

Religion Curriculum Curriculum Objectives

<p>Kindergarten</p> <p>By the end of Kindergarten, students will be able to:</p> <p>Relationships with God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Grow in faith *Know that God sent Jesus as a baby *Know that Jesus died and lives again for them *Celebrate God’s greatness *Grow in thankfulness *Pray at all times <p>Relationships with others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Share God’s good news *Grow in kindness and goodness *Eagerly learn God’s Word *Know that God gives them pastors and teachers *Know that missionaries tell others about Jesus 	<p style="text-align: center;">Grade 1</p> <p>By the end of grade 1, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Explain that God sent Jesus to be the Savior for all people. * Praise and thank God for all His goodness to them, especially for His love for them in Jesus. * Recognize that God promises to be with them and always bless them. * Verbalize that Jesus was born as a baby to grow up to suffer and die on the cross. * Demonstrate a desire to tell others about Jesus, the Savior of the world. * Ask God to help them grow as Jesus grew. * Perform acts of kindness as they serve one another in love. * Tell that Jesus gave the Lord's Supper to assure His disciples of the forgiveness of their sins. * Rejoice in the hope that because of Jesus' death and resurrection, they too will live in heaven. * Acknowledge that Jesus is alive. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Grade 2</p> <p>By the end of grade 2, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Praise God for His goodness in creating and redeeming the world. * Recognize that in Baptism we become part of God’s family. * Remember the suffering and death of their Savior for them whenever they observe the Lord’s Supper being celebrated. * Acknowledge that because of Jesus they are declared “not guilty” and sinless in God’s eyes. * Express confident assurance that God keeps all His promises to them, including His greatest promise of eternal life through Christ. * Rejoice that God wants them to live with Him in the beautiful place He has prepared in heaven. * Demonstrate confident trust that God will protect and care for them. * Rejoice that God uses His power to set them free from sin. * Recognize that children are important to God and
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<p style="text-align: center;">Grade K, Continued</p> <p>Relationships with the world</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Grow in awe and wonder at all that God created *Take care of God’s creation *Know that God made them and sent Jesus to save them *Accept and help people everywhere *Know that God is always with them 	<p style="text-align: center;">Grade 1, Continued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Joyfully worship God in obedience, through songs, prayers, and actions. * Demonstrate a desire to share God's gifts to them with others. * Recognize that God calls them to be His own dear children so that they may follow His purpose and plan for their lives. * Express a desire to go to God in prayer trusting that He will answer the prayers according to His plan for their lives. * Demonstrate self-control as they realize that God gives them the ability to live as His redeemed children who obey His will for their lives. * Realize that when they have difficult choices to make, God's way is always the best. * Rejoice that God loves them not because of their looks, abilities, strength, or age but because they are His own forgiven children, redeemed by Christ Jesus. * Acknowledge that they can hear God's Word and learn about Jesus at home or in school as well as in church. * Define prayer as simply talking to their heavenly Father. 	<p>that He desires that they grow in faith and knowledge of His Word.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grade 2, Continued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Demonstrate a desire to grow in God’s peace as they see His power in their lives. * Evidence patience and love as they realize that God is always present and active in their lives, doing what is best for them. * Express a desire to share God’s love beyond the close circle of family and friends. * Identify leaders and helpers in their communities who are God’s gifts to them. * Recognize that God prepares them for their service in His kingdom. * Celebrate God’s love with words and actions. * Recognize that Jesus came to save people of all nations. * Acknowledge that our heavenly Father hears all prayer at all times and in all places. * Praise God by taking care of His creation. * Express feelings of security knowing the great power of Jesus. * Express confident trust in Jesus’ loving care and healing. * Acknowledge that as the Holy Spirit came to
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	<p style="text-align: center;">Grade 1, Continued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Praise God that He provides for life on earth and forever in the Promised Land of heaven. * Appreciate God's care for them and the wonder of creation. * Respond in thanks for God's great blessings by loving and taking care of the things He has given us. * Plan ways to offer their love to God by giving Him their gifts of time, praise, money, and talents. * Praise God that He takes care of our physical and spiritual needs. * Express appreciation of the special words the Lord taught us in the Lord's Prayer. 	<p>believers at Pentecost, so He comes to them today through His Word and Baptism.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grade 2, Continued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Appreciate the diversity of people in the Christian church. * Thank God for the blessings of forgiveness and salvation. * Identify the many blessings of God in their lives. * Offer God joyful prayers and praises of thanksgiving for blessings.
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Religion Scope and Sequence – Grades 3-5

Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
<p>By the end of grade 3, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Express awe and wonder at God's creation. * Acknowledge that Abraham received God's promise through faith, not through works or self-worthiness. * Identify the commandments that focus specifically on our relationship to God and those that focus specifically on our relationship to others. * Praise and worship God with their songs, prayers, gifts, and lives of service. * Recognize that God sometimes helps them overcome problems in unexpected ways. * Demonstrate a desire to come to God in prayer regularly and often, confident that their loving Father hears their prayers. * Praise God for the worth He gives them in Christ. * Thank God for the blessings of Christian friends. * Demonstrate a Gospel-motivated desire to love and forgive all others, including those who hate them. * Demonstrate a desire to make continual use of God's Word so the Holy Spirit may continue to work saving faith in their hearts. 	<p>By the end of grade 4, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Thank God for His creating and preserving might. * Express appreciation to God for the blessings of rebirth in Baptism. * Describe God as holy, just, and gracious. * Pray for God's guidance in building Christian relationships. * Acknowledge that God gives them power to forgive others. * Rejoice that we have been restored to a peaceful relationship with God through Christ. * Identify faith in Jesus as the only way to heaven. * Acknowledge that Jesus, the Savior, is both true God and true man. * Acknowledge that God desires all people to receive the gift of eternal life and salvation. * Demonstrate reliance on God's strength when they are tempted to sin. * Explain that Jesus' miracles demonstrated His power as God's Son. * Identify the means through which God equips them to overcome Satan's power. 	<p>By the end of grade 5, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Acknowledge with confidence God's plan of salvation as clearly revealed in Scripture. * Determine whether selected Bible passages reveal God's Law showing our sinfulness and our need for forgiveness or God's Gospel message the Good News of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ or both. * Use Bible reference tools to discover Gospel passages. * Praise God for His plan of salvation. * Describe Scripture as the work of many human authors and yet the pure, "God-breathed" Word. * Identify grace as the motivation for good works. * Express joy and confidence in the forgiveness God freely offers them through Christ. * Acknowledge Holy Scripture as the final authority for both doctrine and practice. * Describe the impact of God's Law and Gospel on their lives. * Compare the old covenant with God's new covenant in Jesus. * Recognize signs of God's love and care in their own lives.

Grade 3, Continued	Grade 4, Continued	Grade 5, Continued
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Recognize that God uses world events and their consequences to call sinners to repentance in order to strengthen repentant sinners with His grace and love. * Acknowledge that only by God's grace we are empowered to do His will. * Confess their sins, expressing confidence in the forgiveness God offers them freely in Christ Jesus, their Lord. * Express their trust and confidence in God to care for their physical and spiritual needs. * Describe the unfolding of God's plan to send a Savior. * Show acceptance of others as either brothers and sisters in Christ or as fellow sinners with whom one can share the Good News. * Describe and appreciate the work and blessings of the Holy Spirit in their lives. * Consider the vocations of professional church workers and the possibility of becoming one. * Acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God yet true man and Savior of the world. * Identify the blessings of the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. * Recognize that one sin often leads to more sins. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Verbalize that they are saved by God's grace and not their own good deeds. * Demonstrate an understanding of the meaning of the terms grace and faith. * Discuss the four elements of prayer: confession, adoration, supplication, and thanksgiving. * Demonstrate a desire to pray more often, confidently trusting in God's promises to hear and respond to their prayers. * Evidence a desire for the spiritual food offered through God's Word. * Acknowledge Jesus as omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent. * Confess their sins to God, trusting that He will forgive them because of the saving work of His Son, Jesus. * Express their love for God in acts of service to other people. * Rejoice that they are justified through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. * Demonstrate a desire to trust God for help, strength, and forgiveness. * Acknowledge that at Easter Jesus proclaimed His victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Recognize that God is faithful, strengthens them, and gives them the victory over their enemies sin, death, and the power of the devil. * Express reliance on God and His Word for courage, wisdom, and direction throughout their lives. * Recognize that no force is more powerful than God and His love for them in Christ. * Identify opportunities in which the Holy Spirit can use them in service to God. * Trust that God will accomplish His good purposes in their lives, even in times of conflict and crisis. * Acknowledge Christ's forgiveness and rely on the Holy Spirit's power to share God's love with others, especially with those who have not yet heard the saving Gospel of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus. * Express confident trust that Jesus their Savior will renew and strengthen them to respond with forgiveness toward others. * Define worship as our response to God's grace in which we demonstrate our love, honor, and respect for Him in everything we say and do. * Acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, the Christ who fulfilled Old Testament prophecies.

Grade 3, Continued	Grade 4, Continued	Grade 5, Continued
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Profess that Jesus our Savior physically rose from the dead. * Express confident trust that they will go to heaven someday to live forever with Jesus. * Confess Jesus as their personal Savior from sin and eternal death. * Explain that Jesus will return to earth on the Last Day to judge the world. * Demonstrate a desire to share the Gospel with others through the power of the Holy Spirit. * Express reliance on the power of the Holy Spirit to enable them to live transformed lives. * Recognize that even during times of persecution and opposition, God blesses them and leads them to live transformed lives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Express reliance on Jesus' presence and the power of the Holy Spirit for the courage and ability to witness the Christian faith in their daily lives. * Acknowledge the communion of saints as a special blessing from God. * Realize that God gives them faith and a change of heart so that they may live as His children. * Express reliance on the power of the Holy Spirit to remain firm in their faith, knowing that even persecution and opposition can lead to further opportunities to spread the Gospel. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Recognize that through the means of grace, the Holy Spirit leads people to identify and trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. * Daily remember the covenant God made with them in Baptism as they repent of their sin and receive the full assurance of God's forgiveness. * Realize that the Holy Spirit empowers us to live as God's children. * Express confident trust in God's promise to work through the means of grace to help them overcome the temptations they face. * Acknowledge that through His suffering and death, Jesus earned forgiveness of sin and eternal life for them and for all people. * Appreciate the need to witness to all people, including people of every race, color, and nationality. * Study Bible references that describe the joy that awaits them in heaven through faith in Jesus Christ.

Objectives for Grade 6

By the end of grade 6, students will be able to

- * Plan for their own personal devotional use of Scripture.
- * Determine when and how to apply Law or Gospel in various situations.
- * Identify Jesus as the central character of the Bible.
- * Recognize that God's faithfulness to His covenant people is the unifying theme of all the historical books.
- * Identify and appreciate various themes and moods found in the poetry and wisdom literature of the Old Testament books of Job through Ecclesiastes.
- * Describe the themes found in the prophetic books in terms of Law and Gospel.
- * Identify the purpose and primary theme of each of the four gospels and Acts.
- * Recognize that through His Word God strengthens their faith in time of danger and testing.
- * Identify the work of the Holy Spirit in inspiring the biblical books and preserving Holy Scripture for them.
- * Confess that the Bible is divinely inspired, inerrant, and the infallible Word of God.

Objectives for Grade 7

By the end of grade 7, students will be able to

- * Describe God's creation and preservation of the universe.
- * Demonstrate reliance on the power of the Holy Spirit to move them to lives filled with loving actions toward God and others.
- * Identify righteousness as God's gift, credited to them through the merits of Christ.
- * Demonstrate an understanding that God remains with His people in times of trial, providing strength and encouragement for even life's lowest moments.
- * Express an understanding of how God uses Law and Gospel to bring us to love and trust in Him.
- * Demonstrate reliance on the power of the Spirit to guide them as they enjoy and rightfully use their freedom.
- * Give thanks to God for His unfailing mercy, forgiveness, and power to live for Him.
- * Demonstrate a desire to offer God their time, talents, and treasures in lives of grateful service to Him.
- * Demonstrate an appreciation for the means of grace as the media through which God works in the lives of His people.
- * Acknowledge that their faithful God will give them strength to overcome sin, Satan, and death.

Objectives for Grade 8

By the end of grade 8, students will be able to:

- * Identify the author, date and place of writing, audience for which it was written, and purpose of each of the gospels.
- * Demonstrate appreciation for the gospels, together with the rest of the Bible, God's Word, the means through which God brings and sustains the saving faith.
- * Express confident trust in Jesus, the Promised One, their Savior and King, who restored the broken relationship between God and people and enables them to restore broken relationships between themselves and others.
- * Proclaim with Paul that, trusting in God's power, we are strong in our weakness.
- * Acknowledge God as provider of all blessings physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual.
- * Recognize and be moved to serve God and others with their whole hearts.
- * Identify childlike qualities that God would have us treasure as we rely upon His strength in our lives and relationships.
- * Identify ways in which the love of material things can keep us from fully following Jesus and accepting His offer of eternal life.
- * Recognize Jesus as a servant king who came not

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Recognize that Baptism's power to forgive sins and create faith comes from the Holy Spirit working through the Word of God that accompanies the water. * Use the power the Holy Spirit offers them through their Baptism daily to put to death their sinful selves and live God-pleasing lives. * Recognize the real presence of Christ's body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper. * Confess their faith in the promise of forgiveness, life, and salvation that Jesus gives with His body and blood. * Explain that God offers all people peace through the forgiveness and salvation that Jesus won on the cross. * Regularly study God's Word so that their life-preserving faith might be strengthened. * Daily remember their Baptism as they repent of their sin and receive the full assurance of God's forgiveness. * Acknowledge that God seeks to redeem all people and values each person as one for whom Christ has died. * Describe Jesus' willingness to suffer humiliation, excruciating pain, and death at the hand of earthly rulers in order to earn our forgiveness, life, and salvation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Recognize the cycle of sin desperation under the consequences of sin, repentance, and deliverance in the history of Israel during the time of the judges as well as in their own lives. * Demonstrate an appreciation for the victories Jesus has won for us and an understanding of the meaning of these victories for the Christian life. * Acknowledge God's desire to forgive, restore, and equip them for lives of service by the power of the Holy Spirit. * Demonstrate dependence on God for the power to abide in His grace and to honor Him in our lives as citizens of an earthly nation. * Apply what they have learned about God's mercy to their own lives, remembering God's unfailing love for them in Christ Jesus. * Express gratitude and appreciation to God for the forgiveness and strength for daily living available to them in Christ through the working of the Holy Spirit. * Rejoice in God's guidance and protection as they study Old Testament people and events. * Give thanks to God for continuing to preserve His means of grace, Word and Sacraments, despite threats from within and outside the church. * Praise God for bringing people to faith in Christ Jesus, and providing the means of grace through which the Holy Spirit creates and sustains saving 	<p>to establish an earthly kingdom, but rather to earn forgiveness, life, and salvation for us.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Identify the biblical events recorded as evidence of the resurrection. * Demonstrate a desire to serve the Lord as faithful disciples and messengers of the Good News, trusting that the Holy Spirit will work to transform the lives of others. * Express reliance on God's Word as God's answers to our questions and concerns regarding the new life that is ours through faith. * Explain the importance of having people with differing talents and abilities in the church and rejoice in the diversity God provides. <p>8 Demonstrate reliance on the power of the Holy Spirit to keep us in God's grace until we join those who already live with Christ in our eternal and happy home in glory.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Anticipate Christ's second coming, confident of His saving love and care for us. * Identify the marks of a disciple. * Demonstrate a desire to worship God in thought, word, and deed. * Demonstrate a desire to serve and honor God in whatever vocations or daily activities they undertake. * Consider how God desires people to deal with
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Identify key Scripture passages that affirm God's message of justification by grace through faith. * Acknowledge God's Word as the source and norm by which all matters of faith and Christian life should be measured. * Describe how cultural barriers can separate and hinder the sharing of the Gospel. * Seek opportunities to share their faith in Christ Jesus. 	<p>faith.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Express confidence in God's Word as the holy and inerrant Word of God which is used to interpret itself. * Express faith in Jesus, the Savior revealed in God's Word. * Compare Luther's opportunity to defend the Gospel with opportunities that arise today to defend the Gospel. * Express the intent to test the spirits to see if they are faithful to the true teachings of God's Word. * Demonstrate a desire to continue the effective use of creative means to spread the Gospel. * Explore ways they might participate in the work of their congregations and synod. * Demonstrate a desire to honor God in whatever vocation He has chosen for them. 	<p>dependency and the means by which He enables people to remain dependent on Him alone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Demonstrate a desire to glorify God in their sexuality. * Demonstrate a godly desire to honor God with their possessions. * Identify the fruit of the Spirit and evidence of it in their lives.
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