

Learning As They **Grow** - Kindergarten

Biblical Concepts for Each Stage of a Child's Life: Levels of Biblical Learning®



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History of the **LEVELS OF BIBLICAL LEARNING®**

The **Levels of Biblical Learning** concepts were formed from the input of many Christian educators who work with kids each week and help guide their spiritual development. The Levels of Biblical Learning statements were compiled to equip churches and families with age-appropriate language for each spiritual concept and to demonstrate how kids develop spiritually across the preschool and elementary years. Grade levels used in the Levels of Biblical Learning are equivalent to the following ages: Kindergarten (Ages 5-6), Grades 1-2 (Ages 6-8), Grades 3-4 (Ages 8-10), and Preteens (Ages 10-12).

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What are the
Levels of Biblical Learning®?

What are the Levels of Biblical Learning®, anyway?

They are biblical concepts—truths—kids learn as they grow from infancy to the beginning of the teenage years. The concepts are organized by 10 major categories: God, Jesus, Bible, Creation, Family, Self, Church, Community and World, Holy Spirit, and Salvation. Within each of these categories are truths that kids can learn in a progressive manner.

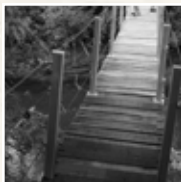
Kids first learn about these concepts at various life stages as they hear parents and church teachers talk about them (Romans 10:14,17). Hearing is only the beginning. The next step is for children to know what the biblical concepts mean as they understand and comprehend Bible truths. Knowing God's Word includes internalizing Bible truths in both the mind and the heart (2 Timothy 3:14-15).

The Bible teaches that obedience is a third, necessary component (James 1:22). Kids who have a personal relationship with Jesus and are growing spiritually can apply Bible truths to their everyday lives.

While we are not responsible for the choices children make, God may choose to use us to lay foundations for salvation and spiritual transformation. We want kids to learn about Jesus, come to know Jesus personally, and glorify God as they obey His Word. The Levels of Biblical Learning outline the biblical concepts that children need to hear, understand, and apply.



God



Jesus



Bible



Creation



Family



Self



Church



Community



Holy Spirit



Salvation



How to Use This Booklet

The following pages illustrate the **10 Levels of Biblical Learning** concepts as well as the primary truths that kids learn in each concept area across his preschool and childhood years.

This is a great tool to distribute to both teachers and parents to help them better understand how to teach and guide children in their faith.

Specifically, these truths are reflected in many LifeWay Kids products, such as the ***Bible Studies for Life: Kids*** resources.

For more information about the **Levels of Biblical Learning** and free resources illustrating this concept, please visit lifeway.com/levelsofbiblicallearning.

Please remember...



Although children develop spiritually in similar ways, the rate of that development will vary. Some children may understand concepts at an earlier or later age than indicated on the chart.



Certain concepts are introduced later when that concept and content are more useful and meaningful to the child.

While God nor His attributes change, a child's level of understanding and vocabulary does change. It is important to see that small nuances in words and slight changes in concepts are significant in the mind of a growing child. From an adult's perspective, they may seem minor, but these small steps are important for the child's understanding.



When teaching or developing resources for broad-age groupings of children, concepts may be combined or adapted to meet the needs of the group.



We hope you'll find this ministry tool helpful. The Levels of Biblical Learning are another reason why you'll find that year after year, LifeWay Kids is the choice you can trust.



Biblical concepts



GOD

God wants people to pray to Him.

God cares and provides for people.

God loves people even when they make wrong choices.



JESUS

People in the Old Testament told that Jesus would be born.

Jesus grew, learned, and had friends.

Jesus performed miracles and healed the sick.



BIBLE

The stories in the Bible are true.

The Bible tells what God and Jesus are like.

People wrote God's words in the Bible.



CREATION

God created people able to make choices.

God provides for His creation.

God wants me to thank Him for His creation.



FAMILY

I can obey my parents.

I can show my family I love them by helping.

My family can love and care for other people.



SELF

People are special because God made them.

My choices can make me happy or sad.

God has made me able to do many things well.



CHURCH

Churches are part of God's plan for people.

Church helps teach about God and Jesus.

People at church worship, pray, give, sing, read the Bible, and listen to teaching and preaching.



COMMUNITY & WORLD

I can be part of God's work.

Missionaries tell people about God and Jesus in my country and in other countries.

The Bible tells me to love others in my community and in the world.



HOLY SPIRIT

God cares and provides for people.

Jesus is God's one and only son.

God wants people to obey Him.



SAVATION

God has a plan for me.

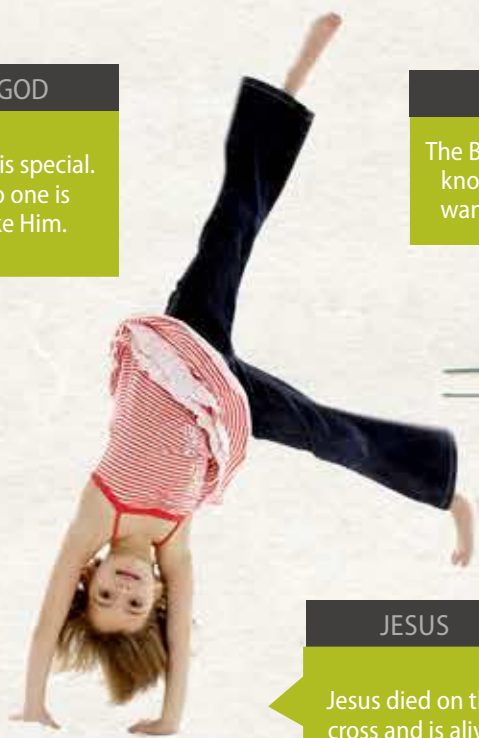
I can begin to recognize when I hurt others.

God loves people even when they make wrong choices.



GOD

God is special.
No one is
like Him.



BIBLE

The Bible helps me
know what God
wants me to do.



JESUS

Jesus died on the
cross and is alive.



FAMILY

God's plan for a family is
for mothers and fathers
to raise children.

God created
the earth and
everything in it.

CREATION





SELF
God wants me to pray.

COMMUNITY & WORLD
Missionaries tell people about God and Jesus in my country and in other countries.



CHURCH
At church people have different kinds of jobs.



SPIRIT
God can do all things.



SALVATION
God sent Jesus to earth because He loves us.



Other Levels of Biblical Learning provide basic concepts that lay the foundation for teaching preschoolers and kindergartners about salvation. Kids are taught about salvation as they become aware of personal sin.



Want to see more?

These great products follow the Levels of Biblical Learning as they are developed and guide the learning of children within their products.



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ParentLife



Check out a sample of any of these products at lifeway.com/kids.

