

St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church and School

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod



Word of God Curriculum Guide

Philosophy of Word of God Curriculum

Word of God is included in the curriculum at St Mark to bring the students into a closer relationship with their Savior. It provides the means whereby the children are assured of their eternal salvation and motivates the children to live a Christian life here on earth. All classes are taught in the light of God's Word.

Premises for Word of God Curriculum

Our Word of God curriculum is based on a number of premises that guide and control the entire curriculum. These premises are revealed to us by God in his Word. We accept them as essential to Christian nurture only because God the Holy Spirit has led us to this conviction by working faith in our hearts.

These premises are as follows:

1. God's Word is truth. God's Word is verbally inspired, inerrant, and infallible.
2. God's Word is christocentric. The chief purpose of the Bible is to reveal God's saving plan, which enters in Christ.
3. The two main teachings of God's Word are law and gospel.
4. The law teaches us God's holy will, that is, what he requires all people to do and not to do. Because all are sinful by nature and sin daily, the law also teaches us that we are all sinners who deserve God's punishment of death and eternal damnation.
5. The gospel teaches us the good news of God's grace and mercy. It proclaims that God in love sent Jesus to take away the sins of all people and that everyone who believes in Jesus has eternal life and salvation
6. God's Word is
 - the means by which God brought us to faith
 - the continuing motivation for living a life of faith-born love to God's glory
 - the means God has given us to bring unbelievers to saving faith
 - the means by which we continually nurture one another to grow in saving faith and to live a sanctified life

Exit Goals for Graduation

Through our Word of God Curriculum, our students will...

1. Learn the teaching of the law and realize their sinfulness and utter helplessness to save themselves.
2. Learn the teaching of the gospel, and grow in their knowledge of God the Father as their creator, God the Son as their Redeemer and Savior, and God the Holy Spirit as their Sanctifier.
3. Grow in their faith and ever more firmly embrace Christ as their only hope of salvation.
4. By the grace of the Holy Spirit believe everything in the Bible as God's inspired, inerrant truth.
5. Use the gospel message as motivation for living lives of thanksgiving to God for his undeserved grace.
6. Use the law as a mirror, curb and guide to live lives of thanksgiving to God for his undeserved grace.
7. Be trained in the proper uses of law and gospel so they can use their God-given gifts to share the saving faith with others, and to nurture fellow believers.
8. Recognize that they are saved simply through the saving work of Christ alone and are brought to faith by the Holy Spirit through the means of grace; the gospel in Word and Sacrament.
9. Live lives of service to God, not to be saved, but as a way to show thanks to God for his ultimate sacrifice and saving grace.
10. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, develop Christ-centered attitudes that reflect the love of Jesus such as:
 1. Appreciating Jesus' love and forgiveness.
 2. Trusting that Jesus is continually watching over us and protecting us.
 3. Desiring to reach out to others to share the good news of the gospel.
 4. Be grateful for the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ.
 5. Desiring to show love for others.
 6. Forgiving others when they sin.
 7. Being thankful for all of God's blessings.
 8. Desiring to hear the important message of God's Word.
 9. Repenting of sins, and trusting in God's forgiveness.
 10. Desiring to show love for God by serving him.

Assessment

Each lesson has specific grade level objectives to teach the truth of the Christ-Light or Catechism lessons. Teachers assess student knowledge of these objectives through worksheets, tests, quizzes, memory work, and classroom discussion. Truths and objectives learned in religion class are also carried over into every day life of each student as they learn to praise and thank God through words and actions.

Structure of Word of God Curriculum

Preschool

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Christ Light	Christ Light		Christ Light	

Kindergarten-4th Grade

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Christ Light A Lesson	Christ Light A Lesson	Christ Light B Lesson	Christ Light B Lesson	Hymnology

5th-6th Grade

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Christ Light	Christ Light	Catechism	Catechism	Hymnology/Luther

7th-8th Grade

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Christ Light	Christ Light	Catechism	Catechism	Hymnology/World Religions

Christ Light Old Testament Scope and Sequence

Grades PreK-6th Grade: Year 1

Set 1

1A. The Creation

1B. Adam and Eve

2A. The Fall and the Promise

2B. Cain and Abel

3A. The Flood

3B. The Tower of Babel

4A. God Calls Abram

4B. Abram and Lot

5A. God Again Promises Abraham a Son

5B. God Answers Abraham's Prayer

6A. The Test of Abraham's Faith

6B. Isaac and Rebekah

7A. Jacob Deceives Isaac

7B. Jacob's Flight and Vision

8A. Jacob and Laban

8B. Jacob's Return

9A. Joseph Sold by His Brothers

9B. Joseph in Egypt

10A. Joseph Becomes Ruler of Egypt

10B. Joseph's Brothers Come to Egypt

11A. Joseph Tests His Brothers

11B. Joseph Makes Himself Known

12A. The Deaths of Jacob and Joseph

12B. Moses' Birth

13A. Moses' Sin

13B. God Calls Moses

Set 2

- 1A. Moses and Pharaoh
- 1B. The Plagues
- 2A. The Passover
- 2B. Crossing the Red Sea
- 3A. Quail and Manna
- 3B. God's Staff
- 4A. The Giving of the Law
- 4B. The Golden Calf
- 5A. The Tabernacle
- 5B. The Day of Atonement
- 6A. The Twelve Spies
- 6B. Korah's Rebellion
- 7A. The Bronze Snake
- 7B. Balaam
- 8A. Crossing the Jordan
- 8B. Rahab and the Spies
- 9A. The Fall of Jericho
- 9B. Achan's Sin
- 10A. Peace and Prosperity in the Promised Land
- 10B. Israel Loses God's Blessings
- 11A. God Calls Gideon
- 11B. God Gives Gideon the Victory
- 12A. Samson the Champion
- 12B. Samson's Fall and Death

13A. Ruth's Faith

13B. Ruth and Boaz

Set 3

1A. Hannah and Samuel

1B. Eli and His Wicked Sons

2A. Saul Is Chosen

2B. Saul Is Rejected

3A. David and Goliath

3B. Saul's Jealousy and Jonathan's Friendship

4A. David's Kindness to Saul

4B. David Mourns Saul's Death

5A. David Sins and Repents

5B. Absalom's Rebellion

6A. Solomon's Wisdom

6B. The Kings' Idolatry

7A. Ahab and Jezebel

7B. Naboth's Vineyard

8A. Elijah and Elisha

8B. Elisha and the Shunamite Woman

9A. Naaman's Servant

9B. Jonah

10A. Hezekiah and the Assyrian Invasion

10B. Hezekiah's Illness

11A. The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace

- 11B. Daniel and Belshazzar
- 12A. Daniel in the Lions' Den
- 12B. Esther
- 13A. Return from Exile
- 13B. Job

Christ Light New Testament Scope and Sequence

Grades PreK-6th Grade: Year 2

Set 1

- 1A. The Births of John and Jesus Announced
- 1B. The Birth of John the Baptist
- 2A. The Birth of Jesus
- 2B. Simeon and Anna
- 3A. The Wise Men
- 3B. The Flight to Egypt
- 4A. The Twelve-Year-Old Jesus
- 4B. John Preaches Repentance
- 5A. The Baptism of Jesus
- 5B. The Temptation of Jesus
- 6A. Jesus Changes Water into Wine
- 6B. Jesus Heals the Official's Son
- 7A. Jesus and Nicodemus
- 7B. Jesus and the Woman of Samaria
- 8A. Rejected in Nazareth
- 8B. Jesus Drives Out an Evil Spirit

- 9A. Jesus Calls Fishers of Men
- 9B. The Call of Matthew
- 10A. The Parable of the Four Soils
- 10B. The Parable of the Weeds among the Wheat
- 11A. Jesus Calms the Storm
- 11B. Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man
- 12A. The Daughter of Jairus
- 12B. The Young Man of Nain
- 13A. Jesus Teaches about Love
- 13B. Jesus Teaches about Worrying

Set 2

- 1A. Jesus Heals the Centurion's Servant
- 1B. Jesus Heals the Canaanite Woman's Daughter
- 2A. The Death of John the Baptist
- 2B. The Woman in Simon's House
- 3A. Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand
- 3B. Jesus Walks on Water
- 4A. The Transfiguration
- 4B. Peter's Confession
- 5A. The Parable of the Good Samaritan
- 5B. The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant
- 6A. Jesus Heals a Blind Man
- 6B. Jesus Heals Ten Men of Leprosy
- 7A. Mary and Martha

7B. The Parable of the Great Banquet
8A. The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector
8B. The Parable of the Lost Son
9A. The Rich Man and Poor Lazarus
9B. The Rich Young Ruler
10A. Jesus Raises Lazarus
10B. Zacchaeus
11A. Mary Anoints Jesus
11B. Palm Sunday
12A. The Parable of the Talents
12B. The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard
13A. Paying Taxes to Caesar
13B. The Widow's Offering

Set 3

1A. The Parable of the Tenants
1B. The Parable of the Wedding Clothes
2A. Jesus and His Disciples in the Upper Room
2B. Betrayal in Gethsemane
3A. Peter's Denial
3B. Jesus before Pilate
4A. Jesus' Crucifixion
4B. Jesus' Dying Words
5A. Jesus' Burial and Resurrection
5B. Jesus' Enemies Deny the Resurrection

6A. The Empty Tomb
6B. Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene
7A. On the Road to Emmaus
7B. Easter Evening
8A. Doubting Thomas
8B. Jesus Appears in Galilee
9A. Jesus' Ascension
9B. Matthias Replaces Judas
10A. The Gift of the Holy Spirit
10B. Peter's Pentecost Sermon
11A. Healing the Lame Man
11B. The Apostles before the Council
12A. The Apostles in Prison
12B. Persecutions Help to Spread the Gospel
13A. Saul's Conversion
13B. Philip and the Ethiopian

Christ Light Topical Studies Scope and Sequence

Year 1

Who Am I?

God's Answers to My Questions

Christian Life Planning

Christians of Many Cultures

What About...?

What is Truth?

Christ Light Topical Studies Scope and Sequence

Year 2

Acts

Chosen By God

God's Gift of Sex

Learning to Know Jesus as Christ

Catechism: Faith Foundations Scope and Sequence

Grade 5

The Bible

The 10 Commandments

The Apostle's Creed

Baptism

Keys and Confession

Sacrament of Holy Communion and the Means of Grace

Catechism: Faith Foundations Scope and Sequence

Grade 6

The Bible and Catechism

The Apostle's Creed

The 10 Commandments

The Lord's Prayer

Luther's Catechism Scope and Sequence

Grades 7-8

The Bible

The 10 Commandments

The Apostle's Creed

Baptism

Keys and Confession

Sacrament of Holy Communion and the Means of Grace

Lord's Prayer