



HUNDRED ACRE
Academy

CURRICULUM

Fourth 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.

ALL FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS WILL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A SPRING BREAK FIELD TRIP TO THE ARK ENCOUNTER AND CREATION MUSEUM IN WILLIAMSTOWN, KENTUCKY.

The Ark Encounter features a full-size Noah's Ark, built according to the dimensions given in the Bible. Spanning 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high, this modern engineering marvel bring the Bible to life. The Ark Encounter is situated in Grant County in Williamstown, Kentucky, halfway between Cincinnati and Lexington and right off I-75. This will be a unique

experience for students to look forward to as fourth graders, and families will have the ability to contribute monthly to the overall cost of the trip.

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 focus on reading, fluency, comprehension and phonics-based skills.

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. In fourth grade, vocabulary studies are an integral part of our literature curriculum. Hundred Acre fourth graders read novels like The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe and The Phantom Tollbooth, they encounter and study new words that appear in each work. They also discuss literary elements such as dialect, symbolism, and allegory.

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 fourth grade, Hundred Acre students use BJU Writing and Grammar curriculum to combine grammar and writing skills with the knowledge and practice they need to become clear verbal and written communicators. The 4th grade curriculum allows students to practice and apply English conventions and writing skills. Students will learn grammar, usage and mechanics as well as how to use the writing process. Students will complete writing assignments to allow for needed writing practice. Students will hone their writing and speaking skills through regular opportunities for practice and application.

Some fourth grade writing assignments include:

- Acrostic Poetry
- Book Review
- Writing a Story
- Tall Tale
- Compare/contrast essay
- Research Report

HANDWRITING

The Hundred Acre Academy teaches cursive writing in fourth grade using the Cursive Without Tears workbooks. Fourth graders continue honing skills related to letter formation, alignment, slant, shape, spacing and neatness throughout the year.

MATH

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 helps. Student books are colorful and provide opportunities for understanding through often-illustrated explanations, practice questions, and review questions. Lessons integrate conceptual understanding, problem solving skills, modeling, reasoning, and strands of algebra and geometry with a strong emphasis on skill development and concept mastery. Students in grade four will walk through units on place value, addition, subtraction, geometry, multi-digit multiplication and division, measurement, fractions, decimals, temperature, and time.

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.

Fourth graders will be exploring God's creation of the land and skies with geology, astronomy, and meteorology. They will cover the following topics:

Our Weather & Water: Study the atmosphere and oceans of Earth. You will discover what weather is, God's design of the oceans, and how these oceans affect weather systems.

Our Universe: Explore our solar system and the universe. Learn about the planets, Earth's special design, information about stars and comets, and the space program.

Our Planet Earth: Discover God's design for our unique planet. Learn about rocks, the Genesis Flood, and the Ice Age, as you study this special place for us to live.

HISTORY

Students in fourth grade will develop a sense of geography and terms that apply to the land of Oregon through hands-on, creative lessons. They will learn about:

- The regions and history of Oregon, beginning with the early Native Americans tribes.

- Early trappers, explorers, and settlers to the Oregon country.

Our goal at the Hundred Acre Academy is to teach not only beginning history concepts, but also the formation of Christian philosophy, character and attitudes. The goal of history is for the children to see God's sovereign hand in the formation of our country and His continued hand upon each of our lives as our history unfolds today.