



INSTILLS GOD'S WORD  
IN EVERY CHILD'S HEART

## SCOPE & SEQUENCE

A Spiritual Development Plan for Connecting  
Today's Kids to God and His Word

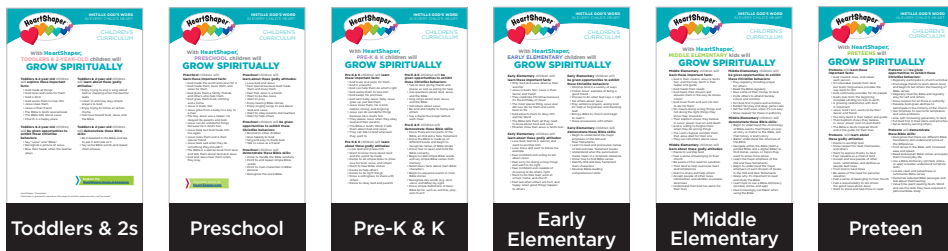
### THE WHY BEHIND HEARTSHAPER

There's an intentional plan and design for how HeartShaper Children's Curriculum teaches God's Word to children from the time they are babies until they reach their teen years.

**What** is taught to kids (the scope) from birth through preteen is God's Word and how it applies to their lives. **When** these truths are taught (the sequence) is different for the various age levels, introducing God's Word to kids in age-appropriate ways. Kids who grow up with HeartShaper from toddlers through 6th grade will learn to love God and His Word, choose to follow Jesus, and live out their lives as part of the church.

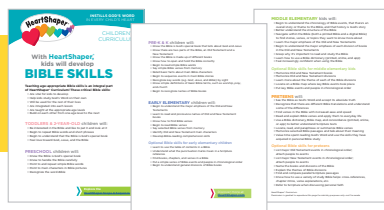
### HEARTSHAPER KIDS GROW SPIRITUALLY

HeartShaper lessons encourage teachers and equip them with what they need to help kids [Grow Spiritually](#) from one age level to the next.



HeartShaper makes Bible literacy a priority. Kids take five age-appropriate journeys through the Bible by the time they complete grade 4. In grades 5 and 6, kids use their Bible knowledge to find God's answers for their own life questions.

**Plus**, the lessons integrate [Bible Skills](#) at all age levels, teaching kids how to use the Bible themselves.



Explore the  
[HeartShaper Scope & Sequence](#)

# FAITH FOR EVERY CHILD

## SIX AGE LEVELS MEET KIDS WHERE THEY ARE

Following the lesson plans provided and using the multisensory audio and visual aids, student pages, and take-home papers, HeartShaper teachers can be confident that they are preparing kids spiritually for dealing with future life challenges. Let's explore what HeartShaper kids experience at each age level.

### TODDLERS & 2S



**AGES:** 1 and 2, with options for babies

**SCOPE & SEQUENCE:** 1 year

**LESSON TIME:** 2+ hours of active learning and play

The lesson activities in HeartShaper Toddlers & 2s early childhood curriculum have been planned to help 1- and 2-year-olds relate to and enjoy familiar items and concepts while learning that God made everything, Jesus loves them, the Bible is God's Word, and church is a happy place.

Babies and toddlers learn through repetition. **With this 1-year scope and sequence featuring basic Bible concepts and stories, 1- and 2-year-olds are taught the same lessons each year.** Weekly activity options help teachers plan interactive lessons that engage children at their individual learning levels. Plus, a bonus unit of lessons is provided each quarter in *Toddlers & 2s Resources* printable files.

### PRESCHOOL, PRE-K & K



**PRESCHOOL AGES:** 3 and 4, with options for 2-year-olds

**PRE-K & K AGES:** 5 and 6, with options for 4-year-olds

**SCOPE & SEQUENCE:** 2 years

**LESSON TIME:** 2+ hours of interactive learning and play

**BIBLE VERSION:** ICB with KJV options provided

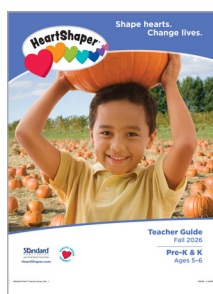
in *Resources* printable files

Preschool and Pre-K & K follow the same scope and sequence. While children in both age groups are learning the same Bible stories, the teacher guide lessons, *Resources* (visuals, audio tracks, printable files), and activity pages are different for the two age levels. Additional Bible story details are added at the Pre-K & K level. And Pre-K & K children grow in understanding godly attitudes and terms such as *worship*, *pray*, and *church*. Lessons at both age levels help children explore and begin to apply Bible truths to their lives.

**Preschool and Pre-K & K lessons are planned to take children through the Bible 1 time at each age level. Old Testament Bible stories are taught in the Fall and Summer quarters. New Testament Bible stories are taught in Winter (to include Jesus' birth) and Spring (to include Jesus' resurrection).**

Sharing a scope and sequence at these age levels reinforces the Bible stories through repetition for early childhood learners. This also makes it simpler for smaller churches to combine age levels or for larger churches to combine age levels for the Bible story time and then do activities with each separate age level.

## EARLY ELEMENTARY



**GRADES:** 1 and 2

**SCOPE & SEQUENCE:** 2 years

**LESSON TIME:** 1+ hours

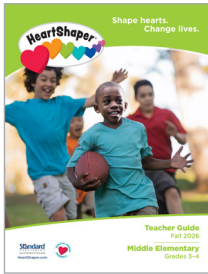
**BIBLE VERSION:** NIV with KJV options provided  
in *Resources* printable files

Bible lessons for children in grades 1 and 2 build on the Bible stories taught at the early childhood age levels. New Bible stories are introduced, and children develop a deeper understanding of God and Jesus. Bible skills activities are integrated into each lesson, helping beginning readers find and read simple Bible verses.

**The Early Elementary Bible lessons take children through the Bible 1 time during the 2-year cycle. Old Testament Bible stories are taught in the Fall and Summer quarters. New Testament Bible stories are taught in Winter (to include Jesus' birth) and Spring (to include Jesus' resurrection).**

As these children focus on Bible truths, they grow to love God and want to worship Him. They love Jesus and want to follow His example.

## MIDDLE ELEMENTARY



**GRADES:** 3 and 4

**SCOPE & SEQUENCE:** 2 years

**LESSON TIME:** 1+ hours

**BIBLE VERSION:** NIV with KJV options provided in *Resources* printable files

The Middle Elementary scope and sequence helps kids in grades 3 and 4 look at the people and events of the Bible in a new way—chronologically. Kids ages 9 and 10 have a better understanding of time. They are curious and ready to explore.

**During the 2 years of Bible lessons, 3rd and 4th graders are taken on 2 chronological journeys through the Bible, focusing on key events and Bible people. Kids begin to understand that there is an overall story to the Bible and that history is God’s story. They learn that God has a plan for their lives too.**

Integrated Bible skills in each Middle Elementary lesson help kids continue to grow and feel confident when they use their Bibles.

## PRETEEN



**GRADES:** 5 and 6

**SCOPE & SEQUENCE:** 2 years

**LESSON TIME:** 1+ hours

**BIBLE VERSION:** NIV with KJV options provided in *Resources* printable files

Kids ages 11 and 12 are looking for answers, even when they don’t know the questions to ask. Preteens need leaders who can guide them in their quest for truth and help them understand that God is Truth.

**HeartShaper’s PreTeen scope and sequence is designed to help teachers and leaders guide preteens through the study of topics relevant to their lives. Topics include “Growing Up,” “Tools for Family Living,” “Being a Real Christian,” “Choosing Right from Wrong,” and more!**

Teachers don’t try to give kids the answers. Instead, kids explore God’s Word to discover for themselves what God has to say about the challenges they face. Kids learn to put God first in their plans and activities. Suggested service projects help preteens learn to serve God by serving others.

# MORE THAN LESSON PLANS

With HeartShaper Children's Curriculum, you get more than a well-developed, age-appropriate scope and sequence. In addition to our easy-to-use teacher guides, HeartShaper provides:

## MULTISENSORY TEACHING TOOLS

It's easy to make lessons more engaging using the *Resources* packs (including interactive visuals and posters, downloadable audio tracks, and printable files), Bible story teaching pictures, student activity pages, and take-homes.

## ACTIVITY OPTIONS AND ADAPTATIONS

Teachers can choose activities that will work best for their group of kids. Suggestions are given for modifying activities to use with smaller or larger groups of kids. Look for these ideas throughout the teacher guides.

## SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCES

Tips are provided in each lesson for reaching every child, including those who have special needs. Identified by a Special Needs Friendly icon, these helpful adaptations can be found in the teacher guides and with the *Resources* printable files. Additional special needs helps are provided on [HeartShaper.com](http://HeartShaper.com).



## LEADING YOUNG HEARTS TO THE LORD EVANGELISM PAMPHLET

This guide provides Scriptures and questions teachers can use as they share with elementary-age kids what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus. The guide is included with the elementary-age *Resources* printable files and online with the [Training for Teachers Articles and Helps](#).



## ADDITIONAL CORRELATED AGE-LEVEL RESOURCES

Using the HeartShaper scope and sequence included in these books, it's easy to find additional coloring pages, puzzles, or classroom posters to expand lessons or send home. These resources can be used with any children's curriculum. Available at [Shop.DavidCCook.org](http://Shop.DavidCCook.org)!

