Elementary Bible 2017

Elementary Bible Standards in Seventh-Day Adventist Schools

Office of Education North American Division Seventh-day Adventist Church
ADVENTIST EDUCATION STANDARDS

Standards, what learners should know (content) and be able to do (skills), serve as the framework for curriculum development. Standards in NAD Seventh-day Adventist schools reflect the Adventist worldview across the K-12 curricula as well as the integration of national and provincial/state standards. The Adventist worldview accepts the Bible as the standard by which everything else is measured. Four key concepts emerge from a biblical worldview that can be used as a lens for curriculum development, as well as informing the essential questions and big ideas of any content area: Creation (What is God's intention?), Fall (How has God's purpose been distorted?), Redemption (How does God help us to respond?), and Re-creation (How can we be restored in the image of God?).

— THE CORE OF ADVENTIST EDUCATION CURRICULUM

“The teaching of the Bible should have our freshest thought, our best methods, and our most earnest effort.” (Ed 186)

The integrity of the Seventh-day Adventist educational system is dependent on meaningful Bible curriculum that helps students develop an understanding and knowledge of God and a relationship with Him that will transform their lives.

Using the Bible as its foundation, the elementary Bible curriculum seeks to give students opportunities to:

1. Know God and develop a life-long relationship with Him, using the Bible as the source of truth.
2. Understand and share Seventh-day Adventist beliefs, heritage, and worldview.
3. Experience what spirituality is and how it is demonstrated through knowledge (head), attitudes (heart), and actions (hand).
4. Develop a sense of self-worth through a relationship with God, and develop interpersonal skills to respond with sensitivity in service to others.

STANDARDS CODING

The standards have been coded so that educators can easily refer to them in their curriculum, instruction, and assessment practices. The coding system that precedes each standard begins with the content area abbreviation in letters:

- All are identified with B—Bible (B.K.BK.1).
- The second part of the code refers to the grade level (B.K.BK.1).
- The third part of the code refers to the particular Bible domain (B.K.BK.1), with BK standing for Biblical Knowledge.
- The fourth part of the code refers to a particular skill within the Bible domain (B.K.BK.1).
- The coding system that follows each standard is the Fundamental Belief(s) that aligns with the Bible standard.

CREDITS

The following resources were referenced in developing Bible Standards for Seventh-day Adventist Schools: Seventh-day Adventists Believe (2005), What We Believe (Thomas, 2006), Core of Adventist Education Curriculum, NAD Key Learnings: Bible, Life Series Bible Program, NAD Curriculum Guide for Religion K-12, various online Christian Bible curricula, Education (White, 1903).

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2017 ELEMENTARY BIBLE STANDARDS — RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

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| **B.K.RG.2** | Recognize that God is everywhere, all-powerful, and all-knowing. (2, 3, 4, 5) | B.1-4.RG.2 | B.5-8.RG.2
| **B.K.RG.3** | Describe the work that God gave His angels to do. (8, 25, 26) | B.1-4.RG.3 | B.5-8.RG.3
| **B.K.RG.4** | Retell Bible stories that show God is love. (3) | B.1-4.RG.4 | B.5-8.RG.4
| **B.K.RG.5** | Give examples of how God's character is revealed throughout the Bible. (1, 2, 3) | B.1-4.RG.5 | B.5-8.RG.5
| **B.K.RG.6** | Show how God's law demonstrates His love and care for us. (19) | B.1-4.RG.6 | B.5-8.RG.6
| **B.K.RG.7** | Discover what nature tells us about God the Creator. (6, 24) | B.1-4.RG.7 | B.5-8.RG.7
| **B.K.RG.8** | Tell that because we are sinners, we need God's forgiveness. (9, 10) | B.1-4.RG.8 | B.5-8.RG.8
| **B.K.RG.9** | Consider an invitation to accept Jesus as a personal Savior and trust Him as Lord. (10, 15) | B.1-4.RG.9 | B.5-8.RG.9
| **B.K.RG.10** | Recognize that Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to change our hearts and to help us become more like Him. (2, 5, 11) | B.1-4.RG.10 | B.5-8.RG.10
| **B.K.RG.11** | Accept that the Bible requires us to make right choices in our daily living. (1, 11, 19) | B.1-4.RG.11 | B.5-8.RG.11
| **B.K.RG.12** | Relate that we show our love for God by obeying His law of love. (10, 11, 15, 19, 22) | B.1-4.RG.12 | B.5-8.RG.12
| **B.K.RG.13** | Tell stories from the Bible that show God's grace. (7, 10, 11) | B.1-4.RG.13 | B.5-8.RG.13
| **B.K.RG.14** | Recall stories in the Bible that show how God answers prayer. (1, 11) | B.1-4.RG.14 | B.5-8.RG.14
| **B.K.RG.15** | Give examples of God's leading in our individual lives. (22) | B.1-4.RG.15 | B.5-8.RG.15
| **B.K.RG.16** | Recognize and experience the benefit of growing in Jesus through worship together. (11, 12) | B.1-4.RG.16 | B.5-8.RG.16
| **B.K.RG.17** | Explain that we can develop a personal connection with God by talking and listening to Jesus in prayer. (1, 11) | B.1-4.RG.17 | B.5-8.RG.17
| **B.K.RG.18** | Participate in prayer and worship of God. (11, 12, 14, 20) | B.1-4.RG.18 | B.5-8.RG.18
| **B.K.RG.19** | Experience daily time alone with God. (11) | B.1-4.RG.19 | B.5-8.RG.19
| **B.K.RG.20** | Identify the Sabbath as a time of joy and celebration and keep the Sabbath holy as a sign of our love for God. (6, 20) | B.1-4.RG.20 | B.5-8.RG.20
| **B.K.RG.21** | Explore a variety of ways to communicate with God (e.g., prayer, song, silence, nature). (13) | B.1-4.RG.21 | B.5-8.RG.21
| **B.K.RG.22** | Recognize that baptism expresses our commitment to God. (11, 15) | B.1-4.RG.22 | B.5-8.RG.22
| **B.K.RG.23** | Tell how taking care of my body and mind helps me grow in my relationship with God. (22) | B.1-4.RG.23 | B.5-8.RG.23
| **B.K.RG.24** | Relate that God wants us to take care of the gifts He has given us (e.g., nature, money, time, talents). (21) | B.1-4.RG.24 | B.5-8.RG.24

**Knowledge of God**

**Acceptance of Salvation and Grace**

**Development of Christian Character**

**Commitment to Relationship with God**

**Essential Question:** What does it mean to have a relationship with God and why is such a relationship important?

**Big Idea:** We build a relationship with God by including Him in our daily lives so we are happy and productive on Earth and prepared to spend eternity with Him in Heaven.