

Third Grade Curriculum

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Bible: We will continue our instruction in Bible by introducing to our students redemptive-historical events of the book of Judges through the Kings of Israel and Judah. This series begins shortly after the establishment of Israel in Canaan as a nation, continues through the many periods of faithfulness and unfaithfulness of God's people and ends before Elijah comes on the scene. Naomi, Ruth, David and Solomon are just a few of the personalities studied therein. They will learn major events and works in the lives of selected Biblical saints and recite memory verses from the Scriptures.

Language: Our students will continue to master their grammar through a comprehensive language curriculum that will also teach them the skills of creative writing. The grammar stage of the trivium recognizes this period in the child's life as possessing the gift of memory. Therefore this is the time to introduce memory work that will be established in the mind of the student forever. The third year of this curriculum reintroduces the students to the 70 phonograms and continues to increase the student's skill in spelling as well as reading as part and parcel of the Shurley mastery program. Jingles that aid in grammar knowledge and recall will reinforce class lessons. The students will learn to classify parts of sentences, sentences as well as write a three-point expository paragraph. They will be challenged as well as motivated to excel in this academic. The Word is important to us as Christians, because God has revealed Himself to us through the Word, therefore it is important that our students learn a high regard for the use of proper language.

Latin: Students quickly learn the history of their language. They learn that their vocabulary words have relatives and a history, and this provokes a desire to learn more about their own language and its origins. Discussing derivatives becomes an exciting activity within the classroom, which only serves to enhance their use of the English language. Not only does the study of Latin improve vocabulary, but it also allows the student to look at the English language and observe grammar systematically. In this early stage students learn the *grammar* of the academic, vocabulary words and simple conjugations. Students very quickly grasp Latin study and the *tools* for learning that are intrinsic within the system.

Math: It is our desire to instruct our students to learn how God uses laws of arithmetic to govern His creation. As His church is to be governed by good order, so too, is His creation. Our students will learn the principle of individuality and how the laws of arithmetic apply to their lives in solving practical problems that they may develop godly Christian character. Because math curriculum is

"dumbed down" Saxon 4 is used in the Third grade. The mathematical concepts that were learned in the second grade level will be briefly reviewed. Their knowledge of mathematical functions such as multiplication, division, fractions and graphs will increase as these concepts are broadened. In this the "grammar stage", it is important that the rudiments, the basic concepts of the math program, are firmly grasped by each study, preparing them for additional studies.

Science: Our third grade students will continue to learn about God's creation. They will learn the patterns God has set in place and how everything has been perfectly ordered in God's creation. As our students study creation they will learn that they have been created in God's own image to rule over creation as God's stewards. But most of all they will learn about our great God as Creator and King. In this course they will discover their five senses, where animals live, machines, work and electricity among other things. They will also discover heat, temperature, water, the earth's resources and finally the Solar System. Discovery of our world around us is exciting as it shows us the character of our gracious God, as He is revealed in "all things".

History/Geography: This series of the Veritas History program covers the founding of Greece through the fall of Rome, which includes the entire New Testament time period as well as the latter portion of the Old Testament. Students learn about the world into which Christ was born and the roots of much of modern governments and society. They will build upon previous lessons, continuing to form a concise timeline that informs our understanding of the present day. A timeline in the classroom keeps before our students the truth that there is a *beginning* and there will be an *end* as history is the revealing to man the redemptive plan of God.

Health: In order to be good stewards of our children we endeavor to instruct them in matters of safety. They will learn safety principles for home, travel, water, and storms. We are to also be concerned for the welfare of others. Therefore we will instruct our students in matters of proper Christian behavior and manners. Instruction in the Matthew 18 process for settling interpersonal problems as prescribed by God will be given. Also instruction concerning Biblical values and godly character from the Proverbs will be part of the curriculum. In this we teach our children respect/love for their neighbors in the command we received from our Lord to "***love one another***".

Art: It is our desire to attend to every aspect of the student's education. In order to teach our students, that they would receive a well-rounded education, we will instruct them in the two areas of the arts. It is our desire to teach our students at the earliest stages God's design in His creation. We will instruct them in "how" to look and "how" to see God's handiwork, as His creation declares His glory.

Music: Our music curriculum will instruct our students in the fundamentals of reading notes and singing. Music as well as the visual arts, God created both for His own glory and our students will learn that it is only within the boundaries of what actually is glorifying to God that true art is created as that is true beauty. Students will learn the basic shapes of drawing and sounds of music, according to the "***rules***" of Art. The arts are to be used to glorify God and not man. They were not created for man's "self-expression" as much as they were created for man to imitate the Creator and in so doing bringing glory to Him.

Physical Education: God has created man with physical needs. In addition to more obvious areas of stewardship we should endeavor to be good stewards with our physical bodies. Physical

education has a purpose in encouraging good stewardship of our physical bodies in areas of strength, flexibility, and cardio-respiratory endurance. Physical education also provides an opportunity for positive character development. As the child further develops and coordination becomes broadened, we desire to aid the muscular and the eye/hand activities to the benefit of each child.

Resources:

Bible: *Stories from The Old Testament; The Children's Illustrated Bible; Genesis through Joshua Series; Greenleaf Guide to the Old Testament; Calvin Commentary; Veritas Press Flash Cards #33-64; Abingdon's Reproducible Old and New Testament Maps; Child's Story Bible; Journey Through the Bible; Student Bible Atlas;*

Language, Reading/Phonics: *Teaching Reading at Home; Writing Road to Reading; Spelling Wiseguide.*

Grammar: *Shurley Grammar, Level 3; Excellence in Writing.*

Latin: *Logos' Latin Primer 1; Latin Charts*

Math: *Saxon 65 Math curriculum; Math-U-See manipulatives; other classroom manipulatives*

Science: *Christian Schools International Science 3 curriculum; Five-Year Ocean Study*

History/Geography: *Veritas Press History Curriculum New Testament, Greece and Rome Series; 100 Events in Church History; The Church in History; Cultural Atlas for Young People; Ancient Greece; Ancient Rome; Famous Men of Greece; Famous Men of Rome; Journey Through The Bible; Kingfisher History Encyclopedia; Streams of Civilization; Usborne Illustrated World History: The Greeks; Usborne Illustrated World History: The Romans.*

Health: *Abeka's Health, Safety & Manners 3; Go To The Ant Chart; The Offended Brother Chart; The Bible.*

Art: *Drawing With Children; How to Teach Art to Children; The Little Lamb's Book.*

Music: *Trinity Hymnal; 100 Hymn Stories.*