

THIRD GRADE

Bible

In third grade, the focus of the Bible study is on the life of Christ, the early Church, and the spread of the gospel, emphasizing how students can live out their faith in response to God's Word.

Key lessons include:

- **The Life of Jesus:** Exploring His birth, miracles, teachings, and sacrifice to understand His role in God's redemptive plan.
- **Faith in Action:** Lessons on prayer, forgiveness, love, and stewardship encourage students to follow Jesus' example.
- **The Holy Spirit:** Students learn about the Holy Spirit's power and guidance starting from Pentecost.
- **The Early Church:** Stories of Peter, Stephen, and Paul highlight the growth of the Church and inspire perseverance and bold faith.
- **Global Mission:** Students study Paul's missionary journeys and the Great Commission, recognizing their own role in sharing the gospel.

Through Scripture, prayer, and practical application, students deepen their understanding of God's plan and their place in His mission. Special lessons for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter are included.

Textbook: ACSI Purposeful Design *Bible 3*

English Language Arts Reading

Reading

The focus of reading in third grade includes vocabulary knowledge and skills (analogies, idioms, context clues, multi-meaning words, connotation/ denotation); comprehension strategies (predictions, text features, summary, author's purpose, repair strategies, drawing conclusions); constructing meaning (details, context clues, fact/opinion, main idea; organizational structure (cause/effect, sequencing, compare/contrast); literary elements (setting, plot, characterization, theme, narrator, point of view); genre characteristics (fiction/non-fiction, reality/fantasy, genre characteristics); author's choices (literary devices, sensory detail, figurative language) and analyzing argument and evaluating text.

Textbook: Teacher developed units; novel sets

Language

Punctuation and capitalization rules; recognition of simple nouns, subjects, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions; word usage; forming plurals and common contractions; recognition of antonyms, homonyms, synonyms; dictionary skills, and glossary skills; writing original paragraphs, stories, graphic organizers, summarizing exercises, journal entries; creative writing prompts; research reports

Textbook: ABEKA *Language 3*

Spelling

In *Spelling and Poetry 3*, students expand their spelling and vocabulary skills through organized word lists and engaging activities. Each list features everyday words, academic "content words," and vocabulary definitions, arranged by spelling rules and patterns for easier recall and application. Students master commonly misspelled words,

compound words, contractions, plurals, and words with prefixes and suffixes, while building a strong vocabulary base.

Through daily oral and written practice, exercises, and sentence creation, students learn to apply spelling rules such as plural formation, vowel-consonant patterns, and proper apostrophe usage. Activities include identifying sound-alike words, completing sentences, and forming words with correct spelling patterns.

Textbook: ABEKA *Spelling and Poetry 3*

Math

The focus of mathematics in third grade is to deepen students understanding of place value by applying it to addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and decimals. Students' knowledge of division, fractions, geometry, and measurement will also be strengthened. Students will begin to realize math is a tool and God in his infinite wisdom designed the world with many examples of mathematics. Students are also to achieve automaticity of multiplication facts (0-12) and division facts (0-5). Students are able to fluently solve 1-step word problems and gain greater confidence in solving 2-step word problems.

Textbook: BJU Math 3 (4th ed.)

Science

Third-grade science helps students develop a biblical worldview while exploring physical, earth, space, and life sciences. Students discover God's creation, how it works, and their responsibility to care for it. Through STEM activities, inquiry lessons, and hands-on investigations, they apply scientific skills like observing, measuring, and problem-solving to understand the world.

Key topics include:

- **Physical Science:** Properties of matter, states of matter, forces, motion, electricity, magnetism, and sound.
- **Life Science:** Ecosystems, food chains, life cycles of plants and animals, classification of organisms, and cells.
- **Earth Science:** Soil, rocks, minerals, weather, and climate.
- **Space Science:** The solar system, moon phases, planets, and gravity.

This course emphasizes how science reveals God's design and equips students to use scientific tools and methods to explore His creation.

Textbook: BJU *Science 3*, 5th ed.

Social Studies/History

In Grade 3, students learn about the cultures of the world through a study of major world regions. Students explore geography, governments, economies, religions, and cultures, emphasizing a Christian worldview. Interactive features such as folktales, missionary stories, and hands-on activities make learning about diverse cultures exciting and meaningful.

Key topics include:

- **Geography:** Regional climates, physical features, maps (grid, scale, projections), and interconnections between regions.

- **History:** Indigenous customs, world exploration, migration, colonization, and the spread of Christianity.
- **Civics:** Rights, duties, governments, and citizenship in different regions.
- **Economics:** Resource use, industries, trade, and cultural influences on economies.
- **Culture:** Regional traditions, food, clothing, arts, literature, and beliefs.

Through biographies of influential figures and studies of environmental stewardship, students learn how regions shape life and how Christians can impact the world positively.

Textbook: BJU *Heritage Studies: World Regions*, 4th ed.