



HUNDRED ACRE
Academy

CURRICULUM

Second Grade

*"...they will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor."
Isaiah 61:3*

BIBLE

Answers Bible Curriculum brings the Bible to life and addresses the real-life issues that confront Christians today. Students will get a thorough understanding of the teachings and relevance of Scripture. All ages are equipped to defend their faith, becoming conformed to the image of Christ, as they learn to apply God's Word in their everyday lives.

ABC is a 4-year chronological curriculum covering the entire Bible, from Creation to Consummation. Each year includes 36 lessons, two of which are review weeks.

- **Year 1** covers the foundational book of Genesis, from creation to the life of Joseph.
- **Year 2** follows the nation of Israel as the Hebrew people emerged from Egypt through the judgment sent on the divided monarchy.
- **Year 3** traces the history of Israel's remnant through tumultuous years of captivity until the promised Messiah finally arrived.
- **Year 4** focuses on the final year of Jesus' ministry and the growth of the church, ending with the promised restoration of all things.

A Bible verse goes with each week's lesson to be learned, understood and memorized. Along with the daily opportunity to begin each day with Bible time, singing and worship play a vital role as the first graders learn to communicate their love and faith through praising Jesus Christ.

PHONEMIC AWARENESS AND PHONICS

The Hundred Acre Academy uses the Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Curriculum. This curriculum provides students with consistent and repeated instruction, and this transfers to developing a student's decoding and encoding skills. All students participate in the lessons as part of their daily curriculum in preschool, kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade classrooms.

Daily lessons teach early, basic, and advanced skills such as:

- Rhyming and onset fluency.
- Isolating final or medial sounds.
- Blending and segmenting words, syllables, and phonemes.
- Adding and deleting phonemes.
- Substituting phonemes.

READING

The Hundred Acre Academy uses BJU Press' reading program. This engaging and highly visual program incorporates a biblical worldview into all areas of teaching and learning. Students will apply fundamental skills of phonics, decoding, phonemic awareness, word analysis, and word recognition skills and engage in activities that will also develop skills in listening, speaking, English grammar, and comprehension.

Lessons present the biblical worldview goal of viewing language as a gift from God. A wide variety of quality reading selections stimulates the students' appreciation of literature and enjoyment of reading. Some trade books are used in reading groups as well.

SPELLING

BJU Spelling is a **phonics-based spelling program** designed to give students an understanding of generalizations and rules that will allow them to spell most words they encounter, not just those they've memorized off a list. Students are taught spelling patterns and strategies, proofreading skills, dictionary skills, and are given the opportunity to incorporate those into meaningful writing experiences.

WRITING/GRAMMAR

In second grade, students further hone their writing expertise by learning to think about audience and purpose and by categorizing and organizing their ideas. They create compositions in a variety of forms, including letters, diamante poems, and explanatory writing. Other writing focus areas include:

- Shared writing; Independent writing; Paragraph development; Writing process: plan, draft, revise, proofread, publish; Writing traits: ideas, organization, word choice, conventions; Using a dictionary; Using a thesaurus; Conferencing with teacher and peer; Graphic organizers: word web, time-order chart, senses chart, note cards; Using a rubric for self-assessment

The Hundred Acre Academy uses BJU Press (Bob Jones University) curriculum to teach phonics and grammar, and in second grade the following topics are covered:

Parts of Speech: Noun: common, proper, singular, plural, collective, possessive; Verb: action; linking; helping— has, have; present and past tenses; regular and certain irregular verbs; Pronoun; Adjective; Adverb

Sentence Structure: Sentence: fragment, run-on sentence, combining sentences, expanding sentences; Sentence parts: subject part, subject, predicate part; Sentence types: statement, question, command, exclamation

Conventions: Capitalization: proper nouns, titles, abbreviations, initials, book titles; Punctuation: period, question mark, exclamation point, comma, apostrophe
Usage: Pronoun reference, contractions, subject-verb agreement

Students learn how to identify these specific grammatical constructs and, more importantly, when and how to use them to make their communication clear.

MATH

Hundred Acre teachers use catchy drills, songs, and exercises to enhance math lessons and provide review. We assess what the students know and then review and build upon that knowledge.

Critical thinking skills are incorporated into daily problem solving, which helps students see connections among a variety of math topics. Problems emphasize real-world situations, enforcing the importance of mathematics in student's daily lives.

In addition, the Purposeful Design math curriculum is used as the core textbook. The Purposeful Design Math Program is mastery-based and provides students with a traditional approach to elementary mathematics. Instruction includes directed instruction, and lots of teacher help. Student books are colorful and provide opportunities for understanding through often-illustrated explanations, practice questions, and review questions. Lessons integrate hands-on activities, conceptual understanding, problem solving, application, modeling, reasoning, and strands of algebra and geometry with a strong emphasis on skill development and concept mastery. Second graders will work through units on patterns and place value, addition and subtraction, place value, multiplication and division, time and money, addition and subtraction with regrouping, fractions and measurement

SCIENCE

Science is the study of God's order, provision and general revelation as discovered in His physical creation. Hundred Acre teachers use the God's Design Science series, which is based on a biblical worldview and reveals how science supports the biblical account of creation. The lessons feature beautiful color pictures, age-appropriate activities, worksheets, Scripture learning, writing practice, and more.

Second graders will be revealing the wonders of God's creation through the study of physics and the mechanisms of heat, machines, and technology.

HISTORY

Hundred Acre teachers approach history as a revelation of God in His dealings with man and the universe. We use the BJU curriculum, which covers the following topics in grade one:

- Communities: Leaders, elections, rules and laws
- New World: Pilgrims, Indians
- Our World: Map skills, continents, oceans, countries and cultures
- Native Peoples
- Colonial Period and the French and Indian War
- Revolutionary War
- The Birth of Our Nation