

Bible

GRADE 7

STANDARD 1

The student understands the Bible as God's story of the redemption of mankind.

To meet this standard, the student will:

Benchmark 7.1.1: Understand how the Bible fits together as a book and has different types of writings.

Indicator:

N/A

Benchmark 7.1.2: Understand the remarkable love and works of God on behalf of mankind and mankind's various responses.

Indicators:

- 7.1.2.1 Recognize that through the defeat of Baal's prophets, God demonstrated his power as the creator and sustainer.
- 7.1.2.2 Understand that when Rehoboam and the people repented and humbled themselves, God delivered them.
- 7.1.2.3 Understand that the peoples' responses to the prophets was a sign of their response to God.

Benchmark 7.1.3: Understand that God has a purpose for his people which continues through out history.

Indicators:

- 7.1.3.1 Recognize that God works patiently with us to transform us into people who are light in our world.
- 7.1.3.2 Understand that Israel's neighbors influenced their religious and social life; contemporary culture influences God's people today.
- 7.1.3.3 Recognize that God places himself on the side of the poor and the oppressed.
- 7.1.3.4 Understand that God is in control of the lives and times of the people on earth.
- 7.1.3.5 Recognize that God is active in human history, and God's plan cannot be thwarted by human behavior.
- 7.1.3.6 Understand that God is in charge of the affairs of all nations and all peoples.

Benchmark 7.1.4: Understand God's promises and his faithfulness to keep them despite man's unfaithfulness.

Indicators:

- 7.1.4.1 Recognize that God keeps his promises.
- 7.1.4.2 Recognize that although Solomon strayed from the path of covenant faithfulness and the kingdom split, God did not abandon his promise to David.
- 7.1.4.3 Understand that God sent the prophets to call his people back to him and to obedience to the law.
- 7.1.4.4 Recognize that God's care extended to Gentiles – people beyond the borders of Israel.
- 7.1.4.5 Recognize that God showed his care for his people by repeatedly sending prophets to remind his people of the way of life and to warn them of judgment.
- 7.1.4.6 Understand that God would spare a small remnant of his people and keep his covenant with David.
- 7.1.4.7 Recognize that God is faithful to all of his children when they trust him and turn to him in times of trouble.

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- 7.1.4.8 Understand that God's promise to preserve David's line did not excuse the people of Judah from obeying the obligations of the Sinai covenant.
- 7.1.4.9 Understand that although the old Sinai covenant was broken, God promised restoration and a new covenant based on forgiveness.
- 7.1.4.10 Understand that God promises to be with his people in all circumstances.
- 7.1.4.11 Recognize God's faithfulness to the people of Israel long ago and to all humankind by sending Jesus to fulfill the covenant requirements.

Benchmark 7.1.5: Understand how God worked through the nation of Israel to bless all of mankind.

Indicators:

- 7.1.5.1 Understand that God took Abram, a man who worshipped idols, patiently revealed his plan to him, and transformed him into Abraham, the ancestor of a great nation and of Jesus.
- 7.1.5.2 Understand that God showed the pathway back to Him when he gave the law.
- 7.1.5.3 Recognize that God's compassion extends beyond Judah's borders, and God's people are called to bring light to the world.
- 7.1.5.4 Recognize that the departure of God's glory from the temple signaled a shift of God's dwelling place from the physical temple building to the hearts of his people.
- 7.1.5.5 Recognize that the restoration of exiles preserved the remnant from whom would come the Savior, whose death and resurrection would restore the relationship with God.

Benchmark 7.1.6: Understand the redemptive work of Jesus Christ.

Indicator:

- 7.1.6.1 Recognize that God's saving work through Jesus is foreshadowed by the miracles performed by Elisha.
- 7.1.6.2 Recognize that God's forgiveness is available to his people through the sacrifice of Jesus if they seek God, repent, and trust.

Benchmark 7.1.7: Understand Christ's establishment of the church and its growth.

Indicators:

N/A

Benchmark 7.1.8: Understand the Biblical use of prophesy and symbolism.

Indicators:

- 7.1.8.1 Recognize that the prophets' primary role was to tell the kings and the people what God thought of their actions.
- 7.1.8.2 Recognize that David's lamp, the Good Samaritan story, and the Immanuel prophecy all point forward to Jesus.
- 7.1.8.3 Recognize that the messiah will usher in a time of restoration in which peace and justice will break down barriers of rank, age, and sex.
- 7.1.8.4 Understand that like all true prophets, Jeremiah spoke for God, and rejection of God's spokesman represented rejection of God and his claims.
- 7.1.8.5 Recognize that the new Jerusalem will have no need of a physical temple because we will dwell in the presence of God.
- 7.1.8.6 Understand that God's prophets and leaders called the people to acknowledge the claims of God's laws and to put God at the center of life and worship.
- 7.1.8.7 Recognize that Old Testament prophets and leaders pointed ahead to the coming of the messiah and Jesus fulfilled these prophecies.
- 7.1.8.8 Understand that Jesus came to fulfill messianic prophecies, but his way was offensive to the factions that dominated Jewish religious life.

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STANDARD 2

The student understands the Biblical concepts involved with making an informed commitment to Christ.

To meet this standard, the student will:

Benchmark 7.2.1: Understand that we are created in God's image for the purpose of being in relationship with Him.

Indicator:

- 7.2.1.1 Recognize that God created humans to live in a loving and mutual relationship with him.
- 7.2.1.2 Recognize that God required that his people worship him alone.
- 7.2.1.3 Understand that if we stay connected to Jesus, the true vine, we can bear good fruit.
- 7.2.1.4 Recognize that God passionately desires that his children turn to him for life, hope, and joy.

Benchmark 7.2.2: Understand that Sin has separated us from God and made relationship with Him impossible.

Indicators:

- 7.2.2.1 Understand that sin entered the garden through the disobedience of Adam and Eve, and the relationship with God was broken.
- 7.2.2.2 Recognize that God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked.
- 7.2.2.3 Understand the pride, hatred, and fear blind people to the love of God revealed in Jesus.

Benchmark 7.2.3: Understand that God created us with the capacity to choose and our choices have consequences.

Indicator:

- 7.2.3.1 Understand that the rejection of God's covenant laws by Israel's kings led to political instability and religious infidelity.
- 7.2.3.2 Recognize that because of his infidelity and rebellion against God, Jeroboam was not able to establish a dynasty in Israel.
- 7.2.3.3 Recognize that obedience leads to life for all of God's people, and disobedience leads to disaster.
- 7.2.3.4 Understand that God is totally opposed to evil and injustice. Judgment falls on those who willfully turn away from him and ignore the requirements of the law.
- 7.2.3.5 Recognize that the historical, cultural, and geographical setting often drew the people of Judah into pagan religious practices that broke the covenant relationship with God.
- 7.2.3.6 Understand that disobedience often stems from reluctance to fully trust God, and it brings disaster and judgment.
- 7.2.3.7 Recognize that the disobedience of kings and rulers led to judgment on all of the people.
- 7.2.3.8 Recognize that forgiveness, security, and blessing follow obedience.
- 7.2.3.9 Understand that our purpose is to be loyal and faithful to God; failure to obey brings judgment.
- 7.2.3.10 Recognize that God's people are called to respond to hostile cultural influences with trust in God's care and with obedience to his requirements.
- 7.2.3.11 Recognize that hearts not focused on God are susceptible to greed, self-interest, and corruption; hearts cleansed by God's spirit produces good fruit.

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Benchmark 7.2.4: Understand Jesus as God incarnate.

Indicators:

- 7.2.4.1 Recognize that because Jesus took on human flesh, he understands the troubles and challenges of growing up and being human.
- 7.2.4.2 Understand that Jesus made life choices and decisions based on his identity and purpose for coming to earth.

Benchmark 7.2.5: Understand that Jesus' death and resurrection allows for a restored relationship with God.

Indicators:

- 7.2.5.1 Understand that God devised a plan to restore the relationship with his people.
- 7.2.5.2 Understand that God's people were (and are) not able to fully and perfectly obey covenant requirements, so God sent Jesus to atone for sin and set things right.
- 7.2.5.3 Recognize that because of God's great compassion and care, we are not doomed to fall into the sinful patterns of our families and culture if we turn to God with genuine repentance.
- 7.2.5.4 Understand that God healed the rift between himself and humanity by sending Jesus to pay the price for human guilt.

Benchmark 7.2.6: Understand that as God reveals Himself, we need to make a personal response of confession and belief in order to have a restored relationship with Him.

Indicator:

- 7.2.6.1 Recognize that people with true wisdom and a truly good life are those whose hearts are turned to God and who are obedient to God's laws
- 7.2.6.2 Understand that God wants his people to repent and turn to him for life.
- 7.2.6.3 Understand that true worship centers on God, flows from a total commitment to God's law, and results in proper relationship and actions.
- 7.2.6.4 Understand that worship of God that is mere formalism and not an expression of the heart will not win God's favor; genuine worship results in lives of joyful obedience in God's kingdom of peace and justice.
- 7.2.6.5 Recognize that God saves those who turn to him with repentant hearts and trust him for deliverance.

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STANDARD 3

The student learns how to live out *Christian love, obedience and service in ways appropriate for their spiritual maturity.*

This is a standard that we expect our students to be developing in throughout their studies. Students may at times be evaluated on their growth and development of these standards but will not be expected to meet all of them to pass a class or to graduate. Also many of these standards correspond with the Guidance Counseling curriculum (G.C.). The following are the expectations and goals that we have for our students. To meet this standard, the student will:

Benchmark 7.3.1: Identify the need for followers of Christ to be loving and kind to others and themselves

(G.C. 7.2) Develop and participate in community volunteer service projects G.C. 6.1 Demonstrate respect and appreciation for individual and cultural differences and G.C. 6.2 Describe stereotypes and their impact on self and others

Indicators:

- 7.3.1.1 Show caring attitudes about other's work in the classroom as well as their own work
- 7.3.1.2 Practice good stewardship by taking care of the environment and everything else God has given us.
- 7.3.1.3 Show empathy towards others' joys and struggles
- 7.3.1.4 Show signs of loving others how God loves us
- 7.3.1.5 Demonstrate kindness and friendliness to everyone
- 7.3.1.6 Choose to treat others as we want to be treated
- 7.3.1.7 Choose to be positive about others

Benchmark 7.3.2: Identify the need for followers of Christ to pursue a life of holiness and purity

(G.C. 4.3) Develop and demonstrate appropriate attitudes and behaviors

Indicators:

- 7.3.2.1 Identify the importance of using appropriate language and being mindful of what we say
- 7.3.2.2 Choose to use appropriate language and correct one's self when harmful words are used
- 7.3.2.3 Identify how the way we dress communicates to others and how it can affect them
- 7.3.2.4 Identify the importance of being truthful and choose to tell the truth.
- 7.3.2.5 Demonstrate the ability to take responsibility for any mistakes
- 7.3.2.6 Identify the importance of virtue and choose to do what is right regardless of the circumstances

Benchmark 7.3.3: Identify the need for followers of Christ to respect others and honor God

(G.C. 5.4) Demonstrate effective skills for interacting with peers and adults

Indicators:

- 7.3.3.1 Identify the need to respect themselves by practicing good personal hygiene, dressing neatly and being proud of being a unique creation of God.

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- 7.3.3.2 Demonstrate respect for others by not touching them, by not fighting, by not putting others down
- 7.3.3.3 Demonstrate respect for adults.
- 7.3.3.4 Choose to respect property by using trash cans, keeping desks, lockers and walls clean
- 7.3.3.5 Demonstrate respect for other's property.

Benchmark 7.3.4: Identify the need for followers of Christ to value and treat everyone as important

G.C. 5.3 Identify how to appropriately express thoughts and feelings And G.C. 5.5 Identify the affects of peer pressure (6.1. and 6.2 could go hear)

Indicators:

- 7.3.4.1 Identify the importance of being polite and choose to greet people
- 7.3.4.2 Identify that all people are important and valuable
- 7.3.4.3 Choose to accept all people for who they are (no judging based on any physical characteristic)
- 7.3.4.4 Identify the importance of making all visitors feel welcome at our school

Benchmark 7.3.5: Identify the need for followers of Christ to see success in light of God's plan for their life and eternity

(G.C. 4.4) Develop personal safety skills and (G.C. 4.1) Understand the influence of a positive self-concept and G.C. 4.6 Apply decision-making/problem-solving skills

Indicators:

- 7.3.5.1 Identify that success is being faithful to God and not just achieving great accomplishments
- 7.3.5.2 Choose to compare themselves with their potential and not with others
- 7.3.5.3 Distinguish and develop the gifts that God has given them
- 7.3.5.4 Choose to be diligent and apply themselves in all that they do
- 7.3.5.5 Identify that everyone can succeed but that not everyone will do it in the same way

Benchmark 7.3.6: Develop and demonstrate good teamwork skills.

(G.C. 5.2) Demonstrate skills to interact and work cooperative in teams

Indicators:

- 7.3.6.1 Identify the need for followers of Christ to be a part of the Body of Christ
- 7.3.6.2 Identify that we are all part of God's team
- 7.3.6.3 Demonstrate the ability to work in any group and participate for the better of that group
- 7.3.6.4 Solve problems related to working with others, such as choosing to listen to others, explaining their ideas, and being positive and encouraging.

Benchmark 7.3.7: Identify the need for followers of Christ to be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry

(G.C. 4.5) Identify common personal and interpersonal problems and (G.C. 5.1) Demonstrate communication skills in speaking, listening, and nonverbal behavior

Indicators:

- 7.3.7.1 Choose to listen and not talk when the teacher is talking
- 7.3.7.2 Choose to listen and not talk when another student is talking
- 7.3.7.3 Identify the importance in western culture of making good eye contact when others speak to us
- 7.3.7.4 Demonstrate the ability to listen and follow directions

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Benchmark 7.3.8: Identify the need for followers of Christ to seek wisdom and understanding

G.C. 1.2 Understand attitudes and behaviors related to academic achievement and G.C. 1.3 Formulate academic goals and plans to attain them

Indicators:

- 7.3.8.1 Identify the importance of understanding why things are and not just memorizing
- 7.3.8.2 Distinguish the importance of being curious and the need to explore God's creation
- 7.3.8.3 Analyze what they are learning and develop questions
- 7.3.8.4 Identify the importance of being self motivated and working to achieve goals
- 7.3.8.5 Choose to make wise decision by applying the good things they need to know to their lives

Benchmark 7.3.9: Identify the need for followers of Christ to work unto the Lord with all their hearts and to do all things for His Glory

G.C. Develop a sense of community pride

Indicators:

- 7.3.9.1 Identify how excuses keep us from reaching our goals and becoming better
- 7.3.9.2 Demonstrate confidence in their work
- 7.3.9.3 Choose to persevere until an assignment or project is finished
- 7.3.9.4 Identify the importance of using your time wisely and choose to do

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