

## **Fifth Grade Course Descriptions**

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading:**

The reading program uses a concept focus to enhance students' reading comprehension. There is an emphasis on critical thinking and a use of visual tools. Characters and events are evaluated according to Biblical principles. This curriculum utilizes the 4MAT system to meet the needs of the four types of learners. Students read an assigned portion of the book and take notes that answer comprehension questions. Students meet in groups with the teacher to help better understand what they have read. This program equips children to think deeply about the meaning of the text. The children will transfer this comprehension to other content areas.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Student Resources:**

Foundations and Frameworks SPECS Logs  
Novels such as *Tom Sawyer*, *Where the Red Fern Grows*, *Island of the Blue Dolphins*, *City of Ember*, *Holes*, *Bridge to Terabithia* and numerous other award winning novels.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Bible/History:**

This course includes the study of United States history and selected Biblical passages. It also includes an overview of the Old or New Testament. The US history portion covers the time period from 1500 A.D. to 2005 A.D. Students learn the Judeo-Christian background of America. There will also be an extensive study of geography. Map skills are also emphasized.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible/History Student Resources:**

Abeka *The History of Our United States* textbook  
Bob Jones *Heritage Studies 5* textbook  
*WALK THRU THE BIBLE* Old or New Testament workbook (alternated yearly)  
NIV Bible

### **5<sup>th</sup> Spelling:**

This course emphasizes a balance between spelling skills, application, and student enjoyment. It is designed to be both meaningful and fun. Spelling words are reinforced in writing assignments. The text is also structured to incorporate Scripture and Biblical principles throughout its methodology.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling Student Resources:**

*A Reason for Spelling*, Level F

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Grammar:**

This course of study strengthens grammar skills and writing. Each chapter builds on the one before, teaching students how to diagram sentences, classify, and identify parts of speech. Recognizing that language is a gift from God, the students learn how to express their own thoughts and ideas through creative writing.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Grammar Student Resources:**

Bob Jones *English 5*

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science**

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be introduced to different concepts within Physical, Life, and Earth and Space Science. They will also be introduced to Science Technology, Science in Personal and Social Perspectives, and the History of Nature and Science through lessons with applications of technology, societal issues, scientific careers, and key events and individuals in the history of science. The curriculum uses an activity-based, hands-on approach with age appropriate scientific inquiry. This course of study seeks to honor the Creator by training a generation of students to understand and embrace God's design of His creation.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Student Resources:**

ACSI, Purposeful Design Student Textbook, *Changes*, Level 5

ACSI, Purposeful Design Student Workbook, *Changes*, Level 5

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Mathematics:**

The math course is designed to establish and strengthen basic multiplication, division, percentage, measurement, and geometry skills. It also focuses on strengthening mental math skills as well as problem solving. Through the study of math, students will find God's creation has perfect order and logic. The first number line began with God (Genesis 1) and all knowledge and wisdom is from the Lord (Proverbs 9:10).

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Student Resources:**

Saxon *Math 76* Textbook