

SEVENTH GRADE

Bible

In middle school, young people face more and more decisions on their own. Soon they find that their new freedoms are followed by greater responsibility and higher expectations. *Wise Up* encourages our students to study the wisdom of God in Proverbs, allowing Him to shape their lives into the image of His Son, Christ and to apply these principles to their daily lives.

Textbook: *Wise Up! Positive Action for Christ*

English Language Arts Reading

Reading

In 7th grade, students will learn vocabulary strategies and knowledge (synonyms, homonyms, idioms, analogies, context clues); reading comprehension (text features, predictions, author's purpose, summary, generalization, details, sequencing, main idea, fact/opinion, compare/contrast, and cause/effect); literary elements and genre study (characterization, plot, theme, setting, narrator, point of view, characteristics of genre, fiction/non-fiction, reality/fantasy); figurative language, literary devices, and persuasion, credibility and logical fallacies.

Textbooks: BJU Literature; teacher created novel units

Writing & Grammar

The focus of writing and grammar in 7th grade includes types of sentences, parts of speech (nouns, verbs, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs), reference materials, poetry, phrases, and clauses, punctuation. Writing products include personal narrative, expository, persuasive, research paper, narrative, poetry, and letter writing.

Textbook: ABEKA *Grammar and Composition I*, 6th ed.

Math

Topics to be refreshed and taught in 7th grade include whole numbers, decimals, number theory, fractions, forms of rational numbers, using percent, measurement, area & volume, geometry, probability & statistics. There is a substantial introduction to algebra, integer, relations and functions, and set theory.

Textbook: BJU *Fundamentals of Math* 3rd ed.

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Science

In 7th grade Science, students will explore the intricate design of God's creation through *Life Science*, a comprehensive survey of living organisms. Students will investigate plants, animals, and human beings to understand their structures, functions, and interconnected

systems. Grounded in a biblical perspective, this course encourages scientific inquiry through engaging case studies, webquests, lab activities, and ethical discussions.

Key topics include:

- Characteristics of life and cellular biology (cell structure, respiration, and division).
- Genetics and DNA processes (replication, transcription, and protein synthesis).
- Organism classification and anatomy, from bacteria and fungi to plants and animals.
- Human body systems (nervous, circulatory, respiratory, muscular, and more).
- Ecology, biomes, and environmental stewardship.

Students will learn to think critically about scientific concepts, analyze evidence, and reflect on topics such as biblical creationism versus evolution. This course emphasizes the responsibility of managing and protecting God's creation, fostering both scientific understanding and a deeper appreciation for the Creator.

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

Social Studies (Texas History)

In Grade 7, students study the history of Texas from early times to the present. Students examine the full scope of Texas history, including Natural Texas and its People; Age of Contact; Spanish Colonial; Mexican National; Revolution and Republic; Early Statehood; Texas in the Civil War and Reconstruction; Cotton, Cattle, and Railroads; Age of Oil; Texas in the Great Depression and World War II; Civil Rights and Conservatism; and Contemporary Texas eras. The focus in each era is on key individuals, events, and issues and their impact. Students identify regions of Texas and the distribution of population within and among the regions and explain the factors that caused Texas to change from an agrarian to an urban society. Students describe the structure and functions of municipal, county, and state governments, explain the influence of the U.S. Constitution on the Texas Constitution, and examine the rights and responsibilities of Texas citizens. Students use primary and secondary sources to examine the rich and diverse cultural background of Texas as they identify the different racial and ethnic groups that settled in Texas to build a republic and then a state.

Textbook: Pearson, 3rd ed.