the connection between the New and the Old Testaments.
- e. Experience seeing the applicability of scripture to their lives through studying and over viewing the events and teachings of the New Testament.

IV. Become equipped for a life of ministry.

- a. Possess a Christian world-view.
 - 1. Work on recognizing and minimizing the control of self-centered thoughts.
 - 1. Work on replacing selfish attitudes with a heart for others.
 - 2. Begin seeing the wide spectrum of opportunities to glorify God and share His love with others.
 - a. Service projects
 - b. Service hours for class credit
- b. Develop habits in the primary spiritual disciplines - reading, prayer, worship, and scripture memorization.
 - a. NT Bible reading
 - b. Weekly prayer requests, A.C.T.S., conversation prayer.
- c. Begin familiarizing themselves with using reference tools to assist in finding meaning and information in the scriptures.
 - i. Concordance exercises.
 - a. Intro. Assignment
 - b. Verse “pooling” Assignments
- d. Gain experience in using basic, inductive study techniques.
 - i. Observation (Living By the Book, ch. 5-7, 8-9,13,15,19-25)
- e. Learn to apply the principle of finding and trusting the truths of the Bible over simply falling back on the “wisdom” of man.
 - i. Model it daily – always ask, “How do you know that? Where does it say that in the Bible?”