

WELS Theology Curriculum - Elementary Bible Accounts

Grade 3

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OLD TESTAMENT	
Biblical Account (working titles)	
Unit 1: In the Beginning	
Core	1 The Creation of All Things
Core	2 The Creation of People
Core	3 The Fall into Sin and God's Promise
Core	4 The Flood
Unit 2: The Life of Abraham	
Core	5 God's Call and Covenant with Abram
	6 God Promises Abraham a Son
	7 God Tests Abraham's Faith
Unit 3: The Life of Jacob	
	8 Jacob and Esau
Core	9 Jacob's Flight and Vision
Unit 4: The Life of Joseph	
Core	10 Joseph in Canaan
	11 Joseph in Egypt
	12 Joseph, Ruler in Egypt
Core	13 Joseph Makes Himself Known
	14 The Deaths of Jacob and Joseph
Unit 5: Egyptian Captivity and Deliverance	
	15 The Birth of Moses
Core	16 The Flight and Call of Moses
	17 The Plagues
Core	18 The Passover
Core	19 God Delivers His People at the Red Sea
Unit 6: God's People in the Wilderness	
	20 God Feeds His People in the Desert
Core	21 The Ten Commandments
	22 The Golden Calf
	23 The Day of Atonement
	24 The Twelve Spies
Core	25 The Bronze Snake
Unit 7: God's People and the Promised Land	
	26 Rahab and the Spies
	27 The Fall of Jericho
Unit 8: The Time of the Judges	
	28 The Israelites Turn Away from God
Core	29 Ruth
	30 Eli and His Wicked Sons
Unit 9: The Early Kings of Israel	
	31 Saul Serves God as King
	32 Saul Turns Away from God
Core	33 David Serves God
	34 The Deaths of Saul and Jonathan
	35 David Sins
Unit 10: Prophets of God	
	36 Ahab and Elijah
	37 Elijah and Elisha
	38 Jonah and the People of Ninevah
	39 Job
Unit 11: Exile and Return	
Core	40 Three Men and the Fiery Furnace
	41 Daniel and Belshazaar
	42 Daniel and the Lion's Den
	43 Esther

NEW TESTAMENT	
Biblical Account (working titles)	
Unit 12: The Early Life of Jesus	
Core	44 Gabriel Announces the Births of John and Jesus
	45 The Birth of John the Baptist
Core	46 The Birth of Jesus
	47 Simeon and Anna See Jesus
Core	48 The Wise Men and Escape to Egypt
Unit 13: The Early Ministry of Jesus	
Core	49 The Baptism of Jesus (Ministry of John)
Core	50 The Temptation of Jesus
Core	51 Jesus Calls the Disciples
Unit 14: The Miracles of Jesus	
	52 Jesus Heals the Centurion's Servant
	53 Jesus Raises Jairus' Daughter
	54 Jesus Calms the Storm
	55 Jesus Heals the Blind Man
	56 Jesus Heals the Ten Lepers
Unit 15: Jesus Ministers to Many	
	57 Jesus and the Samaritan Woman
	58 Jesus' Sermon on the Mount
Core	59 Jesus' Transfiguration
	60 Jesus Welcomes the Children
Unit 16: Jesus Teaches about Eternity	
	61 The Great Banquet
	62 The Rich Man and Lazarus
	63 The Wise and Foolish Women
Unit 17: Jesus Teaches about Forgiveness, Mercy, and Grace	
Core	64 The Lost Son
	65 The Workers in the Vineyard
	66 The Good Samaritan
Unit 18: Jesus Teaches about Life in His Kingdom	
	67 The Sower and the Seed
	68 The Pharisee and the Tax Collector
	69 The Talents
Unit 19: Holy Week	
Core	70 Jesus Brings Lazarus Back to Life
Core	71 Jesus Rides into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)
Core	72 Jesus in the Upper Room (Holy Thursday)
Core	73 Jesus in Gethsemane (Holy Thursday)
Core	74 Jesus on Trial and Peter's Denial (Holy Thursday)
Core	75 Jesus' Crucifixion (Good Friday)
Core	76 Jesus' Death and Burial (Good Friday)
Unit 20: Jesus, Our Risen and Ascended Lord	
Core	77 Jesus' Resurrection (Easter Sunday)
	78 Jesus on the Road to Emmaus
	79 Jesus Appears to the Disciples
Core	80 Jesus Ascends into Heaven
Unit 21: Go Into All the World	
Core	81 Pentecost
	82 Philip and the Ethiopian Man
Core	83 Saul's Conversion
	84 Peter and Cornelius
	85 Peter in Prison

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.