



Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy

Lower School Lower Elementary - Christian Studies

Scope and Sequence

Vision: At the heart of our Christian faith is the belief that God is a personal God who reveals to humanity His nature, His redemptive purpose in history, and His love for all creation. Also central to our faith is the crucified and risen Jesus Christ and our belief that the “son of God became a man so that humanity could become children of God” (C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*). It is our conviction that in understanding the incarnate God we come to understand our own nature and purpose, for we are created in God’s image. Given these core convictions, the purpose of the Christian Studies curriculum is to create an environment in which we listen to God speak to us through the words of Scripture, encourage a love of learning and the exercise of reason, gain wisdom from the historic voices and traditions of the Church, and seek to understand our own human experience within this world. The goals of this curriculum are therefore to (i) develop the student holistically; (ii) allow students to articulate a distinctly Christian world view; and (iii) encourage students to pursue excellence in order to engage God’s world.

Standards: What a CHCA student will know and be able to do in **Christian Studies** ● Explain God’s love for humanity and a desire for a relationship which yields a life lived in imitation and service to Christ. ● Explain God’s purpose in restoring humanity and creation into right relationship and humanity’s participation in building the Kingdom of God. ● Explain the role and value of Scripture, reason, tradition, and experience in theologically forming a Christian world view. ● Explain the nature of the triune God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. ● Explain the unique nature of Christ as fully divine and fully human. ● Explain the tools and steps in the responsible reading and interpretation of Scripture and its application to life. ● Explain the nature of humanity as made in the image of God yet fallen. ● Explain God’s redemptive work through Christ for salvation. ● Explain the importance of spiritual formation through classic spiritual disciplines including prayer, meditation, fasting, study, simplicity, solitude, submission, service, confession, worship, guidance and celebration. ● Explain the relevance of Church history and historical theology in the formation of faith and appreciation for the diversity of God’s Kingdom. ● Explain the importance of applying a theologically formed Christian world view into ethics, service and every aspect of vocation and life.

Kindergarten Topics: Attributes of God; the purpose and results of prayer, both individual and group; Creation; monthly Scripture memorization and devotions; concept and consequences of sin; steps to salvation; service projects; Bible stories: emphasis on real life application; biblical truths integrated into all subject areas; Christian music; Christian holidays: Christmas and Easter. (**K-Prep** at developmentally appropriate levels.)

Grade 1 Topics: Attributes of God; Creation; group and individual prayer; consequences of sin and need for forgiveness; plan of salvation; Old and New Testament character studies; biblical truths integrated in all subjects; Christian attributes; being a disciple; Christ’s life and teachings using parables; weekly Scripture memorization; service projects; Christian holidays: Christmas and Easter.



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Grade 2 Topics: Attributes of God; know and apply Christian character traits of key biblical figures; Bible structure and reference tools as aids; meaning of sin and need for forgiveness; individual and corporate prayer; group praise and worship; apply biblical knowledge to life situations; Christian holidays: purpose of Christ's birth, death, and resurrection; plan of salvation; weekly Scripture memorization; service projects promote JOY- Jesus, Others, Yourself.

Grade 3 Topics: Old Testament Books of the Bible and their key words; Old Testament timeline: Creation through King David; making biblical choices; developing a Christian world view; discipleship; servanthood; Advent; "Road to the Cross" and resurrection; names of Jesus; plan of salvation; weekly Scripture memorization; service projects.