

Welcome to ABC Jesus Loves Me

ABCJesusLovesMe™ is an educational ministry that equips adults with materials needed to be intentional in educating children. ABCJesusLovesMe provides five comprehensive, research-based curricula for ages 1-5 that focus on academics, development, and Bible learning through play. Additionally, a Bible curriculum, unit studies, digital downloads, and the Be Intentional Planner accompany the core curricula. These materials are sufficient on their own, but the heart of ABCJesusLovesMe is to offer guidance, support, trainings, and direction to make your educational efforts at home, preschool, or church successful.

Our Motto

To equip and empower adults to be intentional and enable children to learn through play.

We Believe

Children are blessings from God. Learning should be incorporated into the child's day instead of controlling his/her day. Preschoolers should be able to explore, play, and learn new things through trial and error, not through "drill and kill." Learning comes through exposure, conversations, and play. Adults are commanded by God to "impress" His truths on children (Deuteronomy 6:4-9).

Why?

- ABCJLM has a **proven track record** of remarkably preparing children for kindergarten.
- Learning occurs through **play-based** and **age-appropriate** activities.
- The Preschool Curricula are **comprehensive** covering all areas of learning. No supplement needed!
- Instead of pulling together lesson plans, the hard work has been done so you can **focus on the children!**
- Written so anyone can use, but Heidi is available to answer questions and brainstorm to **help** you be successful.



1 Year Curriculum

Overview

The 1 Year Curriculum is for children 12-24 months and can be adapted for those under the age of 1. This curriculum guides adults as they intentionally introduce academic, Bible, and developmental learning to a child, while also giving purpose to daily activities and play.

Curriculum Guide:

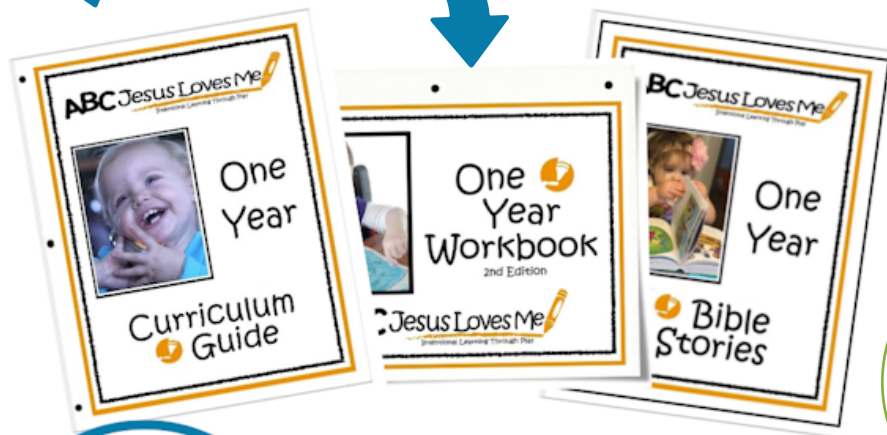
This printed book contains 36 Lesson Plans to cover 9-12 months.

Workbook:

This printed book contains almost 80 activity sheets to further the learning.

Interactive Bible Stories:

24 scripts provide an interactive way to share the Bible stories. Optional flannelgraph suggestions included in this Digital Download.



All items are available as a bundle or a la carte.

Curriculum Guide
+
Workbook
+
Digital Downloads

1 Year
Bundle



For home,
preschool, or
daycare use.

Supplemental Digital Downloads:

- Bible Song Packet
 - Poem Packet
- Includes both travel and poster sizes.

Each curriculum was created based upon research and professional expectations by the American Academy of Pediatrics Developmental Milestones and State Standards for Preschool, and the requirements set by kindergarten teachers. Every curriculum is also approved by two former 1st grader teachers with a combined 85 years of experience. Also, all activities and stories are kid approved by my own children and the kiddos that I teach.

Academics

"The activities that are the easiest, cheapest, and most fun to do - such as singing, playing games, reading, storytelling, and just talking and listening - are also the best for child development." ~ Jerome Singer

Introductory Learning

The 1 Year Curriculum is an introduction to learning, any retention that occurs is a fun bonus! Objectives are the learning goals that are introduced to the child over one week's time. As much as possible, incorporate learning in play time and daily activities. Below are the weekly topics included in this curriculum.

Weekly Learning



- Color
- Shape
- Animal
- Sign Language (28 signs)

Poems, Song, & Rhymes



Traditional poems and nursery rhymes help children with rhyme, fine motor skills, and rhythm as well as pre-reading skills. Read the poems slowly at first to help the child correctly learn the words. Assist the child in performing actions to the poems as well. Repeat the poem throughout the day (e.g. while driving, during bath time, while washing hands, getting ready for lunch).

- Row, Row, Row Your Boat
- London Bridges
- Pat-a-Cake
- Five Little Piggies
- Twinkle, Twinkle
- Hot Cross Buns



Digital Downloads

Literacy

Most professionals agree that children should be read to at least 15 minutes a day. Each week the child will be introduced to a quality picture book to supplement other learning, build vocabulary, and for pre-reading exposure. Activities provide additional learning opportunities.

Sample Books



- Brown Bear, Brown Bear
- When the Elephant Walks
- Big Red Barn
- Dear Zoo
- Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother, Too?

Activities



- Finding Elements in Illustrations
- Turning Pages
- Build Vocabulary
- 1:1 Correlation
- Touch and Feel

Bible

The gospel is so simple that small children can understand it, and it is so profound that studies by the wisest theologians will never exhaust its riches.
-Charles Hodge

Overview

The goal of the 1 Year Curriculum is to introduce the child to stories in the Bible through creating an Alphabet Bible Craft (ABC) book. Activities are provided for the the Bible story. Part of the Bundle, the ABCJesusLovesMe Interactive Bible Stories provide an age-appropriate script so the child can actively participate in the story. Optional flannelgraph suggestions are included for added visual and tactile learning.

Weeks 1, 32: Noah's Ark

Supplies

- Bible

Flannelgraph*

- Wood for board with sand
- Noah - 15
- Animals - 135
- Mountains - 150

- Fringe - 120
- Rainbow - 183
- Boat - 120

*Visit the site later on page 2 for an explanation of the optional flannelgraph.

STORY: Genesis 9:9

Noah loved God. Noah obeyed God.

God told Noah, "I want you to build a really big boat." Noah said, "Yes, God!"

Noah saved the world. Every animal's arm is saving motion. Noah gathered a hammer and some nails. Found, found, found. Noah called all the animals together. The God was all done. Noah didn't come out either.

Then God told Noah to gather animals to put in the boat. Noah put two animals in the boat. A monkey says, "Ooo, ooo, Ah, ah" say "Ooo, ooo, Ah, Ah" Allow child to respond. Noah put two birds in the boat. A lion says, "Roar, Roar, Roar" Noah put two tigers in the boat. A frog says, "Ribbit, Ribbit." Continue with other animal sounds that the child knows. And if the child doesn't repeat yet, continue to introduce (over the boat for more eyes).

Noah and his family got in the boat. Then it started to rain. Pitter-patter. Pitter-patter. Move child's arms downward with each word. It rained and rained.

One day it stopped raining. Stop moving child's arms. Noah and his family and all of the animals got out of the boat. God took care of them. God got a beautiful rainbow in the sky to say "There you are!"

More information to introduce Learning: ABCJesusLovesMe.com/how-to-teach

Teachable Moment:

Continue working on animal sounds and explain that all animals that you see were on Noah's big boat. Tell the Noah story whenever it rains and a rainbow appears.

ABCJesusLovesMe 1 Year Curriculum Interactive Bible Stories

← Digital Downloads

Character Scripture

Each Lesson Plan contains a character trait and a suggested verse to pray over the child for the week. Praying Character Scriptures is having a conversation with God, using His words to ask Him to build godly character in the child's life.

Sample Character

- Salvation
- Gentleness
- Kindness
- Contentment


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| <p>1. Salvation</p> <p>Matthew 1:21-23. For you who with God's gift, "Jesus Christ," will become a new person. You need not fear the devil, you will be saved. And if you wish to be saved, you must believe in Jesus Christ and be baptized. (Acts 2:38)</p> | <p>2. Gentleness</p> <p>Galatians 6:22. Be gentle with those who are weak. Do not be proud. Be gentle with those who are weak, but do not let them drag you down.</p> | <p>3. Kindness</p> <p>Matthew 23:23. Do not neglect the weightier matters of the law: justice, mercy and faith. For these are the law and the prophets.</p> | <p>4. Contentment</p> <p>Philippians 4:11-12. I am not ashamed. I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I have learned to be content whether I am rich or poor, whether I am full or hungry, whether I am in company or alone.</p> |
| <p>5. Humility</p> <p>Philippians 2:3-4. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Be humble, valuing others above yourselves.</p> | <p>6. Love</p> <p>1 Corinthians 13:1-3. Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy. Love does not boast. Love does not be proud. Love does not be angry. Love does not keep a record of wrongs. Love does not rejoice in the truth of those who are wrong. Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.</p> | <p>7. Responsibility</p> <p>Colossians 3:23. Whatever you do, do it as for the Lord, as if you were working for him. Work at it with all your heart, as if you were working for the Lord, not for men.</p> | <p>8. Thankfulness</p> <p>Philippians 4:6-7. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, let your requests be known to God. His peace, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds.</p> |
| <p>9. Cooperation</p> <p>1 Corinthians 12:12-14. We are members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones. We are united together in the Spirit. We share in his sufferings, just as he suffered for us. We are to leave nothing of ourselves but to let him live in us. We are to let him love us as his church, himself to sanctify and cleanse it with the word of water by the word, that he may present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or something of the kind, but that it should be holy and without blemish.</p> | <p>10. Self-control</p> <p>Galatians 5:22-23. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.</p> | <p>11. Gratitude</p> <p>1 Thessalonians 5:18. Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.</p> | <p>12. Thankful Spirit</p> <p>Philippians 4:6-7. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, let your requests be known to God. His peace, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds.</p> |


1 Year Workbook →

Head and Shoulders


Traditional Tune: Mary Had a Little Lamb
Point to each body part as noted.




Head and shoulders



knees and toes



knees and toes



knees and toes

Clap your hands together

1 Year Curriculum, Week 18, 30
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Songs

The Bible songs are old "Sunday School" favorites or piggyback songs. If the song is not familiar to you, please visit ABCJesusLovesMe.com to watch videos of each song with actions.

Sample Songs

- Pat the Bible
- Head and Shoulders
- O Be Careful
- Away in a Manger
- Jesus Loves Me
- The B-I-B-L-E

← Digital Download

Development

"Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning."
- Fred Rogers

Motor Skills

Fine motor skills are activities that improve one's ability to write and manipulate small objects. Gross motor skills involve large muscle movement (e.g. running, jumping, hopping, etc.). These skills are important for pencil control, balance, and coordination. Each Lesson Plan includes an activity to improve the child's fine and gross-motor skills. Please refrain from using markers or pens in activities as they do not strengthen fine and gross motor skills as much as crayons and pencils. Below are sample activities.

Fine Motor



- Play Dough
- Cooking
- Painting
- Draw Self & Family
- Draw What I Draw
- Scissors Use
- Puzzles
- Fingerpaint
- Blocks
- Lacing

Gross Motor

- Dance
- Bat
- Throw
- Jump
- Roll and Crawl
- Memory Obstacle Course
- Catch
- Hop



Taking Care of Me

Each week the child will focus on a specific aspect of self-awareness or self-care.

- Body Parts
- First Name
- Last Name
- Dressing
- Sitting Attentively



Review Weeks

Children learn through repetition and review. Every 4-5 weeks, a week is set aside in the Lesson Plan to allow time for: reviewing past lessons, doing activities that time didn't allow for, or rediscovering activities the child particularly enjoyed. Review weeks also include optional field trip ideas and "Making Memories" activities.



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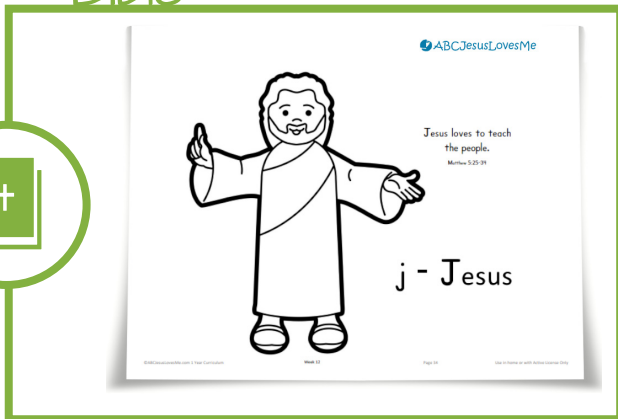
Activity Worksheets

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."
- Benjamin Franklin

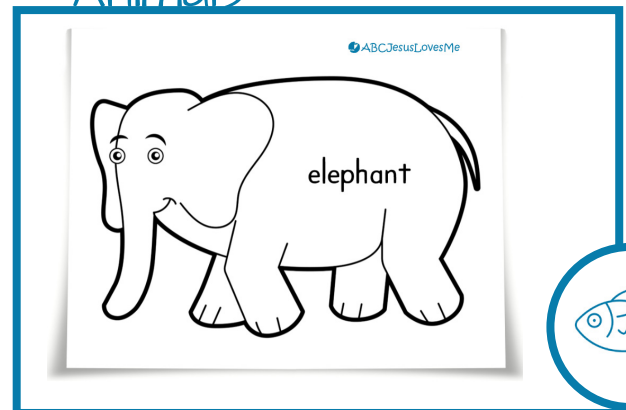
Overview

When used as directed, the 1 Year Workbook will broaden the child's understanding of academic and biblical learning. Using the worksheets will further increase fine motor, core, and visual perception strength, and will expand the child's experience with art. All worksheet activities are to be viewed as process art. This means that the focus of the art is on the learning that occurs during the process of the activity and not the end result. Objective Checklists are provided in the workbook for assessment. Below are sample activity sheets.

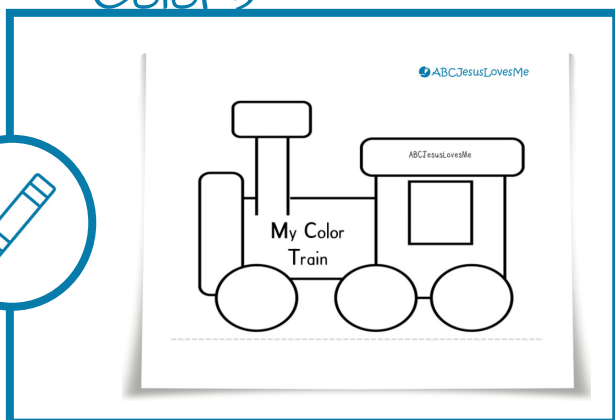
Bible



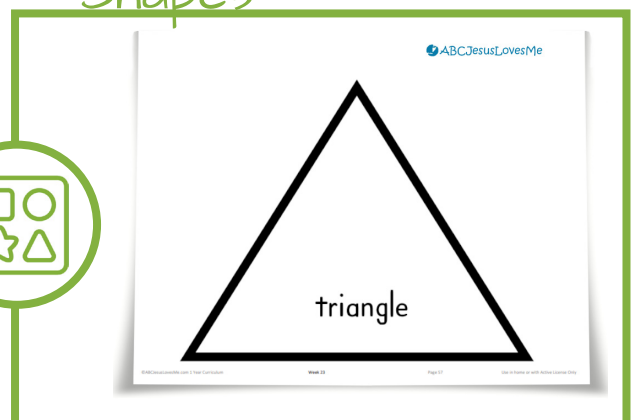
Animals



Colors



Shapes



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FAQ

"Quality questions create a quality life. Successful people ask better questions, and as a result, they get better answers."

-Anthony Robbins

Is the learning the same for each curriculum?

Different learning objectives, Bible stories, and themes are included in each curricula because most preschools and homes use at least 4 of the 5 Curricula. If the themes were the same, the children would only be exposed to 28 themes, five times over. Instead, children are exposed to a broad array of learning based on their age and maturity which allows for growth to occur in their learning and development.



How much time does it take to prepare & teach?

The ABCJesusLovesMe Curriculum was created to require virtually no prep time once a routine is established. Initially I suggest reading over Week 1 multiple times and familiarization yourself with the bundle products. Next, place the basic supplies in a container for weekly use. Each week gather the Book of the Week and remaining supplies. It is my goal that all learning occurs in a way that children only see it as play. Focused, sit-down learning should be kept to a minimum.



What supplies are needed?

While it may feel overwhelming collecting supplies for almost a year's worth of material and books, I believe that you will find most items already in your home or classroom. A complete supply list is available on the website or weekly lists are available in the Lesson Plans. Any Books of the Week that you don't already own can be purchased, borrowed, or reserving from the library.



What if I have questions?

The active ABCJesusLovesMe Facebook group is a wonderful place to gather ideas and ask questions. Heidi is also available through LiveChat on the ABCJesusLovesMe website, by email, or on social media to answer any questions, brainstorm ideas, and help you be successful. Preschools: LiveChat with Heidi to set up a demo and Q/A session.



Can ABCJLM be used in a school or church?

The ABCJesusLovesMe Curricula and products are used in homes, schools, daycares, and churches around the world. Licenses are available for non-family use and active Licenses are required for continued use. See the website for more details.



Helpful Links

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." - Proverbs 22:6



Lesson Plan Samples

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