



**HUNDRED ACRE**  
*Academy*

# CURRICULUM

## Seventh/Eighth 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.

Bible study is an integral part of the school curriculum at Hundred Acre Academy. Our seventh and eighth grade students use **The Bible Recap** to read through the Bible in a year.

### LANGUAGE ARTS

In seventh and eighth grade, Hundred Acre students use BJU Writing and Grammar curriculum. Writing and Grammar in grades seventh and eighth grade guides students toward formulating a biblical worldview of communication through writing by focusing on four themes: truth, beauty, virtue, and balance. This course leads students to become creators as they learn how to apply grammar skills to their writing. Grammar chapters offer systematic teaching of grammar concepts. Writing chapters teach students narrative, informative, and argumentative writing by leading them through the five steps of the writing process: planning, drafting, revising, proofreading, and publishing. Students will evaluate mentor texts and practice their writing and grammar skills with regular Writing Workshops.

The goal of middle school reading curriculum is to **build on the lessons learned in elementary school** and extend literary knowledge for improvements in reading and writing skills.

### MATH

The Grade 7 math textbook reviews foundational math concepts from elementary math and dives into middle school math concepts. Students will review whole numbers, decimals, integers, fractions,

measurements, and geometry, and they will extend their knowledge of square roots, exponents, algebraic expressions, equations and inequalities, percentages, functions, probability, surface area and volume, and statistics. Each exercise set includes a spiral review of previously learned concepts.

In 8<sup>th</sup> grade, the *Pre-Algebra* curriculum eases the transition from arithmetic to algebra. Algebraic expressions and linear equations are applied throughout a thorough review of operations on integers, fractions, decimals, percents, and radicals. Students explore relations and functions using equations, tables, and graphs. Chapters on statistics and geometry extend foundational concepts in preparation for high school courses. Problem-solving and real-life uses of math are featured in each chapter. Dominion through Math exercises regularly illustrate how mathematics can be used to manage God's creation to His glory.

## SCIENCE

Our seventh and eighth grade students will learn family style in a two-year curriculum cycle. We use the Life Science curriculum by BJU Press. Year 1 of the learning cycle takes the students from cells to plants and animals and finally to the pinnacle of God's creation – humans. All of this is a quest to understand the life that God has created.

Year two of the learning cycle focuses on a biblical worldview as it related to science concepts. *Earth Science* is an expanding study that moves from the Earth's lithosphere to the rest of the universe. Students will build their critical thinking skills as they study the major theories in earth science and follow those theories through to their conclusions. Throughout the course, they will be guided by biblical and scientific principles, ultimately coming to a better understanding of their Creator and a greater appreciation of His creation.

## HISTORY

Our seventh and eighth grade students will learn family style in a two-year curriculum cycle. We use the World History curriculum by BJU Press that is written with the goal of stirring the interest and imagination of the students who will read it. The *World Studies* provides a chronological narrative of world history that should reveal the hand of God at work in the nations; beginning with the birth of the Church, the rise of Islam, and a survey of nations around the world from 1,000 AD to the present.

The second year of the middle school history curriculum offers a chronological survey of American history designed to help middle school students understand and appreciate the work of God throughout history and discover how their study of history can make them better citizens. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to

- Understand the significant events in American history
- Evaluate the culture and its changes throughout American history
- Apply social studies literacy skills to the study of historical events
- Relate a biblical view of citizenship to the foundations of American government
- Analyze primary and secondary sources based on author, intended audience, and purpose
- Relate biblical worldview themes to the development of American society

**ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A END OF THE YEAR FIELD TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC**