

WELS Theology Curriculum - Elementary Bible Accounts

Grade 4

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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
	4 Cain and Abel
Core	5 The Flood
	6 The Tower of Babel
Unit 2: The Life of Abraham	
Core	7 God's Call and Covenant with Abram
	8 Abram and Lot
	9 Isaac and Rebekah
Unit 3: The Life of Jacob	
Core	10 Jacob's Flight and Vision
	11 Jacob and Laban
	12 Jacob Returns Home
Unit 4: The Life of Joseph	
Core	13 Joseph in Canaan
	14 Joseph, Ruler in Egypt
	15 The Journey of Joseph's Brothers
Core	16 Joseph Makes Himself Known
Unit 5: Egyptian Captivity and Deliverance	
Core	17 The Flight and Call of Moses
	18 Pharaoh Disobeys God
Core	19 The Passover
Core	20 God Delivers His People at the Red Sea
Unit 6: God's People in the Wilderness	
	21 Water from Rock and Victory in Battle
Core	22 The Ten Commandments
	23 God's Rule for Worship
	24 Korah's Rebellion
Core	25 The Bronze Snake
	26 Balaam
Unit 7: God's People and the Promised Land	
	27 God's People Enter the Promised Land
	28 Achan's Sin
	29 God Gives His People the Promised Land
Unit 8: The Time of the Judges	
	30 Gideon
	31 Samson
Core	32 Ruth
	33 Hannah and Samuel
Unit 9: The Early Kings of Israel	
Core	34 David Serves God
	35 Jonathan's Friendship
	36 David's Kindness to Saul
	37 Solomon Becomes King
	38 The Idolatry of Solomon and Jeroboam
Unit 10: Prophets of God	
	39 Elijah and Elisha
	40 The Shunammite Woman
	41 Isaiah and King Hezekiah
Unit 11: Exile and Return	
Core	42 Three Men and the Fiery Furnace
	43 The Jews Return to Judah and Worship God

NEW TESTAMENT	
Biblical Account (working titles)	
Unit 12: The Early Life of Jesus	
Core	44 Gabriel Announces the Births of John and Jesus
Core	45 The Birth of Jesus
Core	46 The Wise Men and Escape to Egypt
	47 Jesus is Brought to the Temple
Unit 13: The Early Ministry of Jesus	
Core	48 The Baptism of Jesus (Ministry of John)
Core	49 The Temptation of Jesus
Core	50 Jesus Calls the Disciples
	51 The First Miracle of Jesus
Unit 14: The Miracles of Jesus	
	52 Jesus Heals the Official's Son
	53 Jesus Raises the Young Man from Nain
	54 Jesus Feeds 5,000 People
Unit 15: Jesus Ministers to Many	
	55 Jesus and Nicodemus
	56 Jesus Rejected in Nazareth
Core	57 Jesus' Transfiguration
	58 Jesus and the Rich Young Ruler
	59 Jesus and Zacchaeus
Unit 16: Jesus Teaches about Eternity	
	60 The Weeds and the Wheat
	61 The Wedding Clothes
Unit 17: Jesus Teaches about Forgiveness, Mercy, and Grace	
Core	62 The Lost Son
	63 The Workers in the Vineyard
	64 The Wicked Renters
Unit 18: Jesus Teaches about Life in His Kingdom	
	65 The Pharisee and the Tax Collector
	66 The Talents
	67 Paying Taxes to Caesar
Unit 19: Holy Week	
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)
Unit 20: Jesus, Our Risen and Ascended Lord	
Core	75 Jesus' Resurrection (Easter Sunday)
	76 Jesus and Doubting Thomas
Core	77 Jesus Ascends into Heaven
Unit 21: Go Into All the World	
Core	78 Pentecost
	79 Peter and John Heal a Lame Man
	80 Stephen Serves God
Core	81 Saul's Conversion
	82 God's Church Grows in Cyprus
	83 Unbelievers Oppose Paul's Work
	84 Paul Begins His Second Missionary Journey
	85 Paul Goes to Macedonia

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.