

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

Integration: Doctrine	Tell them key biblical truths connected to the biblical accounts. LL4.i-t	Tell them key biblical truths connected to the biblical accounts. LL4.i-t	<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
	Application: Intentional Study of God's Word	Model the importance of regularly and purposely studying God's Word. LL5.i-t	Model the importance of regularly and purposely studying God's Word. LL5.i-t	<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>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