

KEY LEARNINGS: BIBLE

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Learn about the Life of Jesus and how to be like Jesus

- Understand studying the Bible can lead to knowing God and learning to be like Him
- Understand that the God family – “God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit” - work in perfect unity, yet are separate and unique beings
- Know that God is the Creator of the Universe and that He is everywhere at once and all-knowing
- Learn the story of the origin of sin and God’s plan of salvation
- Realize the benefit from following Christ’s example in one’s daily life
- Understand that God depends on individuals to spread the Good News of salvation
- Understand how to show one’s commitment to God
- Know that people have similar spiritual gifts found in the Bible characters
- Understand the freedom to choose good or evil
- Explain the importance of prayer and praise
- Develop a spirit of thankfulness
- Know that Jesus is coming back

FIRST GRADE

Belonging to His Family: The Heavenly Family, Families of the Bible and the Church

- Understand that studying the Bible leads to understanding God
- Begin to be familiar with the way the Bible is organized
- Identify the “three-in-one” members of the God family, and their individual ministry
- Understand that God is worthy of adoration and trust
- Know that God is the creator, and still loves and cares for individuals
- Understand that before the Fall, Adam and Eve lived in the perfect light of God’s presence
- Know that eternal death is the consequence of sin
- Identify spiritual gifts given to Old Testament Bible characters
- Know the story of how the Seventh-day Adventist church began
- Understand the importance of being an active witness for Jesus
- Understand Jesus will reunite all families who love Him

SECOND GRADE

Exploring His Power: Through Creation, the Israelites, Jesus and the Early Church

- Identify Bible organization (book, chapters and verses)
- Know that Bible lessons can be used to help in everyday life
- Know that God is everywhere, all-powerful and all-knowing
- Understand that the “God Family” created the world, one way God reveals Himself to humanity
- Understand that Adam and Eve were created to have a perfect relationship with God
- Know the story of Jesus’ birth, death and resurrection
- Realize that salvation is a free gift when accepting Jesus as Savior
- Understand that although sins are forgiven, there are still consequences to choices
- Identify one’s spiritual gifts and acknowledge those given to others
- Understand that a consistent prayer life brings peace, protection and answers
- Know that God wants people to trust Him to provide all needs
- Understand that worship and obedience is a natural response to Christ’s work in one’s life
- Understand the importance of preparing for Christ’s return
- Know that God has forgiven and has the power to resurrect

THIRD GRADE

Accepting His Plan: The Plan of Redemption, God’s plan for the church and for the individual

- Understand the importance of studying scripture in daily life
- Know who the “three-in-one” members of the God-family are and their individual roles
- Understand that God and the angels He created lived in heaven in perfect harmony before sin
- Understand that sin and its effects are the result of the universal conflict between God and Satan

- Know that death is a consequence of sin, but God has power to raise the dead from their graves
- Explain Jesus' role as Messiah, Savior and Redeemer in the plan of salvation
- Know that Christians are part of God's family and have a responsibility to witness/serve others
- Understand that all people are equal in God's sight and are accepted into the Family of God
- Know how God has worked in history to preserve the Christian church
- Understand that each person has spiritual gifts and talents
- Know that the power to make right choices is provided by grace
- Understand that Jesus is coming for all who have chosen to follow Him and will live with Him through eternity

FOURTH GRADE

Following His Way: God the Creator, Sustainer and Friend

- Understand that the Bible contains a powerful message for humanity
- Know the structure and divisions of the Bible
- Understand that the "Fruit of the Spirit" portrays God's character
- Understand and accept the free gift of salvation
- Know the importance of developing and exercising faith in Jesus as the Messiah and Savior
- Realize the importance of preparing for a mission and service for God
- Identify specific spiritual gifts given to important New Testament characters
- Understand that God has a plan for everyone's life and will lead people to develop a Christ-like character
- Understand that expressions of adoration are an important part of worship
- Understand the importance of examining and accepting God's unconditional love and forgiveness
- Know that worship and obedience are a natural response to God's gift of salvation

FIFTH GRADE

Fruit of the Spirit: Applying these gifts to real life

- Know that each person has been given unique talents and spiritual gifts by God
- Understand that God always was and will always be a God of love
- Understand that God created humanity with the power of choice
- Know that God's character of love is revealed through His laws and interaction with His people
- Understand that the God of the Old Testament is the same God of the New Testament
- Understand the covenant relationship God initiated with His people and the role of faith, repentance, and forgiveness
- Recognize the importance of showing kindness toward and acceptance of people who are different
- Recognize that as the Holy Spirit works in lives of people, people become more and more like Jesus and will reflect His love and goodness to others
- Understand that God continues to offer the gift of salvation
- Understand the importance of daily commitment to God - relying on His power for a victorious life

SIXTH GRADE

Christ – Our Life: His Teaching, Death, Resurrection and the Early Church

- Identify the Bible as God's way of communicating who He is to humanity
- Demonstrate how to use aides for greater understanding when studying the Bible
- Understand that God is omnipotent, omniscient and infinite, yet is affected by one's response to Him
- Explain the relationship of God, heaven and the angels to Jesus and His life on earth
- Know what the great controversy is and how the plan of salvation relates to it
- Know the gospel story and why it is important to accept Jesus as Savior and model one's life after His
- Understand the importance of baptism and becoming a part of God's family
- Explain the mission of the church and the importance of using one's spiritual gifts to share the Gospel
- Understand the early development of the Christian Church

SEVENTH GRADE

God is the Victor: Through Creation, Sin, the Plan of Salvation, the Life of Christ and History of the Seventh-day Adventist church

- Understand the nature of God as taught in the scriptures
- Know what the Bible teaches about the origin of sin and God's plan of salvation
- Explain the biblical account of creation and God's relationship to man as his Creator
- Understand the causes and results of the flood
- Understand why pain and suffering exist from an universal viewpoint
- Explain why God established a chosen people through Abraham and his family
- Understand the need for a written law and the role of the desert sanctuary as a teaching device for the Israelites
- Describe how God continued to pursue His people through Israel's experience as a nation and their repeated rejection of God as their leader
- Know the major events in the life of Jesus and the basic values and tenants of His teaching
- Understand the history and spread of Christianity from the early church through the Reformation
- Explain the development of the Seventh-day Adventist doctrines concerning the sanctuary and the second coming of Jesus

EIGHTH GRADE

Into His Likeness: Through the Trinity, Personal Relationship with Jesus and Practical Christianity

- Explain the role of inspiration in the formation of the Bible as it was written and preserved
- Describe the concept of the Trinity and identify the characteristic of each member
- Understand the importance of faith, commitment and a dynamic relationship with Jesus
- Know the fundamental Seventh-day Adventist beliefs
- Explain the importance of developing relationships with others based on Christian values
- Know how to apply Christian principles to one's daily life