

## WELS Theology Curriculum Guiding Principles (Infancy - 5K) & Standards (1st - 12th Grades): HUMBLE CHRISTIANS

PoG Statement: HUMBLE CHRISTIANS who recognize their sin, rely on God's forgiveness through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, and live in gospel freedom and peace.

	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)
Guiding Principles						Standards									
Continuum for Developmentally Appropriate Practices															
<b>Acquisition: Sin Causes a Broken Relationship with God</b>	Tell them they are a sinner and need Jesus.	<b>Recognize</b> they are sinful and need of a Savior.	<b>Recognize</b> they are sinful and need of a Savior.	<b>Express</b> they are sinful and need a Savior.	<b>Express</b> they are sinful and need a Savior.	<b>Express</b> sin in self and the world and the need for a Savior.	<b>Identify</b> sin in self and the world, recognizing that a Savior is needed.	<b>Identify</b> sin in self and the world, recognizing that a Savior is needed.	(with teacher guidance) <b>Describe</b> how the devil, the world, and the sinful nature work to separate people from God and how a Savior is needed.	<b>Describe</b> how the devil, the world, and the sinful nature work to separate people from God and how a Savior is needed.	<b>Describe</b> the sinful desires prompted by the devil, the world, and the sinful nature and explain how all three work against faith in Jesus Christ.	<b>Describe</b> the sinful desires prompted by the devil, the world, and the sinful nature and explain how all three work against faith in Jesus Christ.	<b>Describe</b> the sinful desires prompted by the devil, the world, and the sinful nature and explain how all three work against faith in Jesus Christ.	<b>Analyze</b> personal struggles, prompted by the devil, the world, and the sinful nature, and how they work against faith in Jesus Christ.	<b>Evaluate</b> the personal impact the devil, the world, and the sinful nature have in the life of a Christian and how they work against faith in Jesus Christ.
<b>Understanding: Christ's Redemptive Work Restores Relationship with God</b>	Tell them that Jesus is their loving and forgiving Savior.	<b>Identify</b> and <b>name</b> Jesus.	<b>Identify</b> and <b>name</b> Jesus as their loving and forgiving Savior.	<b>Identify</b> and <b>name</b> Jesus as their loving and forgiving Savior.	<b>Identify</b> and <b>name</b> Jesus as their loving and forgiving Savior.	<b>Identify</b> ways that show trust in Jesus Christ as their loving and forgiving Savior.	<b>Identify</b> ways that show trust in Jesus Christ as their loving and forgiving Savior.	<b>Describe</b> ways that show trust in Jesus Christ as their loving and forgiving Savior.	<b>Describe</b> ways that show trust in Jesus Christ as their loving and forgiving Savior.	<b>Explain</b> how Jesus Christ's redemptive work changes their personal relationship with God.	<b>Explain</b> how Jesus Christ's redemptive work changes their personal relationship with God.	<b>Connect</b> Jesus Christ's redemptive work to the specific, personal change it has on their relationship with God.	<b>Connect</b> Jesus Christ's redemptive work to the specific, personal change it has on their relationship with God.	<b>Articulate</b> the restorative impact that Jesus Christ's redemptive work has on every aspect of their personal relationship with God.	<b>Articulate</b> the restorative impact that Jesus Christ's redemptive work has on every aspect of their personal relationship with God.
<b>Integration: Christ's Redemptive Work</b>	Tell them stories from the Bible illustrating Jesus' perfect love and forgiveness.	<b>Participate</b> in retelling biblical accounts that illustrate Jesus' love, forgiveness, and sacrifice.	<b>Participate</b> in retelling biblical accounts that illustrate Jesus' love, forgiveness, and sacrifice.	<b>Retell</b> biblical accounts that illustrate Jesus' love, forgiveness, and sacrifice.	<b>Retell</b> biblical accounts that illustrate Jesus' love, forgiveness, and sacrifice.	<b>Retell</b> biblical accounts, including an increasing complexity of details, that illustrate Jesus' redemptive work.	<b>Retell</b> biblical accounts, including an increasing complexity of details, that illustrate Jesus' redemptive work.	<b>Retell</b> biblical accounts, including an increasing complexity of details, that illustrate Jesus' redemptive work.	<b>Summarize</b> biblical accounts and identify biblical truths from those accounts that illustrate Jesus Christ's redemptive work.	<b>Summarize</b> biblical accounts and identify biblical truths from those accounts that illustrate Jesus Christ's redemptive work.	<b>Identify</b> and <b>summarize</b> biblical truths from provided biblical accounts, lessons, and passages that demonstrate Jesus Christ's redemptive work.	<b>Identify</b> biblical truths from provided biblical accounts, lessons, and passages that demonstrate Jesus Christ's redemptive work and <b>apply</b> them to their life as a redeemed child of God.	<b>Identify</b> biblical truths from provided biblical accounts, lessons, and passages that demonstrate Jesus Christ's redemptive work and <b>apply</b> them to their life as a redeemed child of God.	<b>Analyze</b> the application of biblical truths within their everyday life, focusing on how a humble Christian now lives as a redeemed child of God.	<b>Incorporate</b> biblical truths within their everyday life to demonstrate how a humble Christian lives as a redeemed child of God.
<b>Application: Assurances from New Identity</b>	Tell them they are a forgiven child of God.	<b>Demonstrate</b> they are a forgiven child of God.	<b>Demonstrate</b> their value and identity as a baptized child of God.	<b>Demonstrate</b> their value and identity as a baptized child of God.	<b>Demonstrate</b> their value and identity as a baptized child of God.	<b>Identify</b> gospel freedom and peace in their life that comes from being a baptized child of God.	<b>Identify</b> and <b>describe</b> gospel freedom and peace in their life that comes from being a baptized child of God.	<b>Identify</b> and <b>describe</b> gospel freedom and peace in their life that comes from being a baptized child of God.	<b>Demonstrate</b> personal understanding of gospel freedom and peace in their life that comes from being a baptized child of God.	<b>Demonstrate</b> personal understanding of gospel freedom and peace in their life that comes from being a baptized child of God.	<b>Describe</b> and <b>explain</b> the personal significance of gospel freedom and peace in their life that comes from being a baptized child of God.	<b>Describe</b> and <b>explain</b> the personal significance of gospel freedom and peace in their life that comes from being a baptized child of God.	<b>Articulate</b> personal significance of gospel freedom and peace in their life that comes from being a baptized child of God.	<b>Articulate</b> personal significance of and appreciation for gospel freedom and peace in their life that comes from being a baptized child of God.	<b>Declare</b> personal significance of and appreciation for gospel freedom and peace in their life that comes from being a baptized child of God.