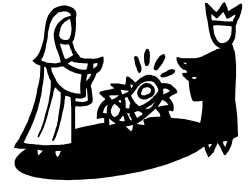




Kindergarten at Westgate Christian Academy



Creation, the Child, and the Family

Summary

At the kindergarten level the students learn about themselves, their families, and communities all in the context of being created and formed by God. The books chosen to read aloud, the stories told, and the songs they hear and learn will emphasize this theme throughout the year.

Concept Statements

1. All families have a heritage.
2. Family members have both similar and different characteristics: physical, names, feelings, and needs.
3. Family members have specific roles and responsibilities.
4. Different families have different customs, clothing and festivals.
5. Families live in different neighborhoods, communities, and countries.
6. God created all things and sustains them.
7. God's world and His people were spoiled by sin.

Thematic Units

Thematic Units are organized around a particular theme. For the Kindergarten level this theme is "Creation, the Child, and the Family." This theme is then infused into all the basic subjects such as reading and science with hands on exploration. This is based on the idea that children learn best in the context of the "whole," and when they can connect subjects together with the real world. The culminating unit involves a project that links the units studied to the student's life. In Kindergarten, this unit is "You and Your Family." The thematic units for Kindergarten are:

The First Family (Creation)

Jesus and His Family

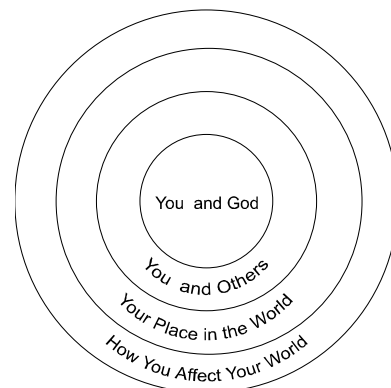
Families Create Together (Noah)
(Abraham)

Families Travel Together

You and Your Family

The Big Picture

The curriculum can be translated into a visual model that looks like a target. In the center of the target is the child's relationship with God which is the primary focus. As we move from the center, the child begins to understand how he or she relates to others, how he or she has a place in this world and finally how this world is affected by the child's actions.



Subject	Curriculum	Projects/Units
History	Creation, Child and Family	The First Family (Creation) Jesus and His Family Families Create Together (Noah) Families Travel Together (Abraham) You and Your Family
Bible	Developed within History	Creation Story Christmas Story Noah and the Ark Story of Abraham and Sarah
Geography	Developed within History	Model of Earth/Globe Label various kind of maps, globes, etc. Identifying and naming continents and oceans including continent of origin
Mathematics	Saxon K	<p><i>Number Sense and Operations:</i> Includes one-to-one correspondence, identifying coins and bills, and telling time to the hour</p> <p><i>Patterns, Relations, and Algebra:</i> Includes finding and extending patterns and counting by fives and tens</p> <p><i>Geometry:</i> Includes naming, describing, sorting, and drawing shapes</p> <p><i>Measurement:</i> Includes comparing weight, mass, lengths, sizes, quantities, and capacities</p> <p><i>Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability:</i> Includes reading and making graphs</p>
Language Arts	Open Court K	Name Necklaces (Handwriting is included in Open Court K) Letter Collage First Step Stories Letter Book Letter Posters
Spelling	Incorporated into Open Court K	
Science	Real Science K	<p><i>Life</i> - Senses; Living and Nonliving; Plants and Animals</p> <p><i>Earth</i> – Weather; Earth’s Land and Water; Earth and Space</p> <p><i>Physical-Matter;</i> Changes; How Things Move</p> <p><i>Health</i> - Your Body; Taking Care of Your Body; Feeding Your Body</p>