You’re glad to be teaching your children about God. Because you’re their teacher, you’ll know they’re getting the education you want them to have, one that upholds your Christian beliefs and values. You want to give your children a Biblical Worldview education—and BJU Press can help.
INTRODUCTION

What makes a Biblical Worldview education?

A BJU Press Biblical Worldview education helps you show your children that the Bible is more than just a book we read at church. A Biblical Worldview is about more than just including Bible verses in textbooks and upholding the Bible’s account of creation. Those things are important, but a Biblical Worldview goes deeper than that.

You may have heard your child or another child say something like “Why do I have to learn this; it’s boring?” or “I’m never going to use this, so it doesn’t matter.” A solid Christian education demonstrates how all subjects help us understand the world and the work God has given us in it.

That work includes a call to subdue and have dominion over the earth (Genesis 1:26–28); to love our neighbors as we would love ourselves (Mark 12:31); and to disciple all nations (Matthew 28:19–20).

When a child sees how the subject he is learning helps him take the place God has for him, there is real purpose behind learning. This sense of purpose ultimately leads to an increased desire to learn and to share what he has learned.

Why are strong academics equally important?

A Biblical Worldview education requires a strong academic foundation. In addition to learning why all subjects are important to Christian life, a child needs to successfully master the material. Mastery means not only getting the mechanics right but also truly understanding concepts.

Homeschool parents often ask “With so many options out there, how do I know which will work for my child?” BJU Press believes there are three main steps to a sound education: Learning, Applying, Thinking.

- Children learn in different learning styles.
  Most homeschool material is designed around a single, narrow approach or teaching style. We know that not all children learn the same way; that’s why we provide for hands-on learners, readers, and listeners to help every child get beyond the basics.
• Children need to use what they learn in the real world. Application questions, experiments, and hands-on learning activities help children connect what they are learning to the real world.
• Children must learn how to make good choices. Children understand content best when they are challenged to evaluate claims and make reasoned judgments. When they can think objectively and critically, they have really learned.

And why should learning be fun?

We believe that learning is most effective when it's enjoyable. Our textbooks have colorful illustrations, but they are not simply for decoration. Our artists and designers are integral to making our materials the most educationally unified and thoughtfully prepared available.

Exciting real-life application stories and problems help children discover the thrill of success and the confidence of understanding. Though lessons use puzzles, games, and other playful activities, the real enjoyment comes from accessible challenges and real achievements.

Because BJU Press materials approach all subjects from a consistent biblical worldview, children can see how all learning is connected and important. As mastery and perspective increase, so does the desire to learn. As Proverbs 14:6 says, “knowledge is easy unto him that understandeth.” When one lesson is over, expect your children to ask for more.
ELEMENTARY LANGUAGE ARTS
Open the book. Open a mind.

An interconnected Language Arts program links reading, English, and spelling together to reinforce one another for maximum benefit. BJU Press Language Arts teaches writing skills in English and spelling and then encourages children to write responses to reading lessons.

Read to understand

BJU Press Elementary Language Arts uses a comprehension-based approach to ensure that your child understands not only the mechanics of reading but also the meaning of the words.

Many children struggle with reading because they become more concerned with getting every syllable correct than with getting a message from the print. Our approach to reading measures success by how well the reader understands the material after reading it on his own.

Reading success increases with age-appropriate stories from a variety of genres that children enjoy. The lessons guide your child as he reads the stories to decide whether actions of the characters and the author’s purpose are right or wrong, based on a correct worldview.

Our phonics program links the study of phonics to reading comprehension. Beginning in K5, children using BJU Press materials learn all forty-four sounds of the English language. Instruction and practice focus on phonograms and word families. To assist struggling readers or children new to phonics-based programs, phonics teaching and word-work instruction are continued in Grades 2 and 3. Each reading lesson includes engaging activities that teach vocabulary words in context before the children read the story.
Think clearly to write clearly

Writing is one way to communicate truth. Clear writing can make a personal letter more meaningful, a newspaper article more persuasive, and a story more memorable.

The BJU Press English program lays the foundation for a child to become an effective writer. The Teacher’s Edition helps the parents guide their children step-by-step through the writing process as they create reports, stories, descriptions, poems, letters, and essays. Each type of writing uses a graphic organizer and gives a model to follow.

Spell well—more than memorization

What is the best way to learn how to spell? Interactive learning! Rather than simply memorizing word lists, children learn why words are spelled the way they are and how to apply their knowledge to unfamiliar words.

The BJU Press Spelling program emphasizes word studies and word-sorting activities that help children recognize patterns in sounds and letters and use their spelling words to complete sentences and stories.

Activities throughout each grade focus primarily on real-world application of spelling words. Some exercises, for example, ask your child to proofread a paragraph for spelling errors or to recognize words that are misspelled in phrases.

Put it all together

Elementary Language Arts is designed to help each child learn to read for comprehension and to evaluate what he reads from a Biblical Worldview. When he reads with understanding, writes with a purpose, and knows that grammar and spelling are tools—not ends—he will become a joyful learner. And a lifelong learner.
The BJU Press Bible Truths program is built on the fundamental authority, doctrines, and accounts of Scripture. Your child will learn the Old and New Testament events and explore the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. A series of short questions and answers encapsulate these truths to build the foundations of a lifelong commitment to loving and serving Jesus Christ.

Apply the Bible to life

BJU Press believes that a Biblical Worldview education is built on Bible knowledge and wisdom. That’s why we start teaching Bible study skills from the start. In Grade 1, your children will learn how to find verses and chapters in the Bible. By Grade 6 they will be able to effectively use Bible commentaries. Daily Bible memory combined with higher-level thinking questions help build the foundation on which our children mature in their walk with Christ.

Hold your child’s attention

A large selection of Bible accounts, fiction novels, missionary biographies, and application stories reinforce the principles and the historical accuracy of the Bible’s accounts. Bible Truths includes many supporting activities and additional content so that you can customize the learning to your child’s knowledge and interests.
Teaching history chronologically helps children see the contexts and connections between events.

BJU Press Heritage Studies helps your child understand history, government, and economics, using an “expanding horizons” approach. This approach starts with the most important piece of environment surrounding a child and his family and builds into an understanding of community and nation.

See it through God’s eyes

Heritage Studies teaches children how to use the Bible as a standard to evaluate the actions, decisions, and cultures of those who built our nation. By learning from the past, they will be better able to make reasoned assessments of current happenings and to make strong moral choices for themselves.

Enjoy the action

Grades 1–4 cover American history segments that span from the 1400s to modern day. Written in narrative, history flows like a story, full of the details of everyday life and the excitement of big events. Grade 5 comprehensively surveys all of American history. Grade 6 delves into the ancient world. Throughout the series, hands-on activities make past times real and relevant. Children will also learn about the roles that significant Christians played in history and their views on historical events.

Each chapter includes maps, timelines, graphs, photos, engaging review questions, and illustrations. Every grade is age-appropriate so that children are engaged and challenged but never overwhelmed.
Hebrews 11:3 tells us that it is by faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God. Children must first develop faith in the truth of the Bible. Only then are they ready to use science to understand how the physical evidence supports the Genesis account of creation.

**Move from factual to practical**

BJU Press Elementary Science demonstrates science in a concrete, real-life way to build understanding. Lessons use working examples and models in order to encourage interest and the joy of learning. For example, after a discussion about earthquakes, *Science 6 Teacher’s Edition* directs children to engineer a structure from foam, dry pasta, and marshmallows. Then they test it for earthquake durability by shaking it. They record their findings and make changes for increased durability. Exciting activities like this one help children apply their science-process skills to real-world examples.

Learning the limitations and proper scientific processes begins in Grade 1 with an introduction to topics like senses, seasons, animals, plants, and stars. Grades 2–5 encourage your child to learn and think like a scientist with hands-on activities and studies of fossils, force and motion, the solar system, ecosystems, rocks and minerals, and more. Grade 6 advances from that confident base into concepts of physics and chemistry, classification, and cell structure.

**Carry God’s image**

People are God’s special creation. BJU Press Elementary Science helps children understand how they are bearers of His image and how knowing about the rest of creation is their privilege and responsibility.
Math is more than knowing the answer to a problem; it’s understanding how the problem works and applying that understanding to real-world experiences.

Make friends with math

Many children dislike math because they don’t understand its relevance. BJU Press Math helps them see how the order in creation can be used to fulfill the command to serve others. Colorful illustrations and theme characters will encourage children to understand how math works. Tactile experience builds a visual understanding, and once they understand, math becomes another way to see how the world works.

Learn with manipulatives

Manipulatives are essential for understanding. They ensure that children are not just following a procedure but actually understanding the bigger concept. BJU Press provides packets of manipulatives for Grades K5–6 along with detailed instructions on how and when to use them.

Be confident with numbers

Some programs make it seem like children are mastering math, but when they get to the upper grades, it is clear they were going only through the motions. Memorization might help children perform well on standardized tests, but they don’t build a true understanding of how the underlying concepts work. BJU Press Elementary Math helps children develop number sense by moving past memorization to encourage comprehension of concepts. From practicing measuring and addition and subtraction in Grade 1 to multiplication and division in Grade 2 to estimating and fractions in Grade 3 to geometry in Grade 4 to decimals and ratios in Grade 5 to statistics in Grade 6, BJU Press Math moves steadily toward mastery with easy introductions, regular reviews, and age-appropriate characters, themes, and exercises.

They will then be ready for higher-level math. More importantly, they will see that math is a powerful gift from God that we use every day in cooking, carpentry, finance, industry, medicine, design, and more.
SECONDARY BIBLE
Know Truth. Know Life.

BJU Press Secondary Bible Truths helps your students grow in their relationship with God by strengthening their knowledge and understanding of His Word.

Records of Truth
From the story of creation to the life of Christ, students explore the Bible through lessons that help them think critically and to understand and apply Scripture.

Sound Doctrine
BJU Press Secondary Bible Truths shows your students the joy of knowing God personally through the wisdom, authority, and infallibility of Scripture. They will be encouraged to obey and honor God in their responses to what He brings into their lives.

The series starts in Grade 7 with a study of Christ’s earthly life and ministry. It builds a foundation in Grades 8–11 with studies of Old and New Testament themes and principles and culminates in Grade 12 with applying a biblical worldview to issues facing older teenagers.

Confident Christianity
Your students must be well prepared to engage the alternative worldviews they will be exposed to as adults. Topics, such as science, the arts, government, gender and sexuality, are all twisted as a result of Adam’s fall and must be re-examined through the lenses of a biblical worldview. A new textbook, Biblical Worldview: Creation, Fall, Redemption, makes sure they can confidently believe in, defend, and live by the foundational teachings of the Bible.
Informed citizens can shape the path of our nation by participating in our political process and evaluating key issues with the knowledge and wisdom of a biblical worldview. The BJU Press Secondary Heritage Studies program can help your students be ready to make an impact.

**Surveying American and World History**

Secondary Heritage Studies uses an alternating approach that begins with a survey of World History in Grades 6 and 7, followed by American History in Grades 8 and 11. Grade 10 delves into world history. This approach allows for review of earlier content, building on that foundation with more advanced concepts. Your students will learn how to critically evaluate the decisions, movements, and events of the past, using a distinctly biblical worldview.

**Appreciating Geography of the Gospel**

In Grade 9, BJU Press *Cultural Geography* provides your students with an overview of cultures, landforms, climates, resources, and government of countries around the world. A focus on the spread of the Gospel and missions will help them learn about the spread of Christianity in many different nations. They will gain appreciation for how the Lord has enabled many to “disciple all nations” (*Matthew 28:19–20*).

**Studying Government and Economics**

A good understanding of United States government and economics is a fundamental part of being an informed citizen and being ready to participate in public affairs. In Grade 12, American Government and Economics work together to equip your students to step into the public arena with a biblical view of the purpose of government, politics, and economics.
SECONDARY LITERATURE
Discerning Reader. Perceptive Thinker.

BJU Press literature shows a student how to wisely interpret what he reads. He will be not only prepared for college but also ready to evaluate from a solid biblical worldview any text he encounters.

Building literary skills
Our secondary literature textbooks include literary works from many genres, authors, and eras. From each piece, the student gains perspective and insight into not only what a writer says but also how he says it. He sees, for example, how the metaphor “miles to go before I sleep” compresses many meanings into one phrase. Further, he comprehends the value of concise, memorable writing. And most importantly, he approaches all writing with growing confidence in his ability to discern for himself what is worthy.

Evaluating literature from a Biblical Worldview
It is good to know what makes a piece of writing stand out as literature. But it is better—and more important—to know how to assess its meaning against the truth of God’s Word. BJU Press literature textbooks encourage wide reading, but always with thoughtful questions and solid guidance in analyzing and evaluating everything by biblical standards. Further, the student discovers beauty in God’s gift of language and learns to use it as God intended.

Following a thematic approach
Grades 7 and 8 introduce foundational literary skills to your student. Grades 9 and 10 expand on those concepts while introducing more advanced ways of determining and judging what a work says. In Grades 11 and 12, a survey of American and British literature explores universal themes through a selection of works from each country, completing a study of pieces every well-read person should know.
God has chosen to reveal himself to us through the written word. If He values written communication, we should too. That’s why BJU Press emphasizes writing skills in its Writing and Grammar series.

Learning the process
The writing process taught in BJU Press Writing and Grammar follows four stages: planning, drafting, revising, and publishing. In each writing assignment, your student will gain experience in preparing to write, in producing a first piece, in objectively assessing and improving the piece, and in appropriately presenting it to an audience.

Applying skills
Your student will be challenged to apply his process skills and abilities to a variety of genres, including essays, news reports, devotionals, poems, short stories, and web copy. This approach builds a well-rounded understanding of genres and writing styles.

Grades 7 and 8 secure the basics of sentence structure, grammar, and mechanics. Grades 9 and 10 expand into phrases, clauses, and the finer points of mechanics. Grades 11 and 12 pull together previous learning to advance into improving style and skill. The goal in all is to recognize the power of the written word and to use it for God’s glory and the edifying of others.

Writing to evaluate
Think About It segments present your student with an example piece of writing to analyze. Thoughtful questions lead him through comprehending and evaluating the argument. He will then respond to the piece with a clearly expressed piece of his own.
BJU Press Secondary Science helps your student to be a student scientist, not just a science student. Through engaging experiments, labs, and other activities, he will learn how science supports the Bible’s account of Creation and how to use science to know his Creator better.

Using science wisely

It is by faith that we understand that God created all things. In Genesis 1:26–28 He calls us to subdue and exercise dominion over His earth. The BJU Press science series demonstrates how science can be used to meet this calling by incorporating real-data sets and real-life situations. Your students will learn how to refute the claims of an evolutionary worldview and to defend the biblical account of creation. They will also learn how true science is essential in occupational fields, such as medicine, engineering, and architecture. As he progresses through the study, your student will come to see more clearly how “the firmament showeth his handiwork” (Psalm 19:1) and why he is responsible to use his knowledge to glorify God and serve others.

Developing critical-thinking skills

Your students will master the fundamentals of the scientific process and learn how to apply those skills effectively to meaningful problems. The wide range of labs and other activities in BJU Press Secondary Science help students evaluate what they read, make connections, hypothesize, test their hypotheses, and analyze data to come to a conclusion.

Learning about all branches of science

Our thematic approach covers a branch of science in each grade, starting with an introduction to biology with *Life Science* in Grade 7. Grade 8 teaches *Earth Science*. In Grade 9 your student will be introduced to physics with *Physical Science*. More advanced topics in *Biology* are covered in Grade 10. *Chemistry* is taught in Grade 11 and *Physics* in Grade 12.
To excel in math, students must not only understand how to solve problems but also know how the problems work. A major goal of our Secondary Math program is to help your students become critical thinkers and life-long problem solvers.

Seeing math has purpose
Every textbook has a worldview. Even math textbooks. Maybe especially math textbooks. Our integrated biblical worldview connects mathematical concepts to scriptural principles. It helps your student understand how math can be used to serve others and glorify God by solving real-world challenges, such as accident scene investigation and risk management. Special Math in History sections reveal how great mathematicians have developed math in practical ways.

Making math make sense
Memorizing plays a role in math, but it needs to be paired with understanding for students to succeed in higher level math. In BJU Press Secondary Math, math concepts fit together like puzzle pieces. Each new lesson is connected to a previous concept so that your student sees how concepts relate to one another. Rather than seeming to be a scattered collection of abstract rules, math becomes a coherent, accessible subject.

Using technology as a tool
Parents and students are encouraged to use technology to understand concepts and solve problems. Instructions for using scientific and graphing calculators, spreadsheets, dynamic geometry software, and internet apps are included in the student text, activities, and teacher’s editions.

Discovering many paths in math
BJU Press Secondary Math lays a solid foundation in Grade 7 with Fundamentals of Math. It introduces algebra and geometry in Grades 8, 9, and 10. Algebra 2 is taught in Grade 11 and Precalculus in Grade 12.
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