



Country Christian School

**Curriculum
Guide**

Kindergarten through Eighth Grade

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Kindergarten

Language Arts

Abeka & Bob Jones University

Phonics and Reading - *Letters and Sounds*

This Bible based curriculum and supplemental materials develop phonemic awareness and students are taught to recognize and blend vowels and consonants in all word positions. Students are taught to decode words through the use of phonetic rules and word families. Instruction includes the recognition and decoding of vowels, consonants, blends, r-controlled vowels, long vowels, diagraphs and double vowels. Students are also taught to fluently read “sight words,” or common irregular words. This comprehensive curriculum includes weekly readers that reinforce phonics instruction and help to build retention, comprehension, and fluency. Students complete practice worksheet activities and participate in games and songs to reinforce learning.

Universal Publishing

Handwriting - *Universal Handwriting: Beginning Manuscript*

Trace and write manuscript basic strokes, uppercase and lowercase letters and numerals; traceable words and sentences reinforce proper letter formation and spacing

Poetry

Seasonal and other poems

Science

Abeka

Plants

God's Plan for Seeds

Health and Human Biology

God's Plan for Me

Animals

God's Plan for Animals

God's Plan for the Seashore

Earth and Space

God's Plan for Weather

God's Plan for Seasons

Arithmetic

Bob Jones University

Math K

Learn to count to 100 by 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's; recognize and write ordinal numbers and positional vocabulary. Read and write numbers to 100, compose and decompose numbers, add and subtract to ten; make measurements, tell time to the hour and half hour. Identify and count pennies, nickels, dimes and dollars. Days of the week, months of the year, seasons and learn to read a calculator. Know, recognize, and name two and three-dimensional shapes. Understand equal parts and parts of a whole. This curriculum models new math concepts through the use of manipulatives and promotes interactive learning with questions and hands-on group activities. Mathematical reasoning and computational fluency are encouraged, and concepts are built and reviewed systematically to promote fluency.

Social Studies

Abeka

My Home

My Community

Passport Club

My Country America: Our Great Country

(landforms, famous Americans, and places)

My World

Bible

Abeka

The Kindergarten program focuses on the familiar children's stories of the Bible. From the stories of creation, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Jesus and many others, students will appreciate the lives of famous heroes, who by example provide a foundation for living and character development.

Weekly Bible memory verses.

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First Grade

Language Arts
Bob Jones University & Abeka

Phonics (Abeka) and Reading (BJU)
Review of vowels, consonants, blends, one and two vowel words, consonant blends
Recognition and use of blends, digraphs, phonograms
Reading for evidence
Syllable emphasis, word family practice, vocabulary
Oral reading, poetry, reading comprehension skills
Silent reading skills
Chapter books, Bible reading
Spelling
Spelling rules: doubling consonants, dropping silent e, changing y to i
Weekly phonics-based word list
Weekly test with phonics
Reinforcement activities
High frequency words

Language (Abeka)

Capitalization of first word in a sentence, proper names, days of the week, and months of the year
Correct punctuation at the end of sentences
Recognition of complete sentences
Words using suffixes, prefixes, syllables, compound words, rhyming words, opposite words, same meaning words, and contractions
Alphabetizing of words
Writing complete sentences, short stories, and paragraph w/supporting sentences

Universal Publishing

Handwriting - Universal Handwriting: Reinforcing Manuscript
Trace and write manuscript basic strokes, letters and numerals. Word and sentence models encourage proper letter and word spacing.

History and Geography
Abeka

This Is My America	My America Grows	My America's Flag
First Thanksgiving	My America Talks	My America's Freedoms
My America Is Beautiful	Symbols of My America	My America Sings
Great People of America	Community Helpers	
Passport Club - Levels 1-2 - the study of seven continents, four oceans, and varied countries		

Science
Bob Jones University

Life Science: Plants and animals
Our Bodies: The human body, care for the human body
Physical Science: Light energy, sound energy, communicating with light and sound
Earth and Space Science: The earth and its light, seasons, weather

Health, Safety, Manners
Abeka

<i>Health</i>	<i>Safety</i>
Eating good foods	At home and away from home
Exercising, rest, posture	On streets, playgrounds, water
Care of body, clothes, home	<i>Manners</i> — At home, school, church, public

Arithmetic
Bob Jones University

Math 1
Identify and count objects to 150; write numbers to 130; addition facts, subtraction facts to 12; double digit addition and subtraction; place value, sets of objects; data, graphing, tallies, comparing data; money - determining value of sets of coins, identify coins, count by 5's and 10's; time and calendar; fractions - equal parts, half, fourths, fair share; geometry - plane figures, attributes of shapes, solid figures; measurements - length, height and temperature.

Bible
Deep Roots

Emphasis: Creation - Promised Land
Deep Roots cycles through the Bible every two years in chronological order, with the first year concentrating on the Old Testament and the second year on the New Testament. Lessons are added to a timeline to continually connect current and past learning.
Weekly Bible memory verses.

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Second Grade

Language Arts
Bob Jones University

Phonics and Reading

Review of vowels, vowel patterns based on syllables and specific patterns such as oi, oo and er
Recognition and use of all forty-four sounds
Spelling rules: doubling consonants, dropping silent e, changing y to i
Reading different genres

Spelling

The lessons expand all the skills learned in first grade, especially the concepts of alternate spellings for exclamations, and short stories basic sounds. Learn basic spelling principles by adding simple suffixes and expanding skills to words of two or more syllables.
Weekly spelling lists

Universal Publishing

Handwriting - *Universal Handwriting: Mastering Manuscript & Introduction to Cursive*

Review the manuscript alphabet and begin to learn cursive basic strokes, letters, joinings, and numerals; cursive joining models to help students understand how letters connect

History and Geography
Abeka

Our Flag
Our Patriotic Holidays
Our Songs
Biographies of Famous Americans
Passport Geography Club

The People Who Built America
The Separatists
America's Indians
The Colonists
America's Pioneers
America's Cowboys

Science
Bob Jones University

Life Science: Plants, vertebrates, invertebrates, and habitats
Physical Science: Energy, light and heat
Human Body: Five senses
Earth Science: Weather and ocean

Arithmetic
Bob Jones University

Math 2
Addition and subtraction facts; time and calendars; data/graphs; money, fractions; geometry; place value with four digits; customary and metric measurements; addition and subtraction with up to three digits; introduction to multiplication and division.

Bible
Deep Roots

Emphasis: The Gospels
Deep Roots cycles through the Bible every two years in chronological order, with the first year concentrating on the Old Testament and the second year on the New Testament. Lessons are added to a timeline to continually connect current and past learning.
Weekly Bible memory verses.
Books of the Bible

Language

Capitalization of first word in a sentence, days of the week, months of the year, special holidays, people, and places
Correct punctuation at the ends of sentences
Words using suffixes, prefixes, abbreviations, compound words, rhyming words, opposite words, same-meaning words, singular and plural words, singular possessive words, and contractions
Alphabetizing words, dictionary skills and Thesarus skills
Word usage rules
Writing a letter, make-believe story, description, instructions, poetry, book report and research report

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Third Grade

Language Arts
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Reading & Poetry

Oral reading
Reading comprehension

Spelling

The main emphasis at this grade level is to 1) solidify sound-letter relationships including basic alternate spellings; 2) employ more visual strategies in learning to spell; 3) expand the difficulty of the words to several syllables; and 4) use the spelling words in context. The exercises for third grade have stronger emphasis on the use of words in context, understanding definitions, and developing dictionary skills.
Weekly spelling lists

Universal Publishing

Handwriting - *Universal Handwriting: Beginning Cursive*
Cursive basic strokes, letters, joinings, and numerals

Language

Writing Process
Complete sentences and paragraphs
Punctuation and capitalization rules, outlining
Creative writing, friendly letters
Expository writing using Step Up To Writing

Grammar

Recognition of simple nouns, subjects, verbs,
Increasing vocabulary adjectives
Word usage
Forming plurals and common contractions
Recognition of antonyms, homonyms, synonyms
Dictionary skills
Recognition of possessive nouns
Beginning cursive writing
Recognition of prefixes, suffixes, and root/base words

History and Geography
Abeka

Continents and oceans of the world
Study of world geography
Study of our American heritage through the lives of great people from Columbus through the Civil War era
Abraham Lincoln
Clara Barton
Columbus

Ben Franklin
George Washington
Thomas Jefferson
Daniel Boone
Noah Webster
Robert E. Lee
U.S. Grant
Pocahontas
Miles Standish

John Smith
Squanto
William Penn
Laura Ingalls Wilder
Shasta County
A study of the history of Shasta the gold rush through the early 1900's

Passport Club

Science
Bob Jones University

The Solar System
Soil, Rocks, Minerals and Fossils
Plants
Warm Blooded Animals
Matter and Sound

Weather and Climate
Cells, Tissues, Organs, and Systems
Cold Blooded Animals
Ecosystems
Forces and Motion

Electricity and Magnetism

Arithmetic
Bob Jones University

Math 3
Compare and order numbers; identify place value; identify and complete patterns; solve routine and non-routine problems; master all basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts; divide by single-digit divisors; picture, name, and order fractions; add and subtract fractions with common denominators; measure to the nearest quarter inch, millimeter, foot and yard; measure perimeter and area; tell time to the minute; determine elapsed time; count money; make change for a dollar; identify lines of symmetry; solve basic algebraic equations

Bible
Deep Roots

Emphasis: Israel
Deep Roots cycles through the Bible every two years in chronological order, with the first year concentrating on the Old Testament and the second year on the New Testament. Lessons are added to a timeline to continually connect current and past learning.
Weekly Bible memory verses.
Tabernacle unit

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Fourth Grade

Language Arts
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Reading and Literature

Oral reading
Reading comprehension
Vocabulary building
Assigned novels

Spelling

The exercises at this grade level focus more on visual memory, word sorting, word study, proofreading, dictionary skills, writing application activities
Weekly spelling lists
Cursive writing

Language

Writing Process

Sentence structure; kinds of sentences
Punctuation; capitalization facts
Abbreviations; possessive words
Letters — business, friendly, post cards, thank you notes
Gathering information
Writing with detail
Writing encyclopedia and book reports
Creative writing
Improve listening and speaking skills

Grammar

Recognizing and using all eight parts of speech
Diagramming verbs, nouns, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs
Correctly using troublesome words

Universal Publishing

Handwriting - *Universal Handwriting: Reinforcing Cursive*

Review the cursive basic strokes, letters, joinings, and numerals; longer cursive writing activities help students begin to write more quickly and fluently

History and Geography
ETC Publications

Our Golden California

Where is California?
The First Californians
Explorers and Their Impact on California
Spanish Rule
Mexican Rule

The Arrival of the Americans
Gold!
Statehood
Government and Industry
Our Golden California
Passport Club

Science
Bob Jones University

Life Science: Stability - Design of Life; Order of Life; Diversity of Life; System of Life

Physical Science: Energy

Energy and Heat; Light and Sound; Motion and Force; Matter and Its Uses

Earth and Space Science: Balance

The Lithosphere; The Hydrosphere; The Atmosphere; The Universe

Human Body: Wellness - Body Systems I; Body Systems II

Arithmetic
Bob Jones University

Math 4

Place value; money; add and subtract whole numbers; fractions; multiplication and division facts; decimals; one and two digit multipliers; geometry - plane figures; one and two digit divisors; customary measurement and time; fraction adding and subtracting; metric measurement; geometry three dimensional figures; pre-algebra

Bible
Deep Roots

Emphasis: Acts and the Early Church

Deep Roots cycles through the Bible every two years in chronological order, with the first year concentrating on the Old Testament and the second year on the New Testament. Lessons are added to a timeline to continually connect current and past learning.

Weekly Bible memory verses.

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Fifth Grade

Language

Arts

Bob Jones

University

Reading and Literature

Oral reading

Reading comprehension

Vocabulary building

Assigned novels

Spelling

The skills presented at this grade level include the review spelling generalizations with a special focus on exceptions.

There is particular emphasis on synonyms, antonyms, and homonyms. Many exercises relate to vocabulary development, use of words in context, studies of word origins, parts of speech.

Weekly spelling and vocabulary lists.

Language

Writing Process

Sentences and sentence parts

Punctuation, capitalization, and quotation facts

Synonyms, antonyms, homonyms

Dictionary, Thesaurus skills

Letters-business, friendly, post cards, thank you notes

Making an outline

Writing a library research paper and book reports

Creative writing

Grammar

Recognizing, diagraming and using all eight parts of speech

Recognizing and diagraming complements

Word usage

Handwriting

Universal

Publishing

Universal Handwriting: Mastering Cursive

Review the cursive basic strokes, letters, joinings, and numerals; extended cursive writing activities help students improve their writing speed and fluency

History

and

Geography

Abeka

Advanced map studies

Geography facts, including the 50 states and capitals

Memorize important documents

Years of Discovery

The First Americans

The English Come to America

New England Colonies

Colonial America

Great Awakening

French and Indian War

American War for Independence

Building a New Nation

Our Nation Grows

Civil War

Middle and Southern Colonies

New Frontiers

An Age of Progress

Passport Club

Science

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University

Earth: Layers of the earth, soil, minerals, rocks, fossils, layers of atmosphere, weather

Space: Space technology

Energy: Heat, sound, light

Life Science: Dinosaurs, biomes, ecosystems

Matter: Measuring matter, states of matter, physical changes, atoms and molecules, mixtures

Human Body: Respiratory system, circulatory system

Arithmetic

Bob Jones

University

Math 5

Reviews and expands all of the mathematical content introduced in grade 4 in an integrated basic mathematics course. The emphasis on problem solving continues as students learn to apply tools and techniques to real mathematical situations through word problems. Includes whole number concepts and computation, mental computation, patterns and functions, measurement, and statistics and probability. Work w/ fractions, mixed numbers, decimals, and geometry is significantly expanded. Students are introduced to percentages, negative numbers and algebraic expressions.

Bible

Deep

Roots

Emphasis: The Divided Kingdom

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Weekly Bible memory verses.

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Sixth Grade

Language Arts

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Literature

Reading comprehension, accuracy, fluency, expanded vocabulary, core novels, elements of a story

Spelling, Vocabulary

Derivational suffixes
Latin and Greek roots & derivatives

Writing

Steps of the writing process, editing
Avoiding fragments and run-on sentences
Writing a research report, persuasive writing, instructional writing, personal narrative, historical fiction, comparison contrast writing, limericks and free verse poems
Giving a live demonstration in class

Grammar

Complex sentences, clauses, direct and indirect objects, irregular verbs, possessive nouns, pronouns, prepositional phrases, using adjectives and adverbs, appositives

History and Geography

Bob Jones University

Heritage Studies 6/Ancient Civilizations

Ancient civilizations in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas.

Geographical terms, landforms, reading various types of maps
Introduction to Economics

Science

Bob Jones University

Earth: Earthquakes, volcanoes, weathering and erosion, soil, natural resources

Space: Stars, solar system

Living Things: Cells and classification, animal and plant classification, plant and animal reproduction, genetics

Human Body: Nervous and immune system

Physical Science: Motion, energy, chemistry

Arithmetic

Bob Jones University

Math 6

The 6th-grade math textbook provides practice and direct application for all math concepts students will learn. Students will use what they have learned in lessons from the Math 6 teacher's edition to think critically about how to use math and how to reason with math. Students will find STEM lessons that follow the engineering design process as well as a variety of engaging illustrations and pictures that help them better understand how to use math to solve real-world problems. The following concepts are covered: whole numbers, decimals, fractions, geometry, equations and expressions, perimeter, area and volume, ratios, proportions and percents, measurement, statistics, integers, and probability.

Bible

The Book of John

Throughout the school year, each student will write the entire book of John on a scroll. As we work through the book of John, we use several study methods: The expositional method, studying the book of John verse by verse, using observation, interpretation, and application. The survey method: investigating subjects like the author, writing style, and themes. The biographical method: investigating individual people in the book. And the devotional method: meditating on the words as we write them.

Bible Memory Verse

Bible Reading

Bible Study Methods

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Seventh Grade

Language Arts
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Grammar
Capitalization rules
Punctuation rules
Kinds of sentences and diagramming
Eight parts of speech and their uses
Sentence structure
Research paper

Composition
Outlining
Summaries
Creative writing; Letter writing
Expository writing; Persuasive writing

Vocabulary, Spelling - A Beka
Weekly spelling lessons
Vocabulary lessons

Literature
Reading stories for enjoyment
Assigned novels, vocabulary building
Accelerated Reader tests
Essays on assigned novels
Public speaking
Memorization

History and Geography
Bob Jones University

World Studies
Foundations: Creation - 800
Changes and Development in the Cultures of the World; 1000 - 1650
Dominant Powers in Europe and Asia; 145 - 1750
The Revolutionary Age; 1750 - 1900
The 20th Century and Beyond; 1900 - Present

Science
Bob Jones University

Life Science
Characteristics and Classification of Life
Cell Structure and Activities
Heredity and the Origin of Life
The Human Body and Body Systems

Genetics of Organisms
The Environment
Health and Nutrition

Arithmetic
Bob Jones University

Fundamentals of Math Grade 7
Reviews foundational math concepts from elementary math and dives into middle school math concepts. Students will review whole numbers, decimals, integers, fractions, measurements, and geometry, and they will extend their knowledge of square roots, exponents, algebraic expressions, equations and inequalities, percentages, functions, probability, surface area and volume, and statistics.

Bible

7th grade will be studying Biblical topics through scripture memorization, writing assignments and projects. Explore the following topics in a practical learning style: friendship, The Screw Tape Letters by C.S. Lewis, truth - what is truth?, fruit of the Spirit, and the armor of God.

Bible memory verses

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Eighth Grade

Language Arts
Bob Jones University

Grammar
Capitalization rules
Punctuation rules
Eight parts of speech and their uses
Sentence structure
The library and research paper

Composition
Creative writing
Summaries
Paragraphs
Expository and narrative

Vocabulary, Spelling - ABeka
Vocabulary lessons
Weekly spelling lessons
Public speaking
Memorization

Literature
Reading stories for enjoyment
Assigned novels, vocabulary building
Accelerated Reader tests
Essays on assigned novels
Public speaking
Memorization

History and Geography
Bob Jones University

The American Republic
The Constitution - In depth study of the Constitution
Settling a Wilderness
Establishing a Nation
Spanning a Continent
The Great Awakenings
Civil War
Reconstruction

Industrialism
World War I
World War II
The Rise of Big Government
Cold War

Science
Bob Jones University

Earth Science
Matter, Forces, Energy
Maps
Earth's Origin
Geological Features - such as earthquakes, volcanoes

Rocks and Minerals
Fossils
Soil and Erosion

Earth's Oceans
Atmosphere and Weather
Climate and Climate Change
Solar System and Stars

Arithmetic
Bob Jones University

Pre-Algebra
Algebraic expressions and linear equations are applied throughout a thorough review of operations on integers, fractions, decimals, percents, and radicals. Students explore relations and functions using equations, tables, and graphs. Chapters on statistics and geometry extend foundational concepts in preparation for high school courses.

Bible

8th grade will be studying Biblical topics through scripture memorization, writing assignments and projects. Explore the following topics in a practical learning style: friendship, The Screw Tape Letters by C.S. Lewis, truth - what is truth?, fruit of the Spirit, and the armor of God.

Bible memory verses