

FOURTH GRADE

Bible

In fourth grade, the focus of the Bible study, students develop foundational doctrines of the Christian faith, helping students deepen their understanding of God's Word and its application to their lives.

Key topics include:

- **The Bible's Authority:** Understanding the Bible as God's inspired, eternal, and relevant truth.
- **God's Attributes:** Exploring God's omnipresence, omniscience, omnipotence, and the Trinity.
- **Humanity's Purpose:** Learning that people are created in God's image to glorify Him and reflect His character.
- **Sin and Redemption:** Recognizing the impact of sin, the need for Jesus' forgiveness, and the power of His resurrection.
- **Spiritual Growth:** Practicing prayer, Bible study, gratitude, and stewardship.
- **Sharing the Faith:** Understanding evangelism, resisting temptation, and preparing for Christ's return and the final judgment.

Students build a strong biblical foundation, equipping them to live as godly examples and share the hope of the gospel.

Textbook: BJU Bible Truths 2nd ed.

English Language Arts Reading

Reading

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

Textbook: Teacher developed units; novel sets

Language

Sentence structure, kinds of sentences, punctuation, capitalization facts, abbreviations, possessive words; recognizing and using all eight parts of speech; diagramming verbs, nouns, pronouns, adjectives and adverbs; correctly using troublesome words; gathering information; writing with details, writing and encyclopedia report, creative writing, and dictionary skills.

Textbook: ABEKA *Language 4*

Spelling

In *Spelling, Vocabulary, and Poetry 4*, students deepen their understanding of spelling patterns and phonics while expanding their vocabulary skills. Each spelling list includes a *Word to Live By*, a Bible verse and character trait, fostering a biblical worldview. Students master words arranged by patterns, prefixes, suffixes, root words, and abbreviations while applying spelling rules and patterns in sentences and paragraphs.

Daily activities include teacher-directed oral practice, independent written exercises, and games that reinforce learning. Vocabulary words and definitions are introduced with each list, helping students use words correctly in speech and writing.

Through engaging activities, students learn to:

- Apply spelling rules (e.g., *i before e*, silent letters, and suffix changes).
- Differentiate between sound-alike words.
- Solve word puzzles and use spelling bridges to connect learned concepts.

Students develop comprehension skills while combining language mastery with character-building lessons. 4th grade spelling equips students with tools for effective communication and critical thinking.

Textbook: ABEKA *Spelling, Vocabulary & Poetry 4*

Math

The focus of mathematics in fourth grade is for students to apply their knowledge of place value to multiplication and division and to further encourage accurate computation skills. Students will also use reasoning skills to estimate answers and will be introduced to STEAM activities. Students will gain a better understanding of fractions, geometry, measurement and be introduced to pre-algebra skills. Students are expected to achieve automaticity of multiplication and division facts (0-12) and be able to fluently solve 2-step word.

Textbook: BJU *Math 4* (4th ed.)

Science

Fourth-grade science helps students explore living things, energy, earth's surface, and natural resources through a biblical worldview. Students develop their inquiry and engineering skills while discovering plants, animals, humans, waves, and patterns in nature. Hands-on STEM activities and investigations encourage critical thinking, problem-solving, and an appreciation of God's design in creation.

Key topics include:

- **Energy and Forces:** Potential and kinetic energy, motion, work, and simple machines.
- **Waves and Light:** Properties of waves, sound, light, and their applications in communication.
- **Life Science:** Plant and animal structures, life cycles, ecosystems, and human body systems.
- **Earth Science:** Soil, rocks, natural hazards, landforms, and the water cycle.
- **Natural Resources:** Renewable and nonrenewable resources, conservation, and ocean ecosystems.

Through engaging lessons and scientific tools, students deepen their knowledge of the world and their role as stewards of God's creation.

Textbook: BJU *Science 4*, 5th ed.

Social Studies/History

In Grade 4, the history of Texas from the early beginnings to the present is the focus, including the Texas Revolution, establishing the Republic of Texas, and the annexation of Texas to the United States. Important issues, events, and individuals of the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries are studied. Students study the regions in Texas and North America including physical features, the location, distribution, and patterns of economic activities and settlement in Texas. How early American Indians in Texas and North America met their basic economic needs, the motivations for European exploration and colonization and reasons for the establishment of Spanish settlements and missions are also discussed. Students learn how American Indians governed themselves and identify characteristics of Spanish colonial and Mexican governments in Texas.

Textbooks: Pearson My World 2013 ed.