

# BIBLICAL STUDIES

## What is the Big Story of the Bible?

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The story of the Bible leads us to discover who God is, who we are, how to love others, and what the world is like.

Learning about the Biblical story can encourage a sense of joy, curiosity, wonder, and worship.

Developing empathy helps us build Christ-honouring relationships.

We can learn from people with a different perspective and promote peace through the grace-filled language we use when conflict arises.

## LEARNER ATTRIBUTE GOALS



- Use developmentally appropriate reading, listening, viewing, and inquiry strategies to understand the Biblical text. (Purposefully Disciplined)
- Memorize key passages of scripture and draw conclusions about the content. (Purposefully Disciplined)
- Give examples of ways to show compassion to those who may have a different perspective. (Grace-Filled Integrity)
- Identify ways to work through conflict, promote peace, cooperation, and fairness. (Grace-Filled Integrity)
- Practice commitment to personal goals, values, and Biblical teachings by learning to know God, love others, and take care of creation. (Engaged & Faithful)
- Express and reflect on the practices of becoming creative independent thinkers who examine the presence of God in all things. (Hopeful & Thriving)
- Participate in service-learning experiences to recognize the consequence of actions or decisions in their lives. (Servant Stewardship)
- Engage in deep thinking and inquiry about decision-making based on Biblical teachings. (Faith-Informed Discernment)

## CONTENT LEARNING GOALS

- Biblical narrative & key events (creation, fall, exile, redemption, Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection, and restoration of the world)
- Covenantal characters of the Old Testament (Moses, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, Samuel, Saul, David, Solomon, David, Esther)
- Names and character of God (Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, and Provider; God the Father, Jesus the Son, and The Holy Spirit, Understanding the Nicene Creed, and primary scripture memory program)
- The great commandment: (loving God, loving others, knowing self, and taking care of creation)
- Relationships and Identity (caring, friendships, compassion, working through conflict, and image bearing)

## BIBLICAL STUDIES 1 RATIONALE

Grade one students explore God's big redemptive story of the Bible by mapping out the Biblical narrative of creation, fall, redemption, and restoration. Students learn to retell and explain what can be learned through key Bible stories about God as Creator, Sustainer, Redeemer, and Provider of the universe. They investigate the story of what went wrong, how God made it right in Jesus, and how God is making the world new. They examine the question, "What is the big story of the Bible?" to see God as the great storyteller. Students also explore how the Biblical narrative inspires us with how to show compassion to others with different perspectives and work through conflict peaceably as students explore how to love God, know themselves, and love one another. Students participate in activities that help them become aware of how to build caring relationships with others and develop the learner attributes.

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## REQUIRED RESOURCES

To be developed.

## CROSS-CURRICULAR INTEGRATION

**Social Studies 1:** *to be developed*

**Science 1:** *to be developed*

**Language Arts 1:** *to be developed*

**Mathematics 1:** *to be developed*

**Health & Physical Education 1:** *to be developed*

