

FIRST GRADE

Bible

In first grade Bible, students are introduced to foundational Bible truths that emphasize God's relationship with His people. Through engaging stories and lessons, students learn about God's creation, promises, provision, and love while exploring themes like thankfulness, faith, forgiveness, and obedience.

Key lessons include:

- **Creation & Fall:** God's creation, Adam and Eve's sin, and His enduring love.
- **Trust & Obedience:** Stories of Noah, Abraham, Moses, and Joshua teach students to trust God and follow His plan.
- **Godly Living:** Lessons on forgiveness, serving others, and faith through the lives of Joseph, Ruth, and Stephen.
- **Jesus' Life & Teachings:** Stories from Jesus' birth, ministry, death, and resurrection emphasize salvation, love, and following Christ.
- **Growing in Faith:** Students learn to pray, read the Bible, and apply its truths to daily life.

Students develop character and a deeper understanding of their relationship with God and others, fostering a lifelong faith foundation.

Textbook: ACSI Purposeful Design

English Language Arts Reading

Reading

The focus of reading in first grade includes vocabulary knowledge (synonyms, antonyms, analogies), vocabulary strategies (context clues), reading process skills (author's purpose, predictions, text features, repair strategies), constructing meaning (details, context clues, fact/opinion, form generalizations), organizational structure (compare/contrast, cause/effect, sequencing), literary elements (setting, characterization, plot, narrator, point of view, theme), genre characteristics (fiction/non-fiction, reality/fantasy, genre characteristics), and author's choice (figurative language, sensory detail, literary devices).

Textbook: Teacher developed units; novel sets

Language

In first grade language students learn about capitalization of first word in an sentence, proper names, names of God, days of the week, and months of the year, correct punctuation at the end of sentences, recognition of complete sentences, words using suffixes, prefixes, syllables, compound words, rhyming words, opposite words, same meaning words, and contractions; alphabetizing of words, writing complete sentences

Textbook: ABEKA *Language I*

Phonics

Review of vowels, consonants, blends, one- and two- vowel words, consonant blends, Recognition and use of all phonics special sounds in reading, sleeping rules: doubling consonants, dropping silent e, changing to i

Textbook: ABEKA

Spelling

In *Spelling and Poetry 1*, students master the spelling of approximately 420 words, including sight words, abbreviations, and contractions, while applying phonics concepts they are learning. Spelling lists are arranged phonetically to teach basic spelling patterns. Students also learn key spelling rules, practice word usage, and enhance their writing skills through creative exercises. Activities include arranging words alphabetically, solving puzzles, identifying rhymes, and categorizing phonics sounds.

The 1st grade spelling strengthens comprehension, creativity, and communication, equipping students with foundational language skills.

Textbook: ABEKA *Spelling and Poetry 1*

Students are required to memorize the second 100 sight words from the Frye Sight word list.

Math

The focus of mathematics in first grade is to develop an understanding of place value by practicing addition and subtraction. Other topics include measurement, geometry, time and money. Students will also be introduced to writing equations, reading graphs, and solving word problems. Students are also to achieve automaticity of basic addition and subtraction facts.

Textbook: BJU Math 1 (4th ed.)

Science

Students are introduced to the wonders of science, emphasizing God as the Creator and Sustainer of all things. Through hands-on activities and problem-solving, students explore the natural world, developing foundational science skills like observing, measuring, and classifying. Key topics include:

- **Living and Nonliving Things:** Characteristics, life cycles, and needs of plants, animals, and humans.
- **Light and Sound:** Properties, uses for communication, and their role in God's design.
- **Earth and Space:** Patterns of the sun, moon, and stars; seasons; and weather.
- **The Human Body:** Functions of major parts and healthy habits.

Students engage in experiments, use science tools, and learn how scientists work, inspiring curiosity and a love for discovery in God's creation.

Textbook: BJU *Science 1*, 4th ed.

Social Studies/History

In Grade 1, students are introduced to heritage studies through six comprehensive units, blending academics with hands-on learning. Students explore their roles within families, communities, and the nation while developing foundational social studies skills. Lessons incorporate colorful visuals, age-appropriate text, and interactive activities, fostering curiosity and a biblical worldview.

Topics include:

- **Geography:** Maps, globes, landmarks, and student location.
- **History:** Native Americans, explorers, early settlements, U.S. founding, key historical figures, and primary/secondary sources.

- **Civics:** Rules, laws, justice, voting, citizenship, and community roles.
- **Economics:** Needs, wants, goods, services, jobs, money, and resource stewardship.
- **Cultural Studies:** Families, celebrations, diversity, and technology's impact.

Students build critical thinking and literacy skills, such as comparing and contrasting, sequencing, and reading charts. This course equips students with the tools to understand their world and make meaningful contributions.

BJU Heritage Studies 1: Family and Community, 4th ed.