## First Grade (1st) Curriculum

#### **Bible**



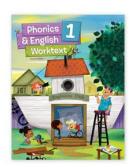
Bible Truths 1: A Father's Care introduces Bible truths through familiar Bible characters presented chronologically in a study of Old and New Testaments. Dramatic segments, application stories that reveal God's character, various hands-on activities, and visuals reinforce students' learning experience and help your students learn to trust God and rely on Him.

#### Math



*Math 1* uses manipulatives and real-life experiences to teach place value, addition, subtraction, geometry, time, money, measurement, and fractions—all with engaging themes and characters. Writing equations, reading graphs, and other concepts are introduced as part of problem-solving skills.

# **Phonics & English**



Phonics & English 1 uses exciting theme lessons to combine phonics, reading, listening, comprehension, creative writing, and grammar. The six units cover short and long vowels, single consonant blends, and diagraphs, r-influenced vowels, special vowel sounds, silent consonants, suffixes, and syllable division. Phonics patterns are also taught using word families. Phonics characters make phonics generalizations fun and memorable.

## Reading



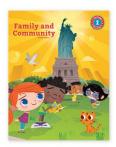
Reading 1 introduces your young reader to a variety of colorfully illustrated fiction, poems, plays, articles, and Bible stories. Reading selections are developed to incorporate phonics, English skills, service words, and word families. New vocabulary words for each story are introduced in sample sentences to provide context clues. Discussion questions and teaching strategies give opportunities to develop critical thinking skills and comprehension. Both oral and silent reading habits are developed.

## **Spelling**



*Spelling 1* studies generalizations to develop principles of application. Children will learn to see spelling as a tool for communication while enjoyable guided activities help them to learn word structures and dictionary skills.

#### **Social Studies**



This course introduces students to social studies skills with a grade-appropriate yet academically rigorous program. Each of the six units introduces a different field of social studies, giving students a broad foundation for future grades. While the materials encourage academic growth, each lesson relies on hands-on activities, colorful visuals, and age-appropriate text. As students look at their roles as family and community members, they are encouraged to see themselves from God's perspective.

## **Science**



Science 1 introduces the student to what science is and what scientists do. The student learns to defend the truth that God created all things and sustains their existence; to explain how the design of living things meets their needs for growth and survival; to analyze the patterns of the earth, sun, moon, and stars; and to explain the properties of light and sound and communication using both. Through inquiry-based activities the student has the opportunity to apply foundational science process skills to develop orderly approaches to problem solving.