

## ***SECOND GRADE***

### **Bible**

In second grade, the focus of the class is to explore the character traits of various people in the Bible, teaching students how to apply biblical principles to their own lives. Through these stories, students learn about faithfulness, humility, prayer, courage, and compassion as they grow in their relationship with God and others.

Key lessons include:

- **Trust & Obedience:** Stories of Abraham, Moses, and Mary and Joseph emphasize listening to and following God.
- **Courage & Leadership:** Accounts of Joshua, Nehemiah, and Esther demonstrate boldness, faith, and selflessness in challenging circumstances.
- **Faithfulness:** Examples from Daniel, his friends, and Ruth highlight loyalty and perseverance in serving God.
- **Love & Mercy:** Stories of Jesus' mercy and compassion encourage students to show love and forgiveness.
- **Celebration of God's Plan:** Lessons on Christmas and Easter focus on Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection, celebrating salvation.

Students engage in activities that foster prayer, thankfulness, and bold faith, while learning to trust God and apply His Word in their everyday lives.

Textbook: ACSI Purposeful Design *Bible 2*

### **English Language Arts Reading**

#### **Reading**

The focus of reading in second grade includes vocabulary knowledge, vocabulary strategies; comprehension strategies (compare/contrast, cause/effect); constructing meaning (details, context clues, drawing conclusions, main idea, fact/opinion, form generalizations); reading process skills (author's purpose, predicting, text features, repair strategies); organizational structure (sequence); literary elements (setting, characterization, plot, narrator, point of view), genre characteristics (fiction/non-fiction, reality/fantasy); Author's craft (figurative language, sensory detail, literary devices)

Textbook: Teacher developed units; novel sets

#### **Language**

Capitalization of first word in a sentence, days of the week, months of the year, special holidays, names of God, and proper nouns, correct punctuation at the ends of sentences, complete sentences, 4 kinds of sentences, subjects and predicates, 4 parts of speech; words using suffixes, prefixes, abbreviations, compound words, same-meaning words, singular and plural words, singular possessive words, and contractions; alphabetizing words and other research skills; word usage rules; writing of complete sentences, questions, and exclamations; proofreader's marks for capitalization, spelling, and punctuation; writing paragraphs, stories, poems, and journal entries

Textbook: ABEKA *Language 2*

### **Phonics**

Review of vowels, consonants, blends, one- and two-vowel words, consonant blends; recognition and use of all phonics special sound in reading; spelling rules: doubling consonants, dropping silent e, changing y to i

Textbook: ABEKA

### **Spelling**

In *Spelling and Poetry 2*, students engage in their first dedicated spelling course, reinforcing phonics concepts through comprehensive spelling lists and vocabulary development. By year's end, students master 48 sight words, 27 commonly misspelled words, 12 abbreviations, 3 contractions, and 54 vocabulary words with definitions. Lessons emphasize proper word usage, spelling rules, and understanding sound-alike words.

Students participate in daily oral and written practice, solving word puzzles, identifying homonyms and rhymes, and applying prefixes and suffixes. Spelling rules, such as doubling consonants, dropping silent e, and phonics patterns, are reinforced for practical application in speaking and writing.

Students develop strong foundational skills in spelling, vocabulary, and effective communication.

Textbook: ABEKA *Spelling and Poetry 2*

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

### **Math**

The focus of mathematics in second grade is to building on students' understanding of place value by adding and subtracting with two and three digit numbers. Students will also explore fractions, geometry and measurement. Students are also introduced to foundational multiplication and division skills. Students are also to achieve automaticity of basic addition and subtraction facts (0-20) and multiplication facts of 0,1, 2, and 5. Students are able to fluently solve 1-step word problems and are introduced to 2-step word problems.

Textbook: BJU *Math 2* (4<sup>th</sup> ed.)

### **Science**

In 2nd grade science, students explore God's creation through inquiry and hands-on activities, developing skills like observing, measuring, and classifying. They study the natural world, learning how plants, animals, habitats, and humans interact, and they investigate concepts like forces, motion, and the earth's composition. Key topics include:

- **Living and Nonliving Things:** Characteristics, life cycles, and habitats of plants and animals.
- **Earth Science:** Layers of the earth, landforms, fossils, natural resources, and the impact of weathering and erosion.
- **Forces and Motion:** Understanding gravity, friction, and magnetism.
- **Solar System:** Earth's rotation and revolution, and how they cause seasons and day-night cycles.
- **Human Body:** Basic body systems and the importance of nutrition and exercise.

Through STEM projects and problem-solving, students grow in their understanding of science as a way to explore and steward God's creation.

Textbook: BJU *Science 2*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed.

### **Social Studies/History**

In Grade 2, students focus on the foundations of Christian citizenship, exploring the values of freedom, equality, and responsibility. Through age-appropriate lessons and interactive activities, students will develop critical thinking, problem-solving, and map skills while examining their roles in communities and government.

Key topics include:

- **Civics:** Rights and responsibilities of citizens, purpose of government, and the Constitution.
- **Economics:** Work ethic, budgeting, goods and services, supply and demand, and trade.
- **History:** Influences of Native Americans, immigrants, and technology; biographies of impactful figures; and American celebrations.
- **Geography:** U.S. regions, landforms, climate, and map skills (grid maps, scales, and population density).
- **Biblical Worldview:** Creation Mandate, Christian values, and cultural influences.

Students will explore the past's impact on the present, the importance of community, and how to be effective Christian citizens in a changing world.

Textbook: BJU Press *Heritage Studies: Community and Government*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed.