# An Introduction to the SCS Bible Curriculum

## Program overview and relationship to the SCS mission

Teaching Bible is an essential aspect of reaching our school’s mission statement.  In order for our students to have a vibrant relationship with Jesus, they must know the content of the Bible and how to apply it to their lives.

## Biblical foundation

SCS’s historic roots are interdenominational—as such, the school’s common ground is not centered on any single denomination’s confession. While the school has a unifying statement of faith, the biblical text functions as the center point of the curriculum’s worldview. As such, a clear articulation and communication of Scripture is central to an SCS education.

## Essential questions

* We are we as people and what is our purpose?
* What is reality and the nature of all things?
* Where are we going when we die and how do we get there?
* What is right and wrong?
* How do we know what is true?

## Pedagogical approach

While rooted in the biblical text itself, the Bible program at SCS seeks to do more than simply teach students the content of the Bible. An SCS education is designed to challenge and shape a student worldview to me more like Christ’s. A person’s worldview is strongly affected by new experiences. When it comes to teaching the Bible at SCS,learning is not merely the communication of information—it is about creating new experiences that will help change the student’s worldview to be more like Christ. One of the key ways this happens is by involving students in our community.

## Sources

The Bible curriculum at Santiago Christian School (SCS) is based upon Christian Schools International (CIS) materials. Many of the indicators were taken directly from the CSI materials and aligned with SCS’ Benchmarks and Standards when it was first written (2005). The 12th grade is the only curriculum that is not based on CSI materials.

## Textbooks

* Kindergarten follows the CSI curriculum, but we use the Beginner Bible in order to tell the story
* First grade just uses the teacher edition. There are black and white masters in the back
* 2nd Grade:*God’s Promises:The Story of God and His People” Publisher:* Christian Schools International Edition: Second Publication Date: 2000 Quantity: 2 teacher’s editions.
* 3rd grade: "The story of God and His People: Calling of God's Tribe", and it's published by Christian Schools International.
* 4th grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 5th grade: *The Story of God and His People (Witnesses to the Gospel)*: Christian Schools International, Edition: 2nd ed., Publication Date: 1999, Quantity: 2 teacher’s editions
* 6th grade: *The House of Israel, Christian Schools International*. Teacher’s guide only. There are no textbooks. It is a binder with lesson plans and worksheets.
* 7th grade– *The Day of the Lord,* CSI
* 8th grade – *A Light to the Gentiles*, CSI
* 9th Grade:*God’s Unfolding Plan*, CSI 2002
* 10th Grade:*Hope of the World*, CSI 2002
* 11th Grade:*The church in history*, CSI 1964; *Exploring Apologetics; Selected Readings*, CSI 2006
* 12th Grade – No textbook