

ABBA Christian Childcare Curriculum Guideline – 2020-2021

Dear Parents,

For the 2020 school year, we will continue using the nationally recognized Creative Curriculum Tool which is based on high-quality early childhood education standards. This curriculum model allows teachers to focus on the "whole" child and individualize learning. The Creative Curriculum is aligned with the State of Illinois Early Learning Standards and the Early Learning Guidelines.

The chart below covers the themes and basic academics that the ABBA staff will be using for the upcoming school year. The full curriculum is geared toward 3-5 year olds (preschool). However, our infant, toddler, and two year old classrooms will also be using the themes listed each month. Each class may not work on all of the given themes – this will be dependent on the children’s interest in the themes as we are child-driven, not teacher-driven with our lessons. Some themes may be done for two weeks; others may only last a few days.

The weekly Bible stories are also attached in this letter. These are the Bible stories that the 2-6 year olds will be learning about in their classrooms and at chapel Wednesday mornings. The infant and toddler classrooms will do Bible stories that are appropriate for their age.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Letter</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Shape</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Themes</u>
September	A, B, C	1	Circle	Yellow	New school year, friends, apples, all about me, community helper police officer
October	D, E, F	2	Square	Black Orange	Bats/nocturnal animals, shadows, dinosaur land, creepy crawlers, footprints, community helper firefighter, fire safety
November	G, H, I	3	Oval	Brown	Giving thanks, fantastic families, healthy veggies, brown bears, restaurant/grocery store manners, feelings, community helper restaurant worker
December	J, K, L	4, 5	Star	Red Green	5 senses, cooking safety, community helper baker, Christmas

January	M, N, O	6	Rectangle	White	Snow/ice/clouds, imagination, polar animals, community helper doctor, my body, super smiles, opposites
February	P, Q, R, S	7	Heart	Pink	Pancake breakfast, healthy hearts, community helper postal worker, post office/mail/stamps/addresses, transportation, cookie shop
March	T, U	8	Triangle	Blue	Community helper librarian, Silly Seuss, rhyme time, insects/bugs, pizza place, under the sea
April	V, W, X	9	Diamond	Purple	Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Community helper farmer, rainbows, gardening, ladybug and butterfly lifecycle, nature, recycling/conservation
May	Y, Z	10, 1-20	Moon	Gray	Gardening, community helper veterinarian, jungle theme animals, zoo themes, alphabet animals, art show, outer space
June	Review	1-100	Review	Color Mix	Uppercase/lowercase letter intensive, berries/watermelon/healthy fruits, sand/seashells, teddy bears

Bible Stories

September: Week 1 – Creation (Animals)
Week 2 – Creation (People)
Week 3 – Adam and Eve
Week 4 – Noah and the Rainbow
Week 5 – God Loves Abraham

October: Week 1 – Joseph and His Coat
Week 2 – The Baby in the Basket (Moses)
Week 3 – Crossing the Red Sea
Week 4 – Joshua and the Big Wall

November: Week 1 – Ruth
Week 2 – David and Goliath
Week 3 – Daniel and the Lion's Den
Week 4 – Jonah and the Big Fish

December: Week 1 – Mary and Joseph Go to Bethlehem
Week 2 – Jesus is Born!
Week 3 – Angels Announce the Good News
Week 4 – Shepherds Come to See Jesus
Week 5 – Wise Men Come to Bethlehem

January: Week 1 – The Boy Jesus
Week 2 – Jesus Visits the Temple
Week 3 – Jesus is Baptized
Week 4 – Jesus Calls His Disciples

February: Week 1 – Jesus Feeds Many Friends
Week 2 – Peter and His Boat
Week 3 – Jesus and Zacchaeus
Week 4 – Jesus Visits Mary and Martha

March: Week 1 – Jesus Calms the Storm
Week 2 – Jesus Blesses the Children
Week 3 – Jesus Heals the Blind Man
Week 4 – Jesus Rides Like a King (Palm Sunday)

April: Week 1 – Good Friday/Easter Story
Week 2 – Jesus is Alive!
Week 3 – Jesus Teaches Us About God's Love (Story of the Lost Sheep)
Week 4 – The Good Samaritan
Week 5 – The Prayer Jesus Gave Us

May: Week 1 – The Lost and Found Son (Prodigal Son)
Week 2 – Jesus Helps Me to Help Others
Week 3 – Jesus Helps Me Say I'm Sorry
Week 4 – Jesus Loves Me

June: Week 1 – God's Ten Commandments
Week 2 – Esther
Week 3 – Gideon
Week 4 – Timothy Grows In God's Word
Week 5 - Samuel