



Levels of BIBLICAL LEARNING

What are the *Levels of Biblical Learning*®? As kids grow, their understanding of foundational truths grows with them. *Levels of Biblical Learning* covers 10 biblical concept areas—God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, Bible, Salvation, Creation, Church, People, Family, Community & World—that children and students can learn as they study God’s Word. The concept areas are presented through eight different age ranges, from infancy through high school, and reflect levels of understanding that follow how God designed children to learn.

How do I read this document for my child? Go to the life stage your child is in to see what concepts are appropriate for his age. You will want to check the statement before and after to see what is most appropriate for your child according to his level of learning, maturity, and Bible knowledge. God created every child to know Him, but how kids learn will differ from child to child.

Why are there no specific ages listed? *Levels of Biblical Learning* does not specify specific ages because God designed each child to develop differently. Your child will progress through concepts at a pace and understanding unique for how God created your child and her growing relationship with Jesus.

What is the goal of presenting these concepts? This document will give you a standard for what your child will know by the time he is a preteen. It can be helpful to start at the concept presented in the preteen age range to view the more developed theological statement for each age group.

GOD

- God is good.
- God made me.
- God loves me.
- God hears me.
- God helps me.
- God loves people.

JESUS

- Jesus was born.
- God chose a family for Jesus.
- Jesus grew like me.
- Jesus learned about God.
- Jesus told people about God.
- Jesus helped people because He loved them.
- Jesus loves me.
- Jesus did everything God told Him to do.
- Jesus is alive.

HOLY SPIRIT

Concept statements from the concept areas of Jesus and God lay a foundation for later learning about the work of the Holy Spirit. Examples of those statements are:

- God helps me.
- God loves me.

BIBLE

- The Bible is a special book.
- The Bible tells about God.
- People in the Bible told about God.
- The Bible tells about Jesus.
- The Bible helps me know what to do.

SALVATION

- God loves us.
- God cares about us.

CREATION

- God made day, night, plants, sky, sun, moon, stars, animals, water, birds, fish, and people.
- God made people.
- God made food for people and animals.
- God planned for people to care for the things He made.
- God said His creation is good.
- God wants me to thank Him for the things He made.

CHURCH

- People learn about God and Jesus at church.
- People at church love me.
- People at church help me.
- People at church sing, talk to God, and listen to Bible stories.

PEOPLE

- God made me.
- God made me special.
- God created me to make choices.
- God helps me learn.
- God loves for me to talk to Him.
- God helps me grow like Jesus grew.
- God wants me to be a friend.
- God loves me.
- God has plans for me.
- God helps me.
- God helps me learn about Jesus.

FAMILY

- God made families.
- Families love one another.
- God gave me a mommy and daddy to help me.
- My family tells me about God.
- God loves families.

COMMUNITY & WORLD

- God made people.
- God helps people.
- People tell about God and Jesus.
- People can talk with God.
- God cares about other people and me.



GOD

- God is good to me.
- God made everything.
- God loves people and is with them.
- God hears me when I pray.
- God helps people.
- God shows His love to me.
- God loves me even when I make wrong choices.
- God tells me to sing and pray to Him.
- God tells me to do what He says.
- God can do anything.
- God does what He says He will do.
- God knows everything about me.
- God is real.

JESUS

- God sent Jesus to earth.
- Angels told Mary and Joseph that Jesus would be born.
- Jesus grew like me and had a family.
- Jesus learned about God by reading the Scriptures.
- Jesus taught people about what God is like.
- Jesus healed sick people.
- Jesus loves people.
- Jesus is God's Son.
- Jesus always obeyed God.
- Jesus is with God.

HOLY SPIRIT

- Concept statements from the concept areas of Jesus and God lay a foundation for later learning about the work of the Holy Spirit. Examples of those statements are:
- God helps people.
- God shows His love to people.
- God loves people and is with them.
- God shows His love to me.

BIBLE

- The stories in the Bible are true and really happened.
- The Bible teaches us what God is like.
- People wrote God's words in the Bible.
- The Bible teaches what Jesus did.
- The Bible teaches me right from wrong.

SALVATION

- God sent Jesus because He loves us.
- God sent Jesus because He cares about us.
- People make wrong choices.

CREATION

- God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh.
- God made people different from the other things He made.
- God cares for His creation.
- God tells people to care for His creation.
- God wants me to like His creation too.
- God wants people to thank Him for the things He made.
- God made people able to love.

CHURCH

- People use the Bible to learn about God and Jesus at church.
- People at church love each other and teach about God and Jesus.
- People at church help others.
- People at church worship by singing, talking to God, and listening to Bible stories.
- People give money at church.
- Jesus had a special meal with His friends.
- The Bible has stories about baptism.

PEOPLE

- God helps me grow.
- God made me, so I am special.
- God allows me to make right and wrong choices.
- God made me able to think, work, and play.
- God loves for me to pray.
- God helps me grow like Jesus grew.
- God helps me be kind to my friends.
- God will always love me.
- God has a plan for people.
- God helps me do what He says.
- God wants people to take care of their bodies.
- Jesus taught that I can tell others I'm sorry when I hurt them.
- God wants people to learn from Jesus.

FAMILY

- God's plan for families is in the Bible.
- God wants family members to love and help one another.
- God's plan is for children to do what their parents tell them to do.
- Families talk to God and read the Bible.
- God loves families even when bad things happen.

COMMUNITY & WORLD

- God made people alike and different.
- God helps all people.
- People tell others about God and Jesus.
- People can pray for others.
- People are important to God.
- Missionaries are people who tell other people about God and Jesus.



GOD

- God is good to everyone.
- God created everything.
- God is always with people.
- God hears people pray.
- God helps and provides for people.
- God shows His love to people.
- God loves people even when they make wrong choices.
- God tells people to worship Him.
- God tells people to obey Him.
- God can do all things.
- God always keeps His promises.
- God knows everything.
- God is real and true.

JESUS

- God sent Jesus to earth as a real person.
- People in the Old Testament told that Jesus would be born.
- Jesus grew, learned, and had friends.
- Jesus prayed to God.
- Jesus taught people what God is like by what He said and did.
- Jesus performed miracles.
- People can obey Jesus because they love Him.
- Jesus died on the cross and then came back to life.
- Jesus is God's one and only Son.
- Jesus was tempted to sin.
- Jesus is in heaven with God.

HOLY SPIRIT

- Concept statements from the concept areas of Jesus and God lay a foundation for later learning about the work of the Holy Spirit. Examples of those statements are:
- God helps and provides for people.
- God shows His love to people.
- God is always with people.

BIBLE

- Everything in the Bible is true.
- The Bible teaches what God and Jesus are like.
- People wrote only God's words in the Bible.
- The Bible teaches that Jesus died on a cross but came back to life.
- The Bible teaches about right and wrong choices.

SALVATION

- God sent Jesus to help people because He loves them.
- God sent His only Son, Jesus, because He cares about us.
- People choose to disobey God.



CREATION

- God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh.
- God created people able to make choices.
- God provides for His creation.
- God planned for people to care for the things He made.
- God wants me to enjoy the things He created.
- God wants people to thank and praise Him for His creation.
- God made people able to love Him.

CHURCH

- The Church is people who gather to learn about God and Jesus from the Bible.
- Church helpers teach about God and Jesus.
- The Church provides ways for people to help others.
- People at church worship by praying, giving, singing, reading the Bible, and learning more about God and Jesus.
- People give money at church to help others learn about God and Jesus.
- The Lord's Supper is a special meal to remember Jesus.
- A person is baptized after he or she becomes a Christian.

PEOPLE

- People grow as God planned for them to grow.
- People are special because God made them.
- God allows people to make right and wrong choices.
- God made people able to do many things well.
- God wants people to pray.
- People can try to be like Jesus.
- Jesus taught how God wants us to treat other people.
- No matter what happens, God loves people.
- God has a plan for every person.
- People can show love for God by obeying Him.
- God wants people to take care of their bodies.
- God helps me obey Him.
- Because Jesus forgives, I can tell others I am sorry for hurting them.
- God wants people to follow Jesus' example.

FAMILY

- God's plan for families is for mothers and fathers to raise children. Children are born or adopted into families.
- God wants families to show love, respect, and kindness to one another.
- God's plan is for children to obey their parents.
- Families worship God together.
- When two people marry, they become a family. Adam and Eve were the first family.
- God loves families even when they hurt each other, and He wants families to forgive each other.

COMMUNITY & WORLD

- God made people alike and different, and all are special to Him.
- God helps people do His work.
- People who love God tell others all over the world about Him.
- People can pray for others in their communities and world.
- The Bible tells me to love others in my community and world.
- Missionaries tell people about God and Jesus in my country and in other countries.

GOD

- God is perfect.
- God is Creator and worthy to be praised.
- God is everywhere.
- God hears and answers prayer.
- God helps and provides for His people.
- God shows love to His people.
- God loves people enough to provide forgiveness for their wrong choices.
- God tells people to worship Him and tell others about Him.
- God expects people to obey, respect, and honor Him.
- God is powerful and in control of all things.
- God is fair and can be trusted.
- God knows all things.
- God is real, the only true God.
- God is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

JESUS

- Jesus was God in human form.
- Prophets in the Old Testament told that Jesus would be born. Jesus is the Messiah who fulfilled Old Testament prophecies.
- Jesus understands what it is like to be human.
- Jesus worshiped God.
- Jesus taught through His life what God is like.
- Jesus raised people from the dead.
- People who love Jesus want to obey Him.
- Jesus died on the cross, and God raised Him from the dead.
- Jesus was sent to be my Savior.
- Jesus was tempted but did not sin.
- Jesus ascended to heaven but promised He would return one day.
- Jesus was with God at creation.

HOLY SPIRIT

- The Holy Spirit is a special helper.
- The Holy Spirit helps people understand God's plan for salvation.
- The Holy Spirit helps people in times of trouble.
- The Holy Spirit has always worked in the world.
- The Holy Spirit helps Christians tell others about Jesus.
- The Holy Spirit helped people to write the Bible.
- God sent the Holy Spirit to help us know when we sin.

BIBLE

- Bible truths never change.
- The Bible helps people know more about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.
- God helped people know what to write in the Bible.
- The Bible teaches that Jesus died on a cross, was buried, and was raised from the dead.
- The Bible teaches how God wants people to live.

SALVATION

- God provided a way for people to become Christians because He loves them.
- God sent His only son, Jesus, to be the only Savior of the World.
- Sin is choosing my way and disobeying God.
- Jesus took the punishment for people's sins.
- People who trust Jesus as their Savior and Lord are Christians.
- God will forgive people when they ask Him.

CREATION

- God created the world from nothing.
- God created everyone to be like Him and to have a relationship with Him.
- God planned and provided for His creation.
- God planned for people to care for His world.
- God is still at work in His creation.
- God is to be praised for His creation.
- God made people able to love Him and others.

CHURCH

- The church is more than a building; it is Christians who gather to worship and serve God.
- Church leaders are chosen to teach about God and Jesus.
- The church meets the needs of people.
- God wants people to gather to worship Him.
- The money people give at church is called tithes and offerings.
- The Lord's Supper is a special event at church. People can remember Jesus when they see the Lord's Supper being observed.
- Baptism shows that people have trusted in Jesus as Savior.

PEOPLE

- Birth and growth are part of God's plan.
- People are God's most important creation.
- God helps people make good choices.
- God wants people to use their talents and abilities in ways that please and honor Him.
- God wants people to pray and read the Bible daily.
- People can follow Jesus' example by obeying God.
- God helps me love others, both friends and enemies.
- Good and bad happen to people, but God still loves them.
- God has a plan for every person's life.
- God wants people to live every day in ways that please and honor Him.
- People need to take care of their bodies because God created them.
- God helps me obey what is written in the Bible.
- God helps me know when I have hurt others. I can ask them to forgive me.
- God wants our actions, attitudes, thoughts, and words to be good.
- God wants all people to follow Jesus' example.

FAMILY

- God's plan for mothers and fathers is to be examples of God's love.
- God's plan for families is for them to love, respect, and help one another.
- God tells children to respect and obey their parents.
- God wants families to worship at home and other places.
- In a marriage, a man and a woman make promises to God and each other.
- God loves families and wants families to love and forgive each other when difficult things happen.

COMMUNITY & WORLD

- God values all people.
- God helps people to do His work in their communities and world.
- Christians are called to tell the people all over the world about Jesus.
- People can pray for people all over the world.
- The Bible tells me to love others in my community and world.
- Missionaries are called by God to tell another group of people the good news about Jesus.



GOD

- God is holy.
- God is Creator and worthy to be praised.
- God is everywhere at all times.
- God knows what people need and desire but still expects them to pray.
- God has concern and care for all people.
- God loves and values people around the world.
- God proved His unconditional love for people by sending Jesus.
- God is worthy of worship.
- God deserves respect, obedience, and honor.
- God is all-powerful and in control of all things.
- God is faithful and just.
- God is all-knowing.
- God has always been and always will be.
- God is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (the Trinity).

JESUS

- Jesus was born of a virgin.
- God planned for Jesus to be the Savior from the beginning of time.
- Jesus is fully God and fully man.
- Jesus taught that worship is focused on God.
- Jesus taught about faith, trust, and obedience to God.
- Jesus performed miracles through the power of God.
- People can obey Jesus as a response to His love.
- Jesus died to pay the penalty for sin.
- Jesus is the Messiah and Savior.
- Jesus was human and resisted temptation.
- Jesus ascended to heaven but promised He would return one day.
- Jesus is eternal.

HOLY SPIRIT

- God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are the Trinity.
- The Holy Spirit urges people to receive God's salvation.
- The Holy Spirit is the Comforter.
- The Holy Spirit has worked and always will work in the world.
- The Holy Spirit helps Christians tell others about Jesus and God's plan.
- The Holy Spirit guided people to write God's words.
- The Holy Spirit convicts people of sin.

BIBLE

- The truths in the Bible will last forever.
- The Bible is God's message about Himself.
- God inspired people to know what to write in the Bible.
- The Bible teaches that Jesus died on a cross, was buried, and was raised from the dead for the forgiveness of sins.
- The Bible teaches how to live a Christian life.

SALVATION

- God provided a plan for salvation because He loves me.
- Salvation is the beginning of a growing relationship with Jesus that lasts forever. Through salvation, my sin is forgiven and the gift of eternal life with God begins.
- The punishment for sin is separation from God.
- Jesus died to pay the penalty for all my sins—past, present, and future.
- God's salvation is a gift that every person needs and can receive.
- When the Holy Spirit convicts me of my sin, I can turn away from my sin (repent) and trust Jesus as my personal Savior.

CREATION

- God spoke the world into existence from nothing.
- God created people in His image.
- God's creation follows His plan.
- God wants people to take responsibility for taking care of His creation.
- God is still at work in His creation and cares what happens in it.
- God wants people to praise Him for His creation.
- God made people in His image to have a personal relationship with Him.

CHURCH

- A church is a group of Christians who meet together to worship and serve God.
- Churches set apart people to do certain tasks.
- God uses the church to meet the needs of people in the community and around the world.
- God wants people to gather to worship Him.
- In addition to money, offerings can include time, talents, and possessions.
- The Lord's Supper is a way to remind people about what Jesus did. Christians participate in the Lord's Supper.
- Baptism by immersion shows that people have trusted Jesus as Savior and Lord.

PEOPLE

- God created me in His image.
- Each person is unique and of value to God.
- People are responsible for their choices.
- People can develop and use their abilities and talents in ways that please and honor God.
- God wants people to communicate with Him through praying and reading the Bible daily.
- People can follow the examples, teachings, and commands of Jesus.
- People can learn to love others as God loves them.
- People can learn to respond in positive ways to what happens to them.
- God wants every person to trust in Jesus as Savior and Lord.
- People can learn about and recognize God's authority.
- People need to take care of their bodies and minds to honor God.
- God asks me to honor Him by choosing to do what is right and reject what is wrong.
- The Holy Spirit helps me know that when I have hurt others, I can ask them to forgive me.
- God wants people to have pure thoughts and actions.
- God wants believers to be disciples who grow in their faith and knowledge of Jesus.

FAMILY

- God's plan for mothers and fathers is to teach their children about God. Parents are examples of how God is our heavenly Father.
- God's plan is for all family members to work together so that God is honored by their family.
- God expects children to honor Him in the way they honor their parents.
- God wants families to worship together to help them grow stronger in their faith.
- In a wedding ceremony, a man and a woman make promises to God, to each other, and to all those present to be committed to each other through good and bad times.
- God loves families even when family members sin. God is always ready to forgive.

COMMUNITY & WORLD

- Even before they are born, people are special to God.
- God works through people to do work in their communities and world.
- All Christians are called to be on mission with God.
- People can pray for specific needs of others.
- God tells me to connect with others and show them His love.
- Missionaries are Christians called by God to tell another group of people the good news about Jesus.

GOD

- God is holy and perfect.
- God, the Creator, is to be worshiped, not His creations.
- God is omnipresent—He is everywhere at all times.
- God hears people's prayers and communicates with them.
- God has concern and care for all people no matter their status, race, or ethnicity.
- God loves and values people around the world no matter their status, race, or ethnicity.
- God proved His unconditional love for people through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
- God expects people to worship Him with all their hearts, souls, minds, and strength.
- God deserves respect, obedience, and honor. God wants us to live for His glory.

JESUS

- Jesus was born of a virgin.
- God planned for Jesus to be the Savior from the beginning of time and sent Jesus to earth at the perfect time.
- Jesus is fully God and fully man who came to earth in human form.
- Jesus taught that worship is for God's glory.
- Jesus taught that He is the only way to God.
- Jesus performed miracles because He is God's Son.
- Jesus transformed people through His love.
- Jesus' crucifixion, burial, and resurrection were a necessary part of God's plan for the forgiveness of sin.
- God sent Jesus to fulfill His promise of redemption.
- Jesus is holy and perfect.
- Jesus sits at God's right hand and intercedes for us as our advocate, mediator, and high priest. When Jesus returns, all things will be made new.

HOLY SPIRIT

- The Trinity is eternal, holy, and perfect.
- The Holy Spirit is given to a person when he trusts Jesus as his Savior and Lord.
- God sent the Holy Spirit to be our Comforter.
- The Holy Spirit is eternal and active. The Holy Spirit intercedes for us.
- The Holy Spirit empowers Christians to tell others about Jesus and God's plan of salvation.
- The Holy Spirit inspired and guided people to write the Bible.
- The Holy Spirit pursues and convicts people of sin.

BIBLE

- The truths in the Bible are without error and will last forever.
- The Bible is God's message about Himself and His salvation plan through Jesus.
- The Bible is the only inspired, written Word of God.
- The Bible teaches that salvation through Jesus is God's gift of forgiveness.
- The Bible teaches how to live a Christian life by following Jesus.

SALVATION

- God had a plan for salvation before the beginning of time.
- Jesus willingly died to provide salvation. Jesus' death and resurrection make salvation possible.
- The punishment for sin is eternal death and hell.
- People cannot save themselves. Jesus died to pay the penalty for our sins, redeeming and rescuing us from sin and death.
- God's salvation is eternal. Nothing can separate Christians from God's love.
- A growing relationship with Jesus is important and necessary. A Christian experiences joy when he recognizes God is working in his life and in the lives of others.

CREATION

- Creation can be credited only to God.
- God created people in His image.
- God's world is orderly, following God's purpose.
- God gives people the responsibility to care for His creation.
- God is still at work in His creation, cares what happens in it, and is working out His plan through it.
- God wants people to praise Him for His creation.
- God restores our relationship with Him when we trust Jesus as Savior and Lord. Our response is worship.

CHURCH

- The church is a fellowship of baptized believers who meet together to worship and serve God. Churches today are part of the movement Jesus and His followers began.
- God calls church leaders to train believers to do God's work.
- God uses the church to meet people's needs as an expression of His love.
- Churches gather together to worship and respond to God.
- God wants people to be good stewards of their money, time, talents, and possessions.
- The Lord's Supper is an ordinance—a command Jesus gave to the church. The body and blood of Jesus are represented in the Lord's Supper. Christians participate in the Lord's Supper to remember Jesus' death.
- Baptism is an ordinance—a command Jesus gave to the church. Baptism by immersion is a symbol of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. Christians are baptized to show they have trusted in Jesus as Savior and Lord.

PEOPLE

- Life is a gift from God.
- God loves me so I can appreciate my value.
- People are responsible for their choices and any consequences for their actions.
- God will help Christians know and use their spiritual gifts.
- God wants people to communicate with Him and study the Bible daily.
- People can take deliberate actions to grow in Christlikeness.
- People are accountable to God for the way they treat other people.
- People can live with joy regardless of their circumstances.
- God has a plan for each person to understand and follow.
- People can acknowledge and follow God's authority in their life.
- Because a person's body is God's temple, God wants us to honor Him with our heart, soul, mind, and strength.
- God commands people to obey Him. People can trust that He will help them resist temptation and give them self control.
- Because of Jesus' death on the cross, we can seek forgiveness from Him and others and restore broken relationships.
- God expects people to remain pure in all aspects of life with their bodies, thoughts, attitudes, actions, and speech.
- God gives each believer one or more spiritual gifts to do His work. God provides resources and other believers to help disciples grow in their faith.

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