

# WELS Theology Curriculum - Elementary Bible Accounts

Grade 1

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OLD TESTAMENT	
Biblical Account (working titles)	
<b>Unit 1: In the Beginning</b>	
Core	1 The Creation of All Things
Core	2 The Creation of People
Core	3 The Fall into Sin and God's Promise
	4 Cain and Abel
Core	5 The Flood
<b>Unit 2: The Life of Abraham</b>	
Core	6 God's Call and Covenant with Abraham
	7 God Promises Abraham a Son
	8 God Tests Abraham's Faith
<b>Unit 3: The Life of Jacob</b>	
	9 Jacob and Esau
Core	10 Jacob's Flight and Vision
<b>Unit 4: The Life of Joseph</b>	
Core	11 Joseph in Canaan
	12 Joseph, Ruler in Egypt
Core	13 Joseph Makes Himself Known
<b>Unit 5: Egyptian Captivity and Deliverance</b>	
	14 The Birth of Moses
Core	15 The Flight and Call of Moses
	16 Pharaoh Disobeys God
Core	17 The Passover
Core	18 God Delivers His People at the Red Sea
<b>Unit 6: God's People in the Wilderness</b>	
	19 God Feeds His People in the Desert
Core	20 The Ten Commandments
	21 The Golden Calf
	22 The Twelve Spies
Core	23 The Bronze Snake
<b>Unit 7: God's People and the Promised Land</b>	
	24 Rahab and the Spies
	25 The Fall of Jericho
<b>Unit 8: The Time of the Judges</b>	
	26 The Israelites Turn Away from God
	27 Gideon
Core	28 Ruth
	29 Hannah and Samuel
<b>Unit 9: The Early Kings of Israel</b>	
	30 Saul Serves God as King
	31 Saul Turns Away from God
Core	32 David Serves God
	33 Absalom Sins against His Father
	34 Solomon Becomes King
<b>Unit 10: Prophets of God</b>	
	35 Ahab and Elijah
	36 Jonah and the People of Nineveh
	37 Isaiah and King Hezekiah
<b>Unit 11: Exile and Return</b>	
Core	38 Three Men and the Fiery Furnace
	39 Daniel and the Lion's Den
	40 The Jews Return to Judah and Worship God

NEW TESTAMENT	
Biblical Account (working titles)	
<b>Unit 12: The Early Life of Jesus</b>	
Core	41 Gabriel Announces the Births of John and Jesus
	42 The Birth of John the Baptist
Core	43 The Birth of Jesus
	44 Simeon and Anna See Jesus
Core	45 The Wise Men and Escape to Egypt
<b>Unit 13: The Early Ministry of Jesus</b>	
Core	46 The Baptism of Jesus (Ministry of John)
Core	47 The Temptation of Jesus
Core	48 Jesus Calls the Disciples
	49 The First Miracle of Jesus
<b>Unit 14: The Miracles of Jesus</b>	
	50 Jesus Heals the Official's Son
	51 Jesus Heals the Centurion's Servant
	52 Jesus Brings Jairus' Daughter Back to Life
	53 Jesus Calms the Storm
	54 Jesus Feeds 5,000 People
	55 Jesus Heals the Ten Lepers
<b>Unit 15: Jesus Ministers to Many</b>	
	56 Jesus and Nicodemus
	57 Jesus' Sermon on the Mount
Core	58 Jesus' Transfiguration
	59 Jesus Welcomes the Children
	60 Jesus, the Good Shepherd
<b>Unit 16: Jesus Teaches about Eternity</b>	
	61 The Weeds and the Wheat
	62 The Great Banquet
	63 The Wise and Foolish Women
<b>Unit 17: Jesus Teaches about Forgiveness, Mercy, and Grace</b>	
	64 The Unforgiving Servant
Core	65 The Lost Son
<b>Unit 18: Jesus Teaches about Life in His Kingdom</b>	
	66 The Pharisee and the Tax Collector
	67 The Widow's Offering
<b>Unit 19: Holy Week</b>	
Core	68 Jesus Brings Lazarus Back to Life
Core	69 Jesus Rides into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)
Core	70 Jesus in the Upper Room (Holy Thursday)
Core	71 Jesus in Gethsemane (Holy Thursday)
Core	72 Jesus on Trial and Peter's Denial (Holy Thursday)
Core	73 Jesus' Crucifixion (Good Friday)
Core	74 Jesus' Death and Burial (Good Friday)
<b>Unit 20: Jesus, Our Risen and Ascended Lord</b>	
Core	75 Jesus' Resurrection (Easter Sunday)
	76 Jesus Appears to the Disciples
Core	77 Jesus Ascends into Heaven
<b>Unit 21: Go Into All the World</b>	
Core	78 Pentecost
	79 Philip and the Ethiopian Man
Core	80 Saul's Conversion
	81 Peter and Cornelius

***A Few Notes to Highlight...***

The new theology program is designed to move chronologically through both Old and New Testament biblical accounts each year, where two lessons (biblical accounts) are focused on each week.

Educators have flexibility in moving Unit 12: Nativity Stories and Unit 19: Holy Week to follow the church-year calendar. They also have the flexibility to adjust the pacing of Unit 19: Holy Week lessons to be one lesson (biblical account) per day so that those lessons can better align with church worship.

Core lessons contain biblical accounts and teachings that clearly connect to God's plan of salvation or show how that plan is being furthered.

Core lessons are designed to be taught every year so that our students, whether returning or new-to-our-schools, consistently return to the Bible accounts that clearly connect to God's plan of salvation.

The remaining biblical accounts have been scoped and sequenced for grades 1 - 5 in a chronological order from Old Testament to New Testament each year. This scoping and sequencing over the early and late elementary years has been crafted so that students study the 147 total biblical accounts multiple times.