

FIFTH GRADE

Bible

In fifth grade, the focus of the study is Old Testament stories and lessons that highlight the impact of choices and their consequences.

Key topics include:

- **God's Truth:** Recognizing the Bible as God's Word and trusting His plan of salvation.
- **Faith and Obedience:** Learning from Abraham's trust, Ruth's loyalty, and Samuel's listening ear.
- **Trials and Forgiveness:** Understanding perseverance through Joseph's trials and the power of forgiveness.
- **Leadership and Wisdom:** Studying godly leadership in Moses, David, and Nehemiah, and the importance of wisdom through Solomon.
- **Sin and Redemption:** Exploring the consequences of sin and God's grace in stories like Achan, Samson, and David.
- **Prophecy and Worship:** Celebrating fulfilled prophecies of the Messiah and the role of worship in a believer's life.

Through these lessons, students develop an understanding of God's faithfulness, the importance of making wise choices, and their role in God's redemptive plan.

Textbook: ACSI Purposeful Design *Bible 5*

English Language Arts Reading

Reading

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

Textbook: Teacher developed units; novel sets

Language

Punctuation, capitalization, and quotation facts; recognizing eight parts of speech; word usage; sentences and sentence parts, synonyms, antonyms, homonyms; dictionary and thesaurus skills; letters – friendly, post cards, thank you notes; making an outline; writing a library research paper; creative writing

Textbook: ABEKA *Language 5*

Spelling

In *Spelling, Vocabulary, and Poetry 5*, students develop mastery by learning how spelling "works" through examining words, applying phonics rules, and practicing proofreading skills. They also explore the spelling and abbreviations for all books of the Bible and the nuances of synonyms, antonyms, and homonyms.

Key components of the course include:

- Mastering vocabulary words, definitions, and spelling rules (e.g., *i before e*, suffixes, and plurals).
- Recognizing misspelled words and improving proofreading accuracy.
- Using spelling and vocabulary words in sentences, both dictated and original.
- Distinguishing word pairs like synonyms, antonyms, and homonyms.

Students engage in daily oral and written exercises and learn background information on selected words to enhance understanding. They also work on building character and fostering an appreciation for language.

Textbook: ABEKA *Spelling, Vocabulary & Poetry 5*

Math

The focus of mathematics in fifth grade is to challenge students to apply their knowledge of operations of whole numbers to decimals and fractions. Students will also continue to develop their pre-algebra skills and deepen students' understanding of geometry, measurement and data. Students are expected to have automaticity of multiplication and division facts (0-12) and be able to fluently solve 2-step word with an introduction to 3-step word problems.

Textbook: BJU *Math 5* (4th ed.)

Science

Fifth-grade science invites students to explore God's creation through engaging studies of matter, ecosystems, biomes, weather, rocks, minerals, fossils, the solar system, and the human body systems. Through a biblical worldview, students investigate the wonders of nature while developing their scientific inquiry and STEM skills.

Key topics include:

- **Matter and Its Properties:** Physical and chemical changes, states of matter, and measuring matter.
- **Ecosystems and Biomes:** Food chains, energy flow, adaptations, conservation, and environmental changes.
- **Earth Science:** Layers of the earth, weather patterns, fossils, and the Genesis Flood.
- **Human Body Systems:** Immune, respiratory, circulatory, excretory, and nervous systems.
- **Solar System:** Planets, stars, gravity, space exploration, and the moon's phases.

Hands-on experiments, STEM activities, and scientific tools such as microscopes, telescopes, and weather instruments enhance learning. Students deepen their understanding of God's design and their role in caring for His creation.

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

Social Studies/History

In Grade 5, a survey of the history of the United States from 1565 to the present is the focus to include the colonial period, the American Revolution, the establishment of the U.S. Constitution and American identity, westward expansion, the Civil War and Reconstruction, immigration and industrialization, and the 20th and 21st centuries. Students study regions in the United States including the physical features and human activity and how people adapt to and modify the

environment. Students explain the characteristics of the free enterprise system and describe economic activities in the United States. Students learn about the roots of representative government and important ideas in the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Textbooks: Pearson My World 2013 ed.