

DISCOVERY LAND™

ON TRACK MAP

for Spiritual Growth

DISCOVERY LAND'S MISSION

is for kids to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and then to grow in their faith. The *On Track Map* can help parents and teachers understand the spiritual goals has established for each ministry age group: Early Childhood (6 weeks-2 years), Preschool, K-2nd, 3rd-5th, and 6th grade. Connect with God, Connect with Your Bible, Connect with Your Church, and Connect with Your World are our discipleship plan. We pray the basic Biblical truths and applications in the *On Track Map* will be instilled in kids at home and church when they graduate from 6th grade. The *On Track Map* concepts are woven through Discovery Land's *Bringing the Bible 2 Life* and *Awana* ministries.

Because Discovery Land always has new friends joining, teachers are encouraged to review key points taught to prior age groups as well as build on these basics so all Discovery Land kids can achieve an age appropriate-level of spiritual maturity.

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Discovery Land Ministries that implement the *On Track Map*:



BTB2Life (*Bringing the Bible 2 Life*)

SUNDAYS

This is a family based curriculum which walks children through the Bible every three years. BTB2Life specializes in using hands-on curriculum activities that challenge kids to talk about and apply what they learn.



Awana (*Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed*)

A regular night of Awana consists of games, book time, worship music, and large-group time. The club is divided into four age groups: Puggles (3 years before Kindergarten), Cubbies (begins two years before Kindergarten), Sparks (Kindergarten-2nd), and T&T (3rd-6th). Children will earn uniforms and awards. We love watching your child grow spiritually in Awana.

SALVATION

Salvation is the first step of a discipleship plan. It's a personal choice to believe in Jesus Christ as your Leader and Savior from sin — Acts 16:31. A personal relationship with Jesus Christ revitalizes and transforms your life.

We use the Wordless Book to explain salvation to children. It is a color-based tool that explains God's love for us, heaven, our sin, Christ's death and resurrection, the need for forgiveness of sin and the importance of growing in the faith. This is the main tool Discovery Land uses to help kids understand the gospel of Jesus Christ and help them share this good news with others.

Early Childhood

- Introduction of the gospel message and how much God loves them.
- Taught Wordless Book colors and key concepts.

Preschool

- Understand the Wordless Book basics (colors, key concepts, and four key verses).
- Believe salvation is a personal choice.

K-2nd Grade

- Knowledge of the Wordless Book.
- Can recite Scripture to support the gospel message.
- Recognize we are all sinners who need a personal, saving relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Recognize assurance of salvation is a reality.
- Introduce the concept of the Holy Spirit.

3rd-5th Grade

- Thorough knowledge of the gospel message.
- Able to defend their faith with Scripture and the Wordless Book.
- Knowledge of being sealed by the Holy Spirit.

6th Grade

- Confident to explain the Gospel using the Wordless Book
- Defend faith by using Scripture.
- Communicate their personal testimony both verbally and written.



CONNECT WITH GOD

Early Childhood

- Recognizes prayer is talking to God.
- Knows God hears us when we pray.
- Introduced to prayer basics (bow head, fold hands, and close eyes to show respect to God).

Preschool

- Knowledge of when we pray and where we pray.
- Can give prayer requests (personal and for others).
- Knows God answers prayer three ways (yes, no, and wait).
- Trusts God to answer specific prayer requests.

K-2nd Grade

- Understands we can praise God while we pray.
- Recognizes and give thanks for answered prayers.
- Values personal prayer time at home.
- Is able to pray according to God's will.
- Incorporates confession of sin in prayers.

3rd-5th Grade

- Confidently prays out loud in small groups or with a friend.
- Publicly and privately worships God through prayer.



6th Grade

- Displays a consistent and developed prayer life.
- Confidently prays aloud in a small and large group.



Early Childhood

- Understands we can worship God with music and instruments.

Preschool

- Understands only God deserves our worship.
- Understands music is a form of worship.

K-2nd Grade

- Understands the basics of “why” we worship.
- Can name 10 names of God and use them during worship.
- They worship God throughout the week.
- Begin to understand different ways a person can worship.

3rd-5th Grade

- Define and participate in authentic worship to God.
- Can name 10 names of God and use them during worship.
- Understands worshipping God is a lifestyle.

6th Grade

- Can explain why we worship God alone.
- Describe God verbally using names and attributes.
- Personally worships God through how they live.



GOD'S WORD IS TRUE

Early Childhood

- Respect for the Word of God.
- Knows God's Word is true.

Preschool

- Recognizes the Bible is the Word of God.
- Realizes the Bible is the primary way God speaks to us.
- Knows God gave us the Bible.

K-2nd Grade

- Knows God's Word should impact their whole life.
- Understands the Bible is without error and is 100% accurate.
- Acknowledges God's Word is inspired by the Holy Spirit, who guided chosen men as they wrote the Bible.

3rd-5th Grade

- Trust the Bible as completely reliable.
- Knows the Bible is proven to be historically accurate.
- Realizes the Bible should impact how they live (Biblical worldview).

6th Grade

- Can give historical evidence that the Bible is true.
- Can refer to several fulfilled prophecies in Scripture.



CONNECT WITH YOUR BIBLE

THE BIG PICTURE

Early Childhood

- Knowledge of basic Bible lessons.
- Learns to love the Bible.
- Begin walking through the Bible. Sunday Discovery Land curriculum is repeated every 3 years for all ages.

Preschool

- Understands God gave us the Bible so we can know who He is.
- Understands the difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament.
- Can recognize key Bible lessons and people.
- Introduced to Bible timeline.

K-2nd Grade

- Recognizes selected people, places, and events in Scripture.
- Memorize books of the Bible.
- Can find books, chapters, and verses in their Bible.
- Taught how to use a Bible timeline.



3rd-5th Grade

- Recognize selected people of the Bible and apply key lessons to everyday life.
- Can use the Bible confidently.
- Recognizes how the Bible is purposefully designed with a "big picture."

6th Grade

- Ability to talk through the Bible timeline.
- Can use the Bible to assist friends in crisis.
- Ability to use the Bible as a weapon to stand firm in their faith.
- Recognizes specific themes throughout the Bible.



BIBLE MEMORIZATION

Early Childhood

- BTB2Life — Bible is read and taught to students.
- Awana Puggles — Memorizes Scripture with parents.
- Memorizes quarterly verses (learns eight of the DL Top 12 Verses in 2 years).

Preschool

- Awana Cubbies — Memorizes Scripture with parents.
- Memorizes one DL Top 12 Verse every eight weeks.
(learns eleven of the DL Top 12 Verses in 2 years).

K-2nd Grade

- Awana Sparks — Scripture memory with parents and individually.
- Memorizes and applies all DL Top 12 Verses.

3rd-5th Grade

- Awana T&T (Truth and Training) — Individually and with parents studies verses, works on the meaning, and applies verses.
- Continues to review and apply all DL Top 12 Verses.

6th Grade

- Awana T&T (Truth and Training) — Individually and with parents studies verses, works on the meaning, and applies verses.
- Confidently knows and uses DL Top 12 Verses.



CONNECT WITH YOUR BIBLE

LIFE TRANSFORMATION

Early Childhood

- Introduced to obedience to God's Word.

Preschool

- Actions honor Jesus after becoming a Christian.
- Introduced to the process of believer's baptism.
- Introduced to the Fruit of the Spirit, Galatians 5:22-23.
- BTB2Life — Completes weekly Family Challenge in *Tracker Jr.*



K-2nd Grade

- Learn believer's Baptism is an act of obedience.
- Challenged to express a brief testimony of their decision to follow Christ.
- Challenged to stand firm for Jesus.
- Communion and Believer's Baptism (TRR Parent-Child Classes).
- Recognize the Fruit of the Spirit.
- Introduced to the concept of quiet time. When they set aside a special time to pray, listen to God, and read the Bible.
- BTB2Life — Takes weekly Family Challenge in *Tracker's Treasures*.

3rd-5th Grade

- Show evidence of a Spirit-led life.
- Know God's Word is absolute truth and it is the standard for making choices.
- Challenged to "abide" in Jesus and allow the Holy Spirit to produce spiritual fruit in their life.
- Understands the reality of sins consequences.
- BTB2Life — Completes weekly Family Challenge in *Tracker's Treasures*.

6th Grade

- Recognizes spiritual fruit in their own life vs. "good feelings" that can be felt by anyone.
- Recognizes spiritual fruit in other believers.
- Participates in communion with their parents.
- Stands firm for Christ and uses Scripture as a foundation for life.
- Has a solid Biblical worldview.
- BTB2Life — Quiet time is a daily, personal habit.



CONNECT WITH YOUR BIBLE

BASIC THEOLOGY

Early Childhood

- Knows God is the Creator.

Preschool

- Realizes heaven is a real place.
- Knows what sin is.

K-2nd Grade

- Introduced to the Trinity.
- Realizes hell is a real place.
- Understands they have assurance of salvation.

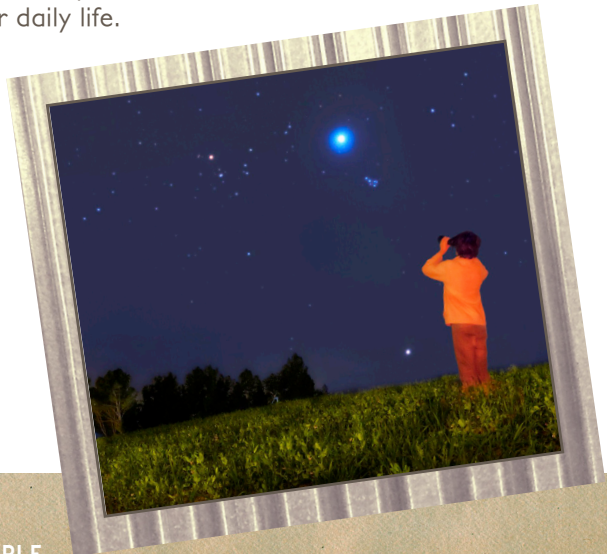


3rd-5th Grade

- Begins to understand the roles and of power of the Trinity.
- Introductory understanding of being sealed by the Holy Spirit.
- Introduced to the return of Christ and the rapture of believers.

6th Grade

- Basic understanding of the Trinity.
- Recognizes the purpose and the power of the Holy Spirit to them personally.
- Sealed by the Holy Spirit (assurance of salvation).
- Is familiar with the concept of the return of Christ and how this should impact their daily life.



CONNECT WITH YOUR BIBLE

Early Childhood, Preschool, K-2nd Grade, and 3rd-6th grade

- Regular attendance in any Discovery Land ministry will help your children build stronger relationships with their church family.

SERVING

Early Childhood

- Realizes we care and share with others.

Preschool

- Sees serving is a form of worship.
- Introduced to the biblical “one anothers.”

K-2nd Grade

- Serves in the church.
- Applies “one anothers” in relationships with friends.
- Respects the church facility and keeps it clean.

3rd-5th Grade

- Understands serving is not about them...it’s about doing what God wants us to do.
- Desires to serve God.
- Understands the concept of spiritual gifts.

6th Grade

- Serves in Discovery Land ministries.
- Understands serving God is a part of their lifestyle.



TITHING

Early Childhood

- Is taught the concept of joyfully giving to God.

Preschool

- Knows why we give money to God.
- Learns how to give money to God.

K-2nd grade

- Knows giving is a form of worship.

3rd-5th Grade

- Gives a 10% tithe to God.
- Knows where the money goes that they tithe?

6th Grade

- Joyfully tithes money.
- Realizes tithing is self-discipline.
- Understand God blesses those who cheerfully give.



CONNECT WITH YOUR CHURCH

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

Early Childhood

- Prays for others.

Preschool

- Understands the importance of praying for those who do not know about Jesus.

K-5th Grade

- Challenged to pray specifically for mission projects and missionaries.
- Prays for the spiritual crisis in the world.

6th Grade

- Challenged to pray for specific countries or lost people God places on their hearts.



CONNECT WITH YOUR WORLD

Early Childhood

- Tells others about Jesus!

Preschool

- Welcomes visitors.
- Able to talk about the Wordless Book, a gospel tool.
- Understands many people do not know and believe in Jesus.

K-2nd Grade

- Brings friends to Awana or Sunday BTB2Life.
- Able to share the gospel with others.
- Loves those who do not know Jesus.
- Confidently declares Jesus is the only way to heaven.

3rd-5th Grade

- Confidently shares the gospel using Scripture.
- Understands the term “evangelism” means sharing message of salvation with those who do not know it.
- Understands the need to evangelize.

6th Grade

- Can share and defend their faith with Scripture.
- Has a passion to reach the lost.



WORLD MISSIONS

Early Childhood

- Knows God loves everyone.

Preschool

- Introduced to the concept of world missions.
- Participates in world missions by giving to the physically and spiritually poor and needy.
- Begins to understand the spiritual need (because of sin) for missionaries to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.



K-2nd Grade

- Understands the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:18-20.
- Understands that missionaries are needed around the world.
- Understands Christianity is different than other world religions.
- Familiar with missionaries.
- Introduced to different mission professions needed around the world.

3rd-6th Grade

- Exposed to people from world religions who need to hear the gospel message.
- Challenged to “go” and do what God has planned for them to do.



CONNECT WITH YOUR WORLD

DISCOVERY LAND'S KEY CHAPTER

"My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God ." — Proverbs 2:1-5

