



# 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?

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- 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.

# 5 Year Curriculum

## Overview

The 5 Year Curriculum is for the child who is ready to take learning to the next level. Use this curriculum to prepare children to enter kindergarten the following year or as a kindergarten curriculum supplement. Forming letters and numbers, playing through fun themes, building Word Families, and developing a deeper understanding of God's character are all part of this brand-new curriculum.

### Curriculum Guide:

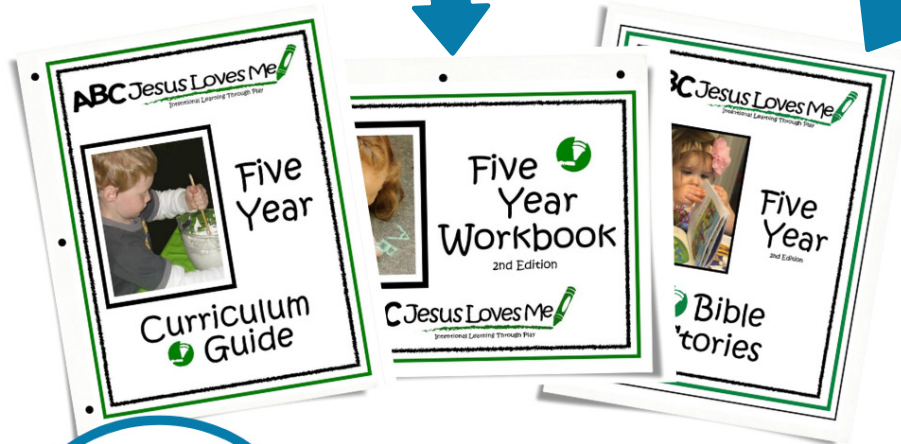
This printed book contains 36 Lesson Plans to cover 9-12 months.

### Workbook:

This printed book contains 119 activity sheets to further the learning.

### Interactive Bible Stories:

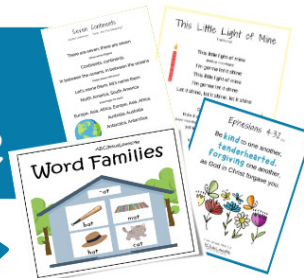
33 scripts provide an interactive way to share the Bible stories. Optional flannelgraph suggestions included in this Digital Download.



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

Curriculum Guide  
+  
Workbook  
+  
Digital Downloads

5 Year  
Bundle



For home,  
preschool, or  
daycare use.

### Supplemental Digital Downloads:

- Bible Song Packet
- Poem Packet
- Memory Verse Packet
- Word Family 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.

# Academic: Themes

"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

## Overview

Weekly themes are included in the ABCJesusLovesMe 5 Year Curriculum to introduce the child to the world around them. Science, social science, math, and developmental activities are included to support thematic learning. Each week also includes a poem/song to compliment the theme and foster hearing individual sounds in words. Fun activities are provided for further learning and as teaching aids. Below are samples of what is included in this curriculum.

## Math



- Colors & Shapes
- Sorting & Group
- Coins
- Counting 1-52
- Counting 10-1
- Opposites
- Compare
- Estimating
- Counting by 10's
- Matching
- Graphing
- Measure
- Addition
- Math Sentences
- Spatial Relationships
- 1:1 Correspondence
- Identify, Write, & Name Numbers 1-20
- Patterns (AB, ABA, ABB)

## Science

- Nutrition
- Seasons
- Weather
- More & Less
- Calendar
- States of Water
- Clocks
- Senses
- Exercise
- Animals
- Plants
- Body Parts
- Life Cycle
- Sound
- Sink vs Float
- Living vs Nonliving



## Social Science



- Address
- Phone Number
- Self-Care
- Family
- Community Helpers
- Characteristics
- Symbolism
- Record Observations
- Follow 3-Step Directions
- Safety
- Emotions
- Holidays
- Transportation
- Pretend Play
- Imagination Growth
- Emergency Procedures
- Country/States
- Pledge
- Continents
- Flag Etiquette
- Maps
- Wants vs Needs

# Academic: Pre-Reading

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

## Phonics

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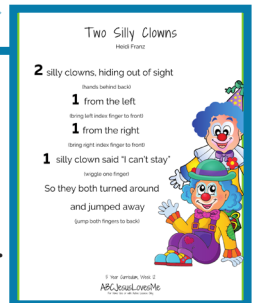
Repeating, manipulating, hearing, and combining phonetic sounds is the basis of reading and is further explored in the 5 Year Curriculum. The child will solidify each letter's phonic sound through the use of the engaging Writing Letter Worksheet, catchy apple phonics chant, and Word Families. The child will also create a large tree on the wall and weekly add the Letter Apple.

## Poems

Digital Download 

Rhyming is a key piece of the 5 Year Curriculum and is introduced through Word Families, 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. When children become familiar with poems and books, they can anticipate rhyming words. 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.

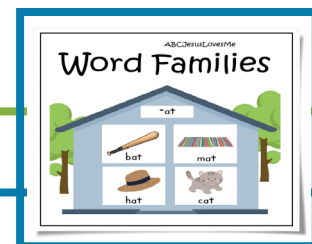
- Because God Made Me
- 1 Potato, 2 Potato
- Silly Sally
- Two Silly Clowns
- Hickory Dickory Dock
- I'm a Choo-Choo Train
- Seven Days
- I Saw a Little Bird
- Five Little Snowmen



## Word Families

During the curriculum, the child will also be introduced to Word Families. Word Families are groups of words that have a similar pattern making them appear to be related or part of a "family." In this curriculum, the words have the same ending and thus rhyme. Grouping these rhyming words allows children to quickly read words in the pattern. If ready, this is the first step in reading CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words. The following Word Families are introduced:

- -at, -an
- -ip, -it
- -ug
- -ox
- -et, -en



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## Pre-Reading Learning

- Recognize & Produce Rhyme
- Syllables
- Increase Vocabulary
- Real & Nonsense Words
- Blend Sounds
- Identify Phonetic Sound, Write, Name Uppercase and Lowercase Letters
- Write Name (Uppercase followed by lowercase letters)



# 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 5 Year Curriculum are Bible themes to help children understand God beyond the basic Bible stories introduced in their preschool years. Activities reinforce what the child is learning about the truth of God's Word. Another way to further Bible learning is to tell the story in an interactive and engaging way. Optional flannelgraph suggestions are included for added visual and tactile learning.

## Themes



- "Bee" Attitudes
- The Lord's Prayer
- Armor of God
- The Bible
- Salvation
- Trinity

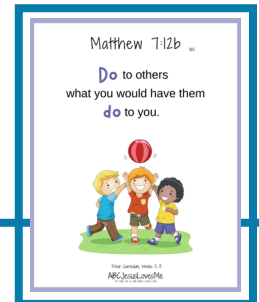


## Memory Verses

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

- Genesis 1:1
- John 3:16a
- Acts 16:31a
- Ephesians 4:32
- James 1:22
- II Timothy 3:16



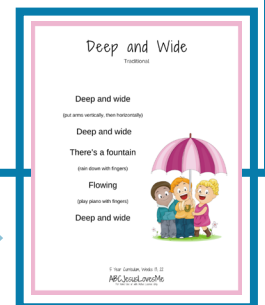
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## Songs

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

### Sample Songs

- Jesus Loves Me
- Happy All the Time
- Deep and Wide
- This Little Light of Mine
- Away in a Manger
- He's Got the Whole World



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 Old Testament books have been divided into small groups based on a song, with a new group introduced every few weeks. The Old Testament Song is included in the Bible Song Packet. You can also view a video on the website ([ABCJesusLovesMe.com](http://ABCJesusLovesMe.com)).



# Literacy

## Overview

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, encouraging 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 are provided to discuss the beginning, middle, and end as well as favorite parts of the book to further comprehension skills. Weekly literacy activities prepare the child for higher-level reading.

### Sample Books



- Stone Soup
- Enemy Pie
- Snowmen at Night
- Caps for Sale
- Dragons Love Tacos
- Me on the Map

### Literacy Activities

- How to Care for a Book
- Author & Illustrator
- Characters
- Fiction vs Non-Fiction
- Moral
- Major Events
- True vs False
- Predict
- Inferences
- Share & Observe
- Vocabulary
- Discussion
- Picture Walk



# Pragmatics

## Overview

Pragmatics is the study of language in a social setting. *Think communication.* Many children have difficulty expressing themselves appropriately and understanding what is being communicated to them through facial expressions, non-verbal clues, tone of voice, etc. While some children learn by example, others must be taught how to handle various situations that arise. Each review week of the ABCJesusLovesMe Curriculum focuses on a set of pragmatics teaching. Learning through role-play, puppets, teachable moments, conversation, and books allows the child to understand the world around them and various social settings.

### Topics



- Meet & Greet
- Body Language & Facial Expressions
- Social Situations
- Bathroom Use
- Life Skills
- Birthday Parties
- Emotions

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# 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 5 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



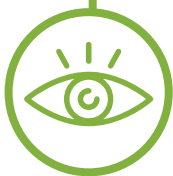
- Play Dough
- Cooking
- Painting
- Draw Self
- Draw What I Draw
- Coin Pickup
- Tying Shoes
- Fingerplays
- Beading
- Crafts
- Sand or Sensory Tub Play
- Scissor Use
- Tripod-Grasp

## Gross Motor

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



## Visual Perception



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

## Social

- Take Turns
- Patiently Wait
- Stranger Danger & Safety
- Sit & Listen to Story
- Answer Questions
- Obedience
- Problem Solve
- Participate
- Independent Play
- Completion



# 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 5 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. Below are sample activity sheets.

### ABC & 123's



2 two      Write the number four times leaving a finger space between each.

Highlight all of the 2's.

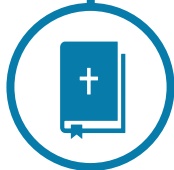
4	8	5
3	2	2
2	4	7

Draw \_\_\_\_\_ clowns.

Color in 2 bees. Count the 2 bees.


I have \_\_\_\_\_ clowns.

### Bible



Bible Story: \_\_\_\_\_

I can be like Jesus: \_\_\_\_\_

"Bee" Attitudes

### Visual Perception



Go \_\_\_\_\_ Stop

Go \_\_\_\_\_ Stop

Go \_\_\_\_\_ Stop

### Learning



All About \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

4 5 6

I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old

My eyes are \_\_\_\_\_

I am \_\_\_\_\_ handed

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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, the curriculum offers exposure to a broad array of age and developmentally appropriate learning opportunities.



## What is the difference between the 4 and 5 Year?

The 4 Year Curriculum is for the child preparing for kindergarten. The 5 Year Curriculum is for the child ready for kindergarten level work. To begin the 5 Year Curriculum, the child should have a solid foundation of preschool learning as well as be able to write most letters and number without assistance, rhyme, and manipulate phonemic sounds. If the child is not ready for this level, I suggest using the 4 Year Curriculum first.



## 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 reserved from the library.



## 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 familiarizing yourself with the bundle products. Filling out the "I am Learning" Objective Poster will prepare you for the week's objectives. Next, place the basic supplies in a container for weekly use. Then you only need to add the Book of the Week and any remaining supplies, and you're all set for the week!



## 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.



## 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.



# 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/5\\_year\\_sample.pdf](http://ABCJesusLovesMe.com/media/documents/5_year_sample.pdf)

## Workbook Samples

[ABCJesusLovesMe.com/media/documents/5W\\_Sample.pdf](http://ABCJesusLovesMe.com/media/documents/5W_Sample.pdf)

## Supply List

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