

**WELS Theology Curriculum Guiding Principles (Infancy - 5K) & Standards (1st - 12th Grades): LIFELONG LEARNERS**

**Picture of a Graduate Statement: LIFELONG LEARNERS who grow in their historical and doctrinal knowledge of God's Word.**

	<i>Infants</i>	<i>Toddlers</i>	<i>3K</i>	<i>4K</i>	<i>5K</i>	<i>Grade 1</i>	<i>Grade 2</i>	<i>Grade 3</i>	<i>Grade 4</i>	<i>Grade 5</i>	<i>MS Grade 6</i>	<i>MS Grade 7</i>	<i>MS Grade 8</i>	<i>HS (9 - 10)</i>	<i>HS (11 - 12)</i>
	<b>Guiding Principles</b>														
<b>Learning Intention</b>	<b>Continuum for Developmentally Appropriate Practices</b>					<b>Standards</b>									
<b>Knowledge Acquisition: Bible History</b>	<b>Listen</b> to biblical accounts from the Old and New Testaments. LL1.i-t	<b>Listen</b> to biblical accounts from the Old and New Testaments. LL1.i-t	(with teacher guidance) <b>Retell</b> biblical accounts from the Old and New Testaments. LL1.3k	(with teacher guidance) <b>Retell</b> biblical accounts and <b>identify</b> details from the Old and New Testaments. LL1.4k	<b>Retell</b> biblical accounts and <b>identify</b> details from the Old and New Testaments. LL1.5k	<b>Identify</b> important events and people in the Old and New Testaments that are part of the plan of salvation. LL1.1	<b>Summarize</b> key events and figures in the Old and New Testaments that relate to God's plan of salvation. LL1.2-3	<b>Summarize</b> key events and figures in the Old and New Testaments that relate to God's plan of salvation. LL1.2-3	<b>Explain</b> the relationships between key events and figures in the Old and New Testaments related to God's plan of salvation. LL1.4-5	<b>Explain</b> the relationships between key events and figures in the Old and New Testaments related to God's plan of salvation. LL1.4-5	<b>Analyze</b> biblical accounts and passages from the Old and New Testaments to determine how they play a role in God's plan of salvation. LL1.6	<b>Choose</b> and <b>analyze</b> biblical accounts and passages from the Old and New Testaments to illustrate God's plan of salvation. LL1.7	<b>Explain</b> God's plan of salvation by using biblical accounts and passages as the foundation of faith. LL1.8	<b>Interpret</b> biblical accounts, which lay the foundation of growing in God's Word, as the basis for faith and life. LL1.9-10	<b>Apply</b> the importance of biblical accounts to a lifetime of growing in grace and knowledge. LL1.11-12
<b>Skill Acquisition: Comprehension Tools, Genres, &amp; Devices</b>	Exposed to various literary genres and devices of Scripture through biblical accounts. LL2.i-4k	Exposed to various literary genres and devices of Scripture through biblical accounts. LL2.i-4k	Exposed to various literary genres and devices of Scripture through biblical accounts. LL2.i-4k	Exposed to various literary genres and devices of Scripture through biblical accounts. LL2.i-4k	<b>Identify</b> basic literary genres and devices of Scripture through biblical accounts. LL2.5k	<b>Develop</b> basic skills to locate book, chapter, and verse from the Bible. LL2a.1-2  <b>Discuss</b> basic literary genres and devices of Scripture. LL2b.1-2	<b>Develop</b> basic skills to locate book, chapter, and verse from the Bible. LL2a.1-2  <b>Discuss</b> basic literary genres and devices of Scripture. LL2b.1-2	<b>Develop</b> skills to locate book, chapter, and verse from the Bible and to utilize maps and timelines. LL2a.3-5  <b>Identify</b> and <b>explain</b> literary genres and devices of Scripture. LL2b.3-4	<b>Develop</b> skills to locate book, chapter, and verse from the Bible and to utilize maps and timelines. LL2a.3-5  <b>Identify</b> and <b>explain</b> literary genres and devices of Scripture. LL2b.3-4	<b>Develop</b> skills to locate book, chapter, and verse from the Bible and to utilize maps and timelines. LL2a.3-5  <b>Examine</b> and <b>explain</b> literary genres and devices of Scripture. LL2b.5	<b>Develop</b> skills to navigate and interpret the Bible, compose annotations, and utilize comprehension tools (for example: devices, maps, timelines, charts, biblical commentaries, etc.). LL2a.6-12  <b>Compare</b> and <b>contrast</b> literary genres and <b>explain</b> how each genre works together to tell one unified story of salvation. LL2b.6-7	<b>Develop</b> skills to navigate and interpret the Bible, compose annotations, and utilize comprehension tools (for example: devices, maps, timelines, charts, biblical commentaries, etc.). LL2a.6-12  <b>Compare</b> and <b>contrast</b> literary genres and <b>explain</b> how each genre works together to tell one unified story of salvation. LL2b.6-7	<b>Develop</b> skills to navigate and interpret the Bible, compose annotations, and utilize comprehension tools (for example: devices, maps, timelines, charts, biblical commentaries, etc.). LL2a.6-12  <b>Analyze</b> and <b>interpret</b> the various literary genres found in Scriptures in order to understand and articulate Christian doctrine. LL2b.8-10	<b>Develop</b> skills to navigate and interpret the Bible, compose annotations, and utilize comprehension tools (for example: devices, maps, timelines, charts, biblical commentaries, etc.). LL2a.6-12  <b>Connect</b> the purpose of literary genres found in Scripture with their structure to enhance understanding of Christian doctrine. LL2b.9-10	<b>Develop</b> skills to navigate and interpret the Bible, compose annotations, and utilize comprehension tools (for example: devices, maps, timelines, charts, biblical commentaries, etc.). LL2a.6-12  <b>Evaluate</b> the diverse literary genres in Scripture, to develop a more thorough understanding of Christian doctrine. LL2b.11-12
<b>Understanding: Meditation on God's Word</b>	<b>Hear</b> Bible passages and songs that are connected with a lesson on a biblical account. LL3.i-t	<b>Hear</b> Bible passages and songs that are connected with a lesson on a biblical account. LL3.i-t	<b>Repeat</b> Bible passages and songs with prompting and support that connect with a lesson on a biblical account. LL3.3k	<b>Recite</b> and/or <b>memorize</b> Bible passages and songs that connect with a lesson on a biblical account. LL3.4k	<b>Memorize</b> Bible passages and songs that connect with a lesson on a biblical account. LL3.5k	<b>Memorize</b> and <b>study</b> simple Bible verses, songs, hymns, and parts of the Catechism. LL3.1-2	<b>Memorize</b> and <b>study</b> simple Bible verses, songs, hymns, and parts of the Catechism. LL3.1-2	<b>Memorize</b> and <b>study</b> Bible verses, songs, hymns, and parts of the Catechism with increasing complexity. LL3.3-4	<b>Memorize</b> and <b>study</b> Bible verses, songs, hymns, and parts of the Catechism with increasing complexity. LL3.3-4	<b>Study</b> and <b>meditate</b> on Bible verses, songs, hymns, and parts of the Catechism with increasing complexity, which may or may not be memorized. LL3.5-8	<b>Study</b> and <b>meditate</b> on Bible verses, songs, hymns, and parts of the Catechism with increasing complexity, which may or may not be memorized. LL3.5-8	<b>Study</b> and <b>meditate</b> on Bible verses, songs, hymns, and parts of the Catechism with increasing complexity, which may or may not be memorized. LL3.5-8	<b>Study</b> and <b>meditate</b> on Bible verses, songs, hymns, and parts of the Catechism with increasing complexity, which may or may not be memorized. LL3.5-8	<b>Study, interpret, meditate</b> on, and <b>apply</b> sections of God's Word, which may or many not be memorized, to personal life. LL3.9-12	<b>Study, interpret, meditate</b> on, and <b>apply</b> sections of God's Word, which may or many not be memorized, to personal life. LL3.9-12

<b>Integration: Doctrine</b>	Tell them key biblical truths connected to the biblical accounts. LL4.i-†	Tell them key biblical truths connected to the biblical accounts. LL4.i-†	<b>Recognize</b> key biblical truths connected to the biblical account. LL4.3k	(with teacher guidance) <b>Identify</b> key biblical truths connected to the biblical account. LL4.4k	<b>Identify</b> key biblical truths connected to the biblical account. LL4.5k	<b>Identify</b> and <b>discuss</b> key biblical truths connected to biblical accounts and passages. LL4.1-2	<b>Identify</b> and <b>discuss</b> key biblical truths connected to biblical accounts and passages. LL4.1-2	<b>Connect</b> key Christian doctrines to biblical accounts, passages and everyday life. LL4.3-4	<b>Connect</b> key Christian doctrines to biblical accounts, passages and everyday life. LL4.3-4	<b>Examine</b> Bible passages from both the Old and New Testaments and <b>discuss</b> their role in developing key Christian doctrines, such as those found in the Catechism. LL4.5-6	<b>Examine</b> Bible passages from both the Old and New Testaments and <b>discuss</b> their role in developing key Christian doctrines, such as those found in the Catechism. LL4.5-6	<b>Summarize</b> key Christian doctrines, such as those found in the Catechism, by examining and connecting Bible passages from both the Old and New Testaments. LL4.7	<b>Explain</b> key Christian doctrines from the Catechism by using biblical accounts and passages to explain a Christian's position. LL4.8	<b>Apply</b> Christian doctrines by using biblical accounts and passages to explain a Christian's position. LL4.9-10	<b>Assess</b> Christian doctrines by utilizing biblical accounts and passages to effectively explain and justify a Christian's beliefs and positions. LL4.11-12
<b>Application: Intentional Study of God's Word</b>	Model the importance of regularly and purposely studying God's Word. LL5.i-†	Model the importance of regularly and purposely studying God's Word. LL5.i-†	<b>Hear</b> about the importance of regularly and purposely studying God's Word. LL5.3k	<b>Articulate</b> the importance of regularly and purposely studying God's Word. LL5.4k-1	<b>Articulate</b> the importance of regularly and purposely studying God's Word. LL5.4k-1	<b>Articulate</b> the importance of regularly and purposely studying God's Word. LL5.4k-1	<b>Identify</b> simple habits that show what commitment to regular and purposeful study of God's Word looks like. LL5.2-3	<b>Identify</b> simple habits that show what commitment to regular and purposeful study of God's Word looks like. LL5.2-3	<b>Demonstrate</b> simple habits that foster regular and purposeful study of God's Word for personal growth in the grace and knowledge of God. LL5.4-5	<b>Demonstrate</b> simple habits that foster regular and purposeful study of God's Word for personal growth in the grace and knowledge of God. LL5a.4-5	<b>Demonstrate</b> habits that foster regular and purposeful study of God's Word for personal growth in the grace and knowledge of God. LL5a.6-12	<b>Demonstrate</b> habits that foster regular and purposeful study of God's Word for personal growth in the grace and knowledge of God. LL5a.6-12	<b>Demonstrate</b> habits that foster the regular and purposeful study of God's Word for personal growth in the grace and knowledge of God. LL6a.6-12	<b>Demonstrate</b> habits that foster the regular and purposeful study of God's Word for personal growth in the grace and knowledge of God. LL5a.6-12	<b>Demonstrate</b> habits that foster the regular and purposeful study of God's Word for personal growth in the grace and knowledge of God. LL5a.6-12
									<b>Articulate</b> the benefits of studying God's Word with others. LL5b.4-5	<b>Articulate</b> the benefits of studying God's Word with others. LL5b.5	<b>Articulate</b> the benefits of studying God's Word with others and <b>identify</b> opportunities for group Bible study. LL5b.6-7	<b>Articulate</b> the benefits of studying God's Word with others and <b>identify</b> opportunities for group Bible study. LL5b.6-7	<b>Devise</b> a plan for personal and group spiritual growth which includes support, accountability, worship, and Bible study. LL5b.8-10	<b>Devise</b> a plan for personal and group spiritual growth which includes support, accountability, worship, and Bible study. LL5b.8-10	<b>Implement</b> a plan for personal and group spiritual growth which includes support, accountability, worship, and Bible study. LL5b.11-12