

# 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.



# 4 Year Curriculum

## Overview

The 4 Year Curriculum is for the child preparing to enter kindergarten the following year. Forming letters and numbers, playing through fun themes, and developing a deeper understanding of his or her character through the stories of the Bible is all part of this curriculum.

### Curriculum Guide:

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

### Workbook:

This printed book contains almost 100 activity sheets to further the learning.

### Interactive Bible Stories:

27 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

4 Year  
Bundle

For home,  
preschool, or  
daycare use.

### Supplemental Digital Downloads:

- Bible Song Packet
- Poem Packet
- Rhyme Packets
- Memory Verse 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.

# Themes & Literacy

"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

## Themes

Weekly themes are included in the ABCJesusLovesMe 4 Year Curriculum to introduce the child to the world around them. Math, science, and developmental activities are included to support thematic learning. Each week also includes a poem/song and rhyme to compliment the theme and foster hearing individual sounds in words. Fun activities for each are provided for further learning and as teaching aids. Review weeks include optional field trip ideas and "Making Memories" activities. Below are samples of what is included in this curriculum.

## Sample Themes



- Colors of Ice Cream
- Stuffed Animal Friends
- Circus Fun
- Under the Sea
- Bugs
- Beaches
- My Families
- Construction
- God Gave Me Emotions

## Math & Science



- Colors & Shapes
- Spatial Words
- Sorting
- Seasons
- Stranger Danger
- Writing Name
- 7 Days
- 12 Months
- Phone Etiquette
- Fire Safety
- Postal System
- Hygiene
- Emotions
- Opposites
- Senses
- Phone Number
- Address
- Counting to 52
- Manners
- Size
- Patterns
- Sequencing
- Book Care
- 911

## Literacy

Each Lesson Plan includes a Book of the Week. These are considered to be the best books for older preschool-age children. Quality, classic books support learning objectives. Suggestions in the curricula aid the adult in building interest in the story, aiding in comprehension, developing imagination, and teaching the child to use visual clues as a reading strategy. Once familiar with the book, the child is encouraged to fill in key words and rhyming words, and discuss vocabulary while breaking the words into syllables. Activities provide additional learning opportunities.

## Sample Books



- Emma Kate
- Olivia
- Pete the Cat
- Curious George
- The Kissing Hand

## Activities

- Character
- Picture Walk
- Setting
- Problem/Solution
- Pragmatics
- Cause & Effect
- Comprehension
- Listening
- Vocabulary
- Parts of a Book

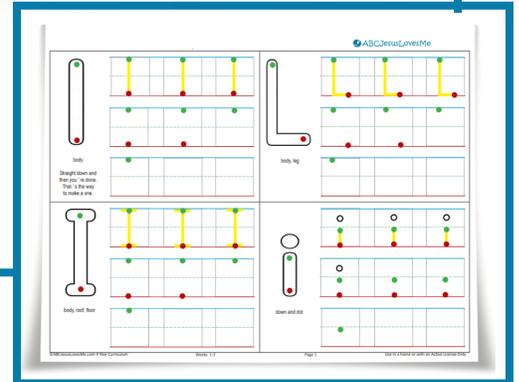


# Letters/Numbers

"In books I have traveled, not only to other worlds, but into my own."  
- Anna Quindlen

## Handwriting

The 4 Year Curriculum is the bridge between the 3 Year Curriculum and kindergarten. Building off of the learning in the 3 Year Curriculum, if ready, the child will write the letters and numbers on lined paper using a five-step process. Instead of alphabetical and numerical order, the letters and numbers are taught according to the difficulty of formation, beginning with straight line letters. This provides the child with immediate success which builds confidence for learning the harder-to-form letters and numbers. The child will enjoy using Letter and Number Formation Chants to aid in correctly forming each.



4 Year Workbook 

## Phonics

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Repeating, manipulating, hearing, and combining phonetic sounds is the basis of reading and is further explored in the 4 Year Curriculum. The child will solidify the phonic sounds of each letter through the use of the catchy Ice Cream Phonics Chant and Letter Phonic Songs. The child will also create a large ice cream cone on the wall by weekly adding scoops.

## Poems, Song, & Rhymes

Rhyming is a key piece of the 4 Year Curriculum and is introduced through poems, songs, and books. While it may seem silly to adults, rhyming is fun for children and a very important part of reading success. A phonemic awareness skill, rhyming helps children hear and manipulate sounds in words, thus improving their oral language skills. Rhyming also helps children recognize the rhythm of language which is important for fluency and comprehension. Below are some of the poems the child will enjoy learning.

- Hug Your Bear
- Wise Old Owl
- Five Little Pumpkins
- Itsy Bitsy Spider
- Here's a Beehive
- Hurry, Hurry Fire Truck
- I Have 10 Fingers
- The Wheels on the Bus
- Bubbles, Bubbles Everywhere
- Baa, Baa Black Sheep



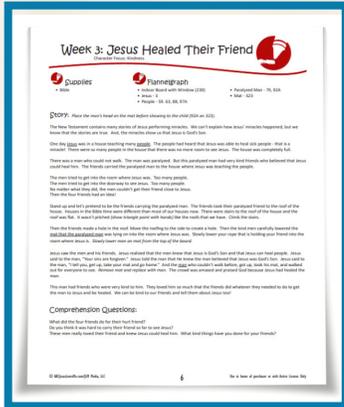
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# Bible

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

Unique to the 4 Year Curriculum, the child is introduced to character traits through the support of Bible stories. Activities are provided for both the Bible story and character trait. Part of the Bundle, the ABCJesusLovesMe Interactive Bible Stories provide an age-appropriate script to actively include the child in the story. Optional flannelgraph suggestions are included for added visual and tactile learning.



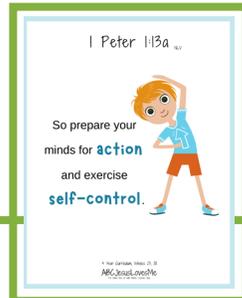
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## Memory Verses

Each week includes a simple memory verse set to a song with actions to help the child hide God's Word in his/her heart.

### Sample Verses

- James 1:22
- 1 Peter 1:13a
- Proverbs 15:1
- Jeremiah 17:7
- Colossians 3:23a
- Joshua 1:9b



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## Character



### Sample Stories & Traits

- Noah's Ark - Obedience
- Trust - Jesus Walked on Water
- Courage - Daniel
- Joyful - Paul and Silas

## 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

- Happy All the Time
- O Be Careful
- My God is So Big
- The B-I-B-L-E
- Jesus Loves Me
- Silent Night



Digital Download →

## Books of the Bible



I believe everyone should know the order of the Books of the Bible. With a little help, most preschool children can master this task. The New Testament books have been divided into small groups based on a song, with a new group introduced every few weeks. The New Testament Song is included in the Bible Song Packet. You can also view a video on the website (ABCJesusLovesMe.com).

# Development

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

## Overview

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. Along with fine and gross motor activities, each Lesson Plan in the ABCJesusLovesMe 4 Year Curricula contains visual perception activities. Visual perception is the translation between the eyes and the brain. Correct translation is imperative to reading and writing. These activities can help correct visual perception issues as well as strengthen brain-eye communication.

## Fine Motor



- Play Dough
- Cooking
- Painting
- Draw Self & Family
- Draw What I Draw
- Coin Pickup
- Tying Shoes
- Fingerplays
- Lacing
- Crafts
- Sand or Sensory Tub Play
- Scissor Use
- Tripod-Grasp
- Fingerprint

## Gross Motor

- Throw/Catch/Kick
- Simon Says
- Memory Obstacle Course
- Jump/Crawl
- Run/Walk/Twist
- Theme-based Play
- Movements with Songs
- Balance
- Coordination
- Bat



## Visual Perception



- Visual Discrimination
- Visual Tracking
- Visual Memory
- Visual Spatial Relationships
- Visual Closure
- Sequencing
- Visual Motor Integration

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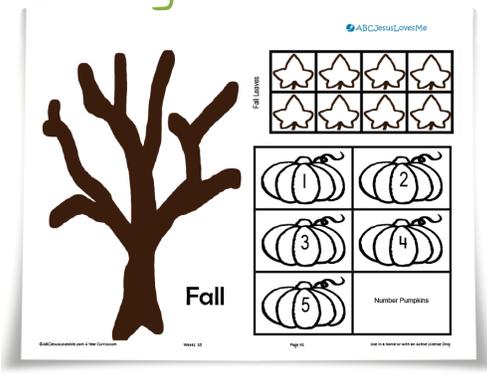
# Activity Worksheets

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

## Overview

When used as directed, the 4 Year Workbook will broaden the child's understanding of letters and numbers and further 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.

## Learning



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Fall

Number Pumpkins

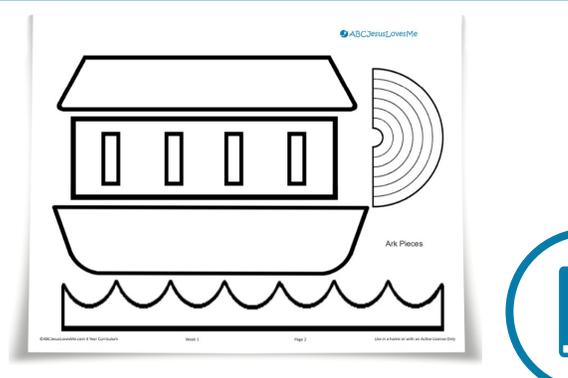
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Fill Leaves

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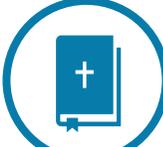
Use a marker or watercolor to color the tree.

## Bible

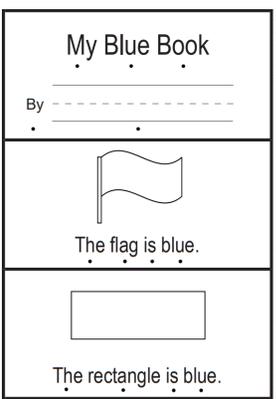


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## Pre-Reading



My Blue Book

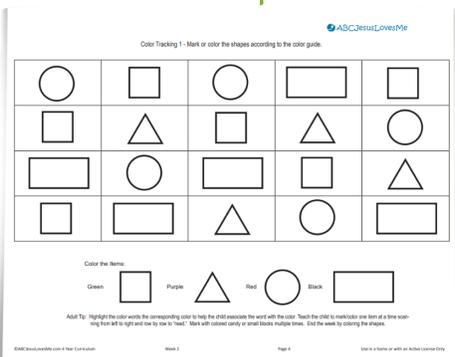
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The flag is blue.

The rectangle is blue.



## Visual Perception



Color Tracking 1 - Mark or color the shapes according to the color guide.

○	□	○	▭	□
□	△	□	△	○
▭	○	▭	□	△
□	▭	△	○	▭

Color the items:  
Green □ Purple △ Red ○ Black ▭

Adult Tip: Highlight the color words the corresponding color to help the child associate the word with the color. Teach the child to mark/color one item at a time scanning from left to right and top to bottom to "read". Mark with colored candy or small blocks multiple times. End the week by coloring the 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

[ABCJesusLovesMe.com/media/documents/4\\_Year\\_Sample.pdf](http://ABCJesusLovesMe.com/media/documents/4_Year_Sample.pdf)

## Workbook Samples

[ABCJesusLovesMe.com/media/documents/4W\\_Sample.pdf](http://ABCJesusLovesMe.com/media/documents/4W_Sample.pdf)

## Supply List

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