

Building on the Rock Introduction

Children form beliefs and values early in life and bring these to school and into the classroom. These foundational beliefs and values influence how students interpret knowledge and govern how they act. *Building on the Rock* is designed to help students interpret knowledge and build foundational beliefs and values from a biblical perspective. In an age of competing worldviews, this curriculum will help young students formulate a biblical perspective of the world and then live accordingly.

The goals for *Building on the Rock* are based on the understanding that no worldview curriculum can or should provide an exact model for Christian thinking and action. Rather, a worldview curriculum must present a framework of biblical truth and values, encourage students to reflect upon it, and provide opportunities in various formats for them to apply what they have learned. Ultimately, students must individually embrace biblical truth and act on it as they are enabled by the power of the Holy Spirit. Within these parameters, the goal of this curriculum is to help young students begin to develop a cohesive Christian worldview through which they can interpret the world around them and respond biblically to it in their thinking and doing.

The worldview curriculum for Grades 1 through 5 is divided into five themes designed to help students understand the essential affirmations of the biblical Christian worldview within a framework of Twenty Biblical Truths related to the four relationships of creation--our relationship with God, self, others, and with the earth.

The theme for Grade 1 is entitled *Wisdom*. It lays the foundation for the curriculum by presenting four Biblical Truths related to God and truth, emphasizing the relational nature of God and the personal nature of truth as expressed in Christ.

The themes for Grades 2-5, entitled *Fellowship, Image-Bearing, Servanthood, and Stewardship*, focus on the four relationships of creation. Each theme develops four Biblical Truths within the framework of creation, fall, and redemption. The first two Biblical Truths within each theme address God's creational intent for the relationship. The third Biblical Truth focuses on the effects of the fall on the relationship, and the fourth on the redemption and restoration of the relationship through the atoning work of Christ.



October 2009 - Blast Off to Savings!

Leading Financial Education, CP Federal Credit Union will be blasting off soon at Jackson Christian Elementary! We have been in the classrooms this month talking to students about developing the important habit of saving. Students earn rewards throughout the school year and each time they save at the school credit union they are entered into a drawing for our year end grand prize – a One Year Family Membership to the Detroit Science Center. Our fifth grade students have had the opportunity to apply to volunteer in various positions this year. Watch for the new Kirby neck wallet to come home soon to help them safely transport their savings to credit union.



Interesting Trivia: In the eighteenth century, the value of a coin was not determined by its face value, but by its weight in gold or silver (pictured a Morgan Silver Dollar)

Dates to Remember

- Oct. 7 4th and 5th grade to SAU for science lesson
- Oct. 7 Marino's Pizza night
- Oct. 8 & 9 No school ACSI conference
- Oct. 12 & 14 Kidz Art
- Oct. 14 Preschool Noah's Ark Celebration
- Oct. 15 & 16 No school Parent Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 20 Student Credit Union starts
- Oct. 23 Chapel Pastor Todd Earnst
- Oct. 23 Mileage Club Parent Walk
- Oct. 26 2nd & 3rd grades to Mooville
- Oct. 30 Chapel Cristel Watts
- Oct. 30 Mileage Club Pastors Walk and Lunch