

Religion

Purpose, Knowledge, and Attitudes

Bible History

Purpose

Our Triune God has revealed Himself and His will to us in the Bible. It is our privilege and responsibility as Christians to study the Bible so we can learn about our Lord and what He wants us to do. It is therefore important for us to diligently and thoroughly read and study God's Holy Word. We desire to have our students grow continually in their knowledge of God's Word throughout their lives. Our religion curriculum will therefore provide a progressive training in the lessons and doctrines of the Holy Scriptures which will help to strengthen personal faith as well as develop a means by which the Bible can be studied personally throughout life. In all of this, we are reminded that success will come only by the blessings of our Lord, and that academic achievement is not directly related to level of sanctification or faith.

Bible History

Knowledge (Broad Objectives Grades K – 8)

1. The student will believe that the Bible is inspired by God.
2. The student will know ever more fully his sinfulness and utter helplessness to save himself.

3. The student will know that by learning the gospel, Christians grow in their knowledge of God the Father as their loving Creator, God the Son as their gracious Redeemer, and God the Holy Spirit as their enlightening Sanctifier.
4. The student, using the gospel as motivation and the law as a guide, will continue to grow in living a life of thanksgiving to God for His undeserved grace.
5. The student, being trained in the proper use of law and gospel, is enabled to use the gifts God has given him to share the saving faith with others and to nurture fellow Christians in this faith.
6. The student will learn that God reveals His will in the Bible.
7. The student will grow in knowledge of the Bible as progress is made through the religion curriculum.
8. The student will develop stronger faith through studying the Bible.
9. The student will recognize that saving faith comes from the Holy Spirit, and that people cannot add to that faith by their own efforts.

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Catechism

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In training our students about God's will for our lives, it is necessary to look at the Bible in an organized manner according to the Scriptures. It is also important for our students to understand their Lutheran background and the Lutheran interpretation of the Biblical teachings. Our religion curriculum will therefore include catechetical training for the older students. This course will provide the students with a proper training for Confirmation into the church.

Catechism

Knowledge (Broad Objectives Grades K – 8)

1. The student will know that "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)
2. The student will study selected doctrines of the Bible in a logical sequence according to the six chief parts.
3. The student will memorize proper passages that correspond to the doctrines being studied.
4. The student will learn that the doctrines that we teach are found throughout the Bible.

5. The student will appreciate the unity of the Bible in that Scripture interprets and agrees with itself.
6. The student will learn and understand why we are Lutheran.
7. The student will develop an appreciation for church membership and learn how to be a supportive member of the church.

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Church History

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As part of a Christian's education, it is well to understand the historical background to our heritage. By understanding the past and its events, we can better appreciate the present. Although the Gospel message is not directly taught in Church History, the Lord's hand of control is certainly seen as He deals with our ancestors. This course will cover various historical aspects covering the early Christian church up to the history of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

Church History

Knowledge (Broad Objectives Grades K – 8)

1. The student will study selected historical periods of the Christian church.
2. The student will see how the Lord guards and guides His people throughout history.
3. The student will learn how to apply Scripture to life issues using the people and events of history as examples.
4. The student will gain a better understanding of various church bodies.

5. The student will learn how our Synod developed over the years.

Religion Knowledge, Attitudes, & Skills

Bible History, Catechism, and Church History

Attitudes

1. The student recognizes that what Jesus did to save him is the most wonderful thing in his life.
2. The student will accept the responsibility of studying the Bible in daily life.
3. The student recognizes that the material blessings he enjoys are gifts of God's grace.
4. The student feels that praying, singing spiritual songs, studying God's Word, and worshipping God at home and in church are all things he gladly does in thanks to God for His goodness.
5. The student wants to tell others about Jesus so that they do not die in unbelief.
6. The student realizes the importance of working and learning together as Christians in the home and in church so that we can encourage one another both in our faith and in serving God and one another in love.
7. The student realizes that doing our best in school is a way of showing our love for Jesus – that by developing the talents God has given him he is able to use them in his life to serve Him and others.

