

WELS Theology Curriculum Guiding Principles (Infancy - 5K) & Standards (1st - 12th Grades): Confident Witnesses

Picture of a Graduate Statement: CONFIDENT WITNESSES who are able to clearly, logically, and passionately defend and communicate the hope they have in Jesus to an unbelieving world.

	Infants	Toddlers	3K	4K	5K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	MS Grade 6	MS Grade 7	MS Grade 8	HS (9-10)	HS (11-12)
<b>Learning Intention</b>	<b>Guiding Principles</b>					<b>Standards</b>									
<b>Knowledge Acquisition: Reason for Being a Confident Witness</b>	<b>Hear</b> important truths about Jesus. CW1.i-t	<b>Hear</b> important truths about Jesus. CW1.i-t	<b>State</b> all the things they know about Jesus. CW1.3k-4k	<b>State</b> all the things they know about Jesus. CW1.3k-4k	<b>State</b> what they know about Jesus and his great commission. CW1.5k	<b>Identify</b> important Biblical truths about Jesus' redemptive work and the great commission. CW1.1	<b>Identify and describe</b> important biblical truths about Jesus' redemptive work and the great commission. CW1.2-3	<b>Identify and describe</b> important biblical truths about Jesus' redemptive work and the great commission. CW1.2-3	<b>Summarize</b> important biblical truths about Jesus' redemptive work and the great commission to develop an understanding of their reason for the hope they have and their call to share it. CW1.4-5	<b>Summarize</b> important biblical truths about Jesus' redemptive work and the great commission to develop an understanding of their reason for the hope they have and their call to share it. CW1.4-5	<b>Examine</b> a Christian's reason for the hope they have and their call to share it by examining biblical accounts, figures, and passages and by reflecting on their own abilities and opportunities to witness. CW1.6-7	<b>Examine</b> a Christian's reason for the hope they have and their call to share it by examining biblical accounts, figures, and passages and by reflecting on their own abilities and opportunities to witness. CW1.6-7	<b>Explain</b> a Christian's reason for the hope they have and their call to share it by incorporating biblical accounts and passages with increasing ability and by identifying their own abilities and opportunities to witness. CW1.8-10	<b>Explain</b> a Christian's reason for the hope they have and their call to share it by incorporating biblical accounts and passages with increasing ability and by identifying their own abilities and opportunities to witness. CW1.8-10	<b>Demonstrate</b> their reason for the hope they have and their call to share it as preparation to be a confident witness, using their unique abilities to make the most of every opportunity to witness. CW1.11-12
<b>Skill Acquisition: Building Understanding of and Relationships with Others</b>	<b>Hear</b> how God created all people uniquely and are in need of a Savior. CW2.i-t	<b>Hear</b> how God created all people uniquely and are in need of a Savior. CW2.i-t	<b>Recognize</b> God created all people uniquely and are in need of a Savior. CW2.3k	(with teacher guidance) <b>Discuss</b> how God created all people uniquely and are in need of a Savior. CW2.4k-5k	(with teacher guidance) <b>Discuss</b> how God created all people uniquely and are in need of a Savior. CW2.4k-5k	<b>Discuss</b> the varied backgrounds of people in order to share God's Word with them. CW2.1	<b>Describe</b> the varied backgrounds of people in order to share God's Word with them. CW2.2	<b>Identify, discuss, and develop</b> basic communication skills with a mission mindset. CW2.3-4	<b>Identify, discuss, and develop</b> basic communication skills with a mission mindset. CW2.3-4	<b>Develop</b> the skills to openly listen and to respectfully respond with a mission mindset. CW2.5	<b>Develop</b> skills to openly listen and to respectfully respond. CW2a.6-7	<b>Develop</b> skills to openly listen and to respectfully respond. CW2.6-7	<b>Articulate</b> a mission mindset that exhibits self-awareness and awareness of others and builds relationships for the purpose of sharing the gospel. CW2.8-10	<b>Articulate</b> a mission mindset that exhibits self-awareness and awareness of others and builds relationships for the purpose of sharing the gospel. CW2.8-10	<b>Analyze</b> interpersonal communication skills and <b>demonstrate</b> self-awareness and awareness of others with a mission mindset to effectively share the gospel with people from diverse backgrounds. CW2.11-12
<b>Integration: Preparation to Communicate with Others (Apologetics)</b>	Determined to not be developmentally appropriate prior to grade 1.					<b>Discuss</b> biblical accounts that contend with false worldviews, values, and teachings in order to communicate the hope in Jesus. CW3.1-2	<b>Discuss</b> biblical accounts that contend with false worldviews, values, and teachings in order to communicate the hope in Jesus. CW3.1-2	<b>Describe</b> biblical accounts that contend with false worldviews, values, and teachings, in order to communicate the hope of Jesus. CW3.3	<b>Identify</b> teachings contrary to those in the Bible and <b>state</b> God's truth in order to communicate hope in Jesus. CW3.4	<b>Identify</b> key concepts of worldviews, values, and teachings contrary to those in the Bible and <b>state</b> God's truth in order to communicate hope in Jesus. CW3.5	<b>Identify</b> approaches to address worldviews, values, and teachings contrary to those in the Bible in order to select appropriate ways to communicate the hope of Jesus. CW3.6	<b>Engage</b> in counterpoints presented by worldviews, values, and teachings contrary to those in the Bible to develop appropriate ways to communicate the hope of Jesus. CW3.7-8	<b>Engage</b> in counterpoints presented by worldviews, values, and teachings contrary to those in the Bible to develop appropriate ways to communicate the hope of Jesus. CW3.7-8	<b>Formulate</b> responses to a variety of worldviews, values, and teachings that will proclaim or defend Jesus to an unbelieving world. CW3.9-12	<b>Formulate</b> responses to a variety of worldviews, values, and teachings that will proclaim or defend Jesus to an unbelieving world. CW3.9-12
<b>Application: Practice Proclaiming and Witnessing (Evangelism)</b>	<b>Hear</b> other people sharing the hope they have in Jesus. CW4.i-t	<b>Hear</b> other people sharing the hope they have in Jesus. CW4.i-t	(with teacher guidance) <b>Practice telling</b> friends about Jesus. CW4.3k	(with teacher guidance) <b>Practice</b> with increasing ability <b>telling</b> friends and family about Jesus. CW4.4k	<b>Practice</b> with increasing ability <b>telling</b> friends and family about Jesus. CW4.5k	<b>Describe</b> a biblical account about Jesus with a classmate or friend and its importance to their life of faith. CW4.1-2	<b>Describe</b> a biblical account about Jesus with a classmate or friend and its importance to their life of faith. CW4.1-2	<b>Witness</b> your faith in Jesus by connecting a biblical account with a personal application. CW4.3	<b>Witness</b> your faith in Jesus by connecting a biblical account to a modern day application. CW4.4	<b>Witness</b> your faith in Jesus by connecting a biblical account or passage to a modern day application. CW4.5	<b>Select and rehearse</b> appropriate strategies of witnessing with increasing complexity, based on various modern day applications. CW4.6-8	<b>Select and rehearse</b> appropriate strategies of witnessing with increasing complexity, based on various modern day applications. CW4.6-8	<b>Select and rehearse</b> appropriate strategies of witnessing with increasing complexity, based on various modern day applications. CW4.6-8	<b>Demonstrate</b> the ability to speak about personal hope in Jesus with people of all backgrounds in a variety of settings. CW4.9-10	<b>Demonstrate</b> the ability to proclaim and defend personal hope in Jesus with people of all backgrounds in a variety of settings. CW4.11-12