

# BIBLE CURRICULUM SCOPE: GRADE 8

## THE STORY OF GOD AND HIS PEOPLE

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- Unit 1: The Message of the Gospels (5 lessons)
- Unit 2: Jesus' Early Ministry (9 lessons)
- Unit 3: Who Is This? (14 lessons)
- Unit 4: The Suffering and The Sacrifice (10 lessons)
- Unit 5: Resurrection and Ascension (7 lessons)
- Unit 6: The Birth of the Church (9 lessons)
- Unit 7: Expanding the Church (17 lessons)
- Unit 8: Strengthening the Church (12 lessons)
- Unit 9: Encouraging the Church to Stand Firm (11 lessons)
- Unit 10: The Church Finds Its Way (11 lessons)

## WALKING WITH GOD AND HIS PEOPLE

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- Unit 1: The Early Church (16 lessons)
- Unit 2: New Testament Writings (16 lessons)
- Unit 3: Personal Devotions (16 lessons)
- Unit 4: Church History (60 lessons)

Downloadable Online Flex Unit (optional):  
C.S. Lewis Novel (15 lessons)

## REVISED CURRICULUM DESCRIPTION: GRADE 8

Students in grade eight will continue the thematic approach to studying the Bible. Grade eight materials will focus on the New Testament. The first unit on the early church begins with the birth of Jesus and emphasizes his earthly ministry. The unit on New Testament writings will give students an opportunity to note the various challenges facing the New Testament churches. They will learn that the concerns faced by the early church continue to be concerns for the church today. The unit concludes with a study of Revelation that introduces students to apocalyptic literature as well as God's plans for those who have been saved through Christ. In a unit on personal devotions, students will learn about the importance of personal devotions and receive guidance in how to create a meaningful devotional habit. A series of units on Church History will be the final unit for the eight grade curriculum. Students will learn what happened to the church after the conclusion of the New Testament and up to current issues the Church faces today. Students will recognize how God continued to work in the lives of his people throughout the history of the church and is present with us today. In a new optional online downloadable unit, grade eight students will study the novel *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* by the great Christian writer C.S. Lewis.