



HUNDRED ACRE
Academy

CURRICULUM

Third 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.

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 third grade, Hundred Acre students study literary elements such as plot, character, conflict, genre, and narrator. They also discuss Christian values that can be learned through literature

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 third 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. Students will gain a foundational knowledge of standard English and learn to effectively plan for and write opinion pieces, informative texts, and narratives. Teacher modeling, mentor texts, and independent practice help students master necessary writing and grammar skills

HANDWRITING

The Hundred Acre Academy introduces cursive writing in third grade using the Cursive Without Tears workbooks. Third grade focuses on 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. Third graders will work through units on place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts and problems, geometry, measurement, fractions, decimals, time and money, and equations

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.

Third 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 three:

- Constitutional Convention
- American Frontier
- States and Regions
- Civil War
- Map Skills

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.