

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

Picture of a Graduate Statement: DISCERNING DISCIPLES who distinguish and apply God's law and gospel faithfully in all areas of their life.

	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)
Learning Intention	Guiding Principles					Standards									
Acquisition: Law and Gospel	Continuum for Developmentally Appropriate Practices					<b>Recognize and express</b> God's Word as truth in both Law and Gospel. DD1.1-2	<b>Recognize and express</b> God's Word as truth in both Law and Gospel. DD1.1-2	<b>Examine</b> God's Word as truth in both Law and Gospel through provided Biblical accounts and passages. DD1.3	<b>Examine</b> God's Word as truth, categorizing provided Bible passages that illustrate the truths of law and gospel. DD1.4	<b>Examine</b> God's Word as truth, categorizing both provided and self-selected Bible passages that illustrate the truths of law and gospel. DD1.5	<b>Examine</b> God's Word as truth, differentiating between justification and sanctification by applying the appropriate use of law and gospel. DD1.6	<b>Examine</b> God's Word as truth, applying justification, sanctification, and the appropriate use of law and gospel to the life of a disciple of Christ. DD1.7	<b>Examine</b> God's Word as truth, analyzing the Biblical teachings of sanctification, justification, and law and gospel to create an accurate description of what it means to be a disciple of Christ. DD1.8-10	<b>Examine</b> God's Word as truth, analyzing the Biblical teachings of sanctification, justification, and law and gospel to create an accurate description of what it means to be a disciple of Christ. DD1.8-10	<b>Examine</b> God's Word as truth, assessing and applying an accurate description of what it means to be a disciple of Christ in the areas of sanctification, justification, and law and gospel to one's own life. DD1.11-12
Understanding: God's Truth, Worldviews, & Other Teachings	<b>Hear</b> biblical accounts where people did and did not remain faithful to God's truths. DD2.1-i-t	<b>Hear</b> biblical accounts where people did and did not remain faithful to God's truths. DD2.1-i-t	<b>Retell</b> biblical accounts where people did and did not remain faithful to God's truths. DD2.3k-4k	<b>Retell</b> biblical accounts where people did and did not remain faithful to God's truths. DD2.3k-4k	<b>Identify</b> people in biblical accounts who did or did not remain faithful to God's truths. DD2.5k	<b>Identify and discuss</b> the blessings of remaining faithful to God's truths and consequences of not remaining faithful. DD2.1-2	<b>Identify and discuss</b> the blessings of remaining faithful to God's truths and consequences of not remaining faithful. DD2.1-2	<b>Compare and contrast</b> the blessings of remaining faithful to God's truths with the consequences of not remaining faithful. DD2.3	<b>Recognize and discuss</b> the difference between God's truth and false worldviews, comparing and contrasting biblical values with values promoted in society. DD2.4-5	<b>Recognize and discuss</b> the difference between God's truth and false worldviews, comparing and contrasting biblical values with values promoted in society. DD2.4-5	<b>Identify</b> false worldviews, values, and teachings promoted in society and other religions; <b>explain</b> how they can threaten one's relationship with God. DD2.6-7	<b>Identify</b> false worldviews, values, and teachings promoted in society and other religions; <b>explain</b> how they can threaten one's relationship with God. DD2.6-7	<b>Apply</b> the Bible's teachings to a variety of false worldviews, values, and teachings in order to be prepared to give an answer and respond. DD2.8-10	<b>Apply</b> the Bible's teachings to a variety of false worldviews, values, and teachings in order to be prepared to give an answer and respond. DD2.8-10	<b>Evaluate</b> various false worldviews, values, and teachings in light of God's Word to distinguish truth from error in order to be prepared to give an answer and respond. DD2.11-12
Application: Biblical Discernment	<b>Hear</b> biblical accounts about being a disciple of Jesus. DD3.i-t	<b>Hear</b> biblical accounts about being a disciple of Jesus. DD3.i-t	<b>Hear</b> what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. DD3.3k	(with teacher guidance) <b>Discuss</b> living as a faithful disciple of Jesus. DD3.4k	(with teacher guidance) <b>Discuss and practice</b> living as a faithful disciple of Jesus. DD3.5k	<b>Discuss</b> the difference between living as a faithful disciple of Jesus and living as one who follows worldly ideas. DD3a.1-5	<b>Discuss</b> the difference between living as a faithful disciple of Jesus and living as one who follows worldly ideas. DD3a.1-5	<b>Discuss</b> the difference between living as a faithful disciple of Jesus and living as one who follows worldly ideas. DD3a.1-5	<b>Discuss</b> the difference between living as a faithful disciple of Jesus and living as one who follows worldly ideas. DD3a.1-5	<b>Discuss</b> the difference between living as a faithful disciple of Jesus and living as one who follows worldly ideas. DD3a.1-5	<b>Articulate</b> the difference between living as a faithful disciple of Jesus and living as one who follows worldly ideas. DD3a.6-7	<b>Articulate</b> the difference between living as a faithful disciple of Jesus and living as one who follows worldly ideas. DD3a.6-7	<b>Develop</b> skills to articulate and explain faithful discipleship of Jesus in everyday life. DD3a.8	<b>Develop</b> skills to articulate and explain faithful discipleship of Jesus in everyday life and to universally apply law and gospel. DD3a.9-10	<b>Incorporate</b> law and gospel in practical ways that demonstrate discipleship in everyday life and toward all people, while preserving biblical truths and doctrinal unity. DD3.11-12
						<b>Practice</b> fruit of the Spirit in everyday life with God's Word as a guide. DD3b.1-2	<b>Practice</b> fruit of the Spirit in everyday life with God's Word as a guide. DD3b.1-2	<b>Demonstrate</b> fruit of the Spirit toward all people by using God's Word as a guide instead of worldly ideas. DD3b.3-6	<b>Demonstrate</b> fruit of the Spirit toward all people by using God's Word as a guide instead of worldly ideas. DD3b.3-6	<b>Demonstrate</b> fruit of the Spirit toward all people by using God's Word as a guide instead of worldly ideas. DD3b.3-6	<b>Demonstrate</b> fruit of the Spirit toward all people by using God's Word as a guide instead of worldly ideas. DD3b.3-6	<b>Demonstrate</b> fruit of the Spirit toward all people, while preserving biblical truths and doctrinal unity. DD3b.7-10	<b>Demonstrate</b> fruit of the Spirit toward all people, while preserving biblical truths and doctrinal unity. DD3b.7-10	<b>Demonstrate</b> fruit of the Spirit toward all people, while preserving biblical truths and doctrinal unity. DD3b.7-10	