

Word of Life Lutheran School
Religion Curriculum

Word of God

The Word of God is taught at Word of Life Lutheran School to bring the students into a closer relationship with their Savior. It provides the means whereby the children are assured of their eternal salvation and motivates the children to live a Christian life here on earth.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

- I. The Word of God is taught daily and permeates all subject areas so that the child is led to:**
- A. THE STRENGTHENING OF FAITH
 1. Confess his faith in the Triune God.
 2. Confess his sins and lost condition as shown to him by the law.
 3. Confess that Christ died for all men including him.
 4. Hear the Word of God often so that the Holy Spirit may thereby strengthen his faith.
 5. Participate actively in private and home devotions.
 6. Learn the basic Christian doctrines and all other fields of study within the framework of these doctrines.
 7. Seek Christian companionship.
 - B. THE EXERCISING OF FAITH
 1. Recognize that all he has is a gift from God.
 2. Strive out of love and thankfulness to God to lead a God-pleasing life by using his time, talents, and goods to the glory of God.
 3. Show his Christian joy by wanting to share the Gospel with others such as by bringing friends to church and giving to missions.
 4. Be an active member of his congregation.
 5. Treat his body and his neighbors as the temple of God.
 6. Display a Christian attitude toward his neighbor.
 7. Seek Christian companionship.
 - C. THE ACCEPTANCE OF AUTHORITY
 1. Regard God as a Friend and Father to whom he can take any trouble and who is always ready to help in the way he knows best for us.
 2. Respect and obey God's representatives in the home, church, school, and state, as well as any other authority; and willingly accept their discipline.
 - D. THE APPRECIATION OF GOD'S GOODNESS
 1. Recognize the world as God's creation.
 2. Lead this life as a while of God who has been redeemed by Jesus Christ and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
- II. All subjects are taught so that the child:**
- A. Meets all requirements of a basic elementary education.
 - B. Is prepared to enter a Lutheran or public high school.
 - C. Becomes a useful Christian to his society.
 - D. Develops his full potential.

Subject: RELIGION

Introduction

Through God's Word each individual child is brought to realize:

I. The sinfulness of man

- A. Man was created in the image of God: perfect and holy
- B. Man became a sinner deserving eternal damnation.
- C. Man, in no way, can save himself.

II. The Grace of God

- A. God has established salvation for all.
 - 1. God loves the undeserving sinner and wants all to be saved.
 - 2. He accomplished man's salvation by sending His son Jesus Christ to atone for man's sins.
 - 3. By His obedient life and innocent death in man's stead, Christ redeemed the world from sin, death, and hell.
 - 4. God makes this redemption man's own by the working of the Holy Spirit through the Means of Grace.
- B. Man's life in his time of grace.
 - 1. God preserves man by providing all he needs for body and life.
 - 2. God protects man from all harm and danger.
 - 3. God causes all things to work together for the believer's good.

III. The Response of a Christian

- A. The Christian recognizes himself as a child of God.
- B. The Christian matures in faith through the regular use of the Word and Sacrament.
- C. The Christian gives his life gladly in service to Christ and to his church.
- D. The Christian conforms his life to the law of God out of faith and love towards Christ.
- E. The Christian turns daily to God in prayer.
- F. The Christian witnesses for Christ in his daily life.

CATECHISM

A. GENERAL OBJECTIVES

1. To impart knowledge of the chief truths of god's Word.
2. To reinforce the students in their Christian convictions and attitudes.
3. To lead the students to live a God-pleasing life, which is the fruit of faith.
4. To strengthen and keep them in this faith until their end.

B. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

1. To study systematically the basic Christian Doctrines as outlined in Luther's Small Catechism.
2. To memorize and understand the six chief parts of Luther's Small Catechism.
3. To learn and understand the table of duties.
4. To memorize and understand selected Bible passages.
5. To know the meaning of a selected vocabulary considered for understanding Christian Doctrine.
6. To be able to apply this knowledge of Christian truths and doctrines in everyday life.

BIBLE HISTORY

A. GENERAL OBEJECTIVES

1. To lead the child to know his God as He reveals Himself as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.
2. To lead the child to know the Law, which shows him that by nature he is a sinner deserving eternal damnation.
3. To lead the child to know the Gospel, which shows him that Jesus is his only Savior.
4. To lead the child to live a God-pleasing life, which is a fruit of faith.

B. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

1. To make the bible account a living experience for the pupil, applicable to life.
2. To show the guiding hand of God in the lives of individuals and nations.
3. To facilitate the teachings of doctrines of the bible as they are set forth in Luther's Small Catechism.
4. To introduce the chronological order of the plan of salvation from creation through the establishment of the New Testament church.
5. To acquaint the pupils with the external arrangement of the bible.
6. To acquaint the pupils with the life and customs of the people of Bible times.
7. To familiarize the pupils with the geography of the bible lands.
8. To lead the pupils into the language of the Bible.

Course of Study (Christ-Light II as purchased through NPH)

K4 -- Preschool lessons

K5 – NT & OT 48 Lesson books – Selected Bible Accounts

Grade 1 – NT & OT Lessons – Level IV (alternating OT one year and NT the next)

Grade 2 – NT & OT Lessons – Level IV (alternating OT one year and NT the next)

Grade 3 – NT & OT Lessons – Level IV (alternating OT one year and NT the next)

Grade 4 – NT & OT Lessons – Level IV (alternating OT one year and NT the next)

Grade 5 – NT & OT Lessons – Level VI (alternating OT one year and NT the next)

- --Foundations of Faith II Catechism Lessons

Grade 6 – NT & OT Lessons – Level VI (alternating OT one year and NT the next)

- --Foundations of Faith II Catechism Lessons

Grade 7 – Bible History Class & Confirmation Instruction Class with Pastor

Grade 8 – Bible History Class & Confirmation Instruction Class with Pastor

HYMNOLOGY

A. GENERAL OBJECTIVES

To learn that hymns and chorales from Christian Worship are an expression of God's Word.

B. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

1. To familiarize the child with the historical background of hymns.
2. To lead the child to understand the Scriptural truths expressed in the hymns.
3. To foster an appreciation for a more meaningful use of the musical heritage of our Lutheran church.
4. To have the child memorize selected hymns.
5. To help the child sing hymns with confidence and conviction.
6. To afford a ready source of comfort, hope, and strength to the child in the trials of life, especially in the hour of death.
7. To familiarize the child with the melody so that he can sing with joy as ease.

CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION CLASS

A. GENERAL OBJECTIVES

1. To give students knowledge of the basic teachings of Christianity, as they are clearly taught and presented, as God reveals them, in the Holy Scriptures.
2. To teach students the Lutheran faith, using Luther's Small Catechism as a study guide.
3. To prepare students for reception of the Lord's Supper and responsible church membership.
4. To give students an overview of church history, emphasizing how God's plan of salvation unfolded to the person of Jesus Christ and how the church through the age has proclaimed the good news and shared its faith.
5. To help students apply their faith to real life situations.
6. To develop in students skills to study and learn the Holy Scriptures in order to make them a part of their daily lives.

B. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

To achieve the purpose described above, we will make use of:

1. Encouraging – hands on investigation and application of the truth of Scripture.
2. Memorization of key Bible passages and the six chief parts of the Catechism in order to develop a storehouse of knowledge for the student.
3. Supplemental materials and Bible studies to guide the students in their learning and retention, as well as application of Scriptural truths to everyday life.