

Middle School Courses

Bible

Lightbearers (from Summit Ministries) *Lightbearers* is a Bible curriculum for 7th-8th grade designed to help students clearly understand the tenets of the Christian worldview, and how they compare to the tenets of the leading humanistic worldviews of our day. Students will learn how to apply their Christian faith to every area of life: theology, philosophy, ethics, biology, sociology, psychology, law, politics, economics, and history.

Jesus: Prophet, Priest, King and Savior Acts 4:12 declares that there is no other name given to mankind, that we might be saved—Jesus. Students will get to know Jesus through a topical study of His work and ministry, both on Earth and in Heaven. Jesus ties together God’s plan throughout the Old Testament and His interaction and intervention in the lives of those who follow Him today. Students will explore both the Old Testament roots of Jesus’ various ministries and the way those roles influence their current relationship with Him. The last module takes those ideas and puts them into practice, allowing students the opportunity to see Jesus live His life and do His ministry through them. This year long course is designed for those in grades 5 to 9.

8th Grade Classes

(Only applicable for Full Time Online Students and/or Summer School)

- Math 3 (Pre-Algebra)

Math 3 uses the connection between mathematics and music to develop and reinforce mathematical skills and processes. Students build a strong mathematical foundation as they explore the evolution of music in America. The focus of the course is learning with understanding to enable students to solve real-world and mathematical problems. The mode of instruction will vary as students interact with instructional software, practice skills on the web, participate in hands-on activities, and view instructional videos. The mathematical content addresses the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) principals and standards and is organized by Number and Operation, Algebra, Geometry, Measurement, and Data Analysis and Probability.

- Science

The purpose of this course is to provide opportunities to study concepts of the life, Earth/space, and physical sciences, from a Christian perspective, and to make applications to everyday life. Students will gain an understanding of how Jesus Christ is revealed by studying His Creation. The Bible will help the student examine the order of the universe and the physical laws God has established to govern it. In addition, each student will be encouraged to provide for and protect his/her body, which is the “temple of God.” Several character qualities will be encouraged and developed as the course progresses. Using the International Space Station as the focal point for all course

content, students act as Mission Specialists in Training. Topics such as the history of space exploration, light, remote sensing, plate tectonics, how gravity affects the human body, research being done in space, the periodic table of elements, and a bit of chemistry are but a few of the topics to be covered in this course.

- Language Arts 3 (Only applicable for Full Time Online Students and/or Summer School)

Who am I? How do I fit into the world? How do I make sense of these changing times? This interdisciplinary eighth grade language arts course will answer those questions and many more from a Christian perspective. In this course, students will develop their reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing skills—with Biblical principles as the standard—as they explore and enjoy a variety of materials (novels, short stories, poetry, biographies, articles, drama, essays and media). In addition, Language Arts 3 focuses on effective communication strategies that students need in order to establish a Biblical worldview in this changing and challenging society. Students will explore the eighth grade theme of The American Quest: Past, Present and Future while developing reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing skills through a variety of materials (novels, short stories, poetry, biographies, articles, drama, essays and media).

7th Grade Classes

(Only applicable for Full Time Online Students and/or Summer School)

- Math 2 or Math 3 (Pre-Algebra)

The purpose of this course is to show students how to relate math to real life situations through a Christian Worldview.

- Math 3 (Pre-Algebra)

Math 3 uses the connection between mathematics and music to develop and reinforce mathematical skills and processes. Students build a strong mathematical foundation as they explore the evolution of music in America. The focus of the course is learning with understanding to enable students to solve real-world and mathematical problems. The mode of instruction will vary as students interact with instructional software, practice skills on the web, participate in hands-on activities, and view instructional videos. The mathematical content addresses the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) principals and standards and is organized by Number and Operation, Algebra, Geometry, Measurement, and Data Analysis and Probability.

- Science

Attention all students: Adventures await you on CORAL, Colony of Research and Learning. As a member of an elite group of aquanauts in an underwater research facility, you will live and conduct research in and around the coral reefs of Virtual Key. Your tasks include investigating the problems causing the decline of tourism on Virtual Key and proposing a solution to the problems. Skills developed and concepts learned in

life, earth and space, and physical sciences along with Biblical principles and application will be used in completing your tasks. It is the expectation of the government of Virtual Key that you and the other aquanauts will gather data, analyze the data, and propose a workable solution to the identified problems of Virtual Key and the surrounding areas.

- Language Arts 2 (Only applicable for Full Time Online Students and/or Summer School)

In Language Arts 2, students enhance their reading, writing, speaking, listening, and viewing skills through exploration and investigation of fiction, nonfiction, short stories, cultural studies, self discovery, and character education. Through a varied list of learning experiences, students will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of literary, informational, and Biblical texts. Using the theme of "A Time for Discovery," Language Arts 2 students will learn and use the writing process to communicate ideas and respond critically to visual, oral, and written texts. Biblical principles shed new meaning on text, focusing on the impact of Christianity on daily life.

- World Geography

Attention Special Agents! Help decide where to build an international theme park devoted to world evangelism and cultural understanding. Typically a seventh grade course, World Geography uses discovery-based learning activities to help you explore various cultural and natural landscapes of the world in order to develop a multicultural understanding of all of the people groups on the earth. You will be encouraged to use geographic concepts and skills to actively seek information that can be applied to real life decisions. As a special agent on a simulated journey of discovery, you will apply a Biblical worldview as you collect and critically analyze social, political, and economic facts about how cultures interact with each other and their physical world.