

# COVENANT ACADEMY

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## Kindergarten Courses

### DESCRIPTION OF COURSES

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## Philosophy

Literally, the love of wisdom.

The discipline of Philosophy addresses the study of true wisdom which is found first and foremost in God’s Holy Word. From the study of the source of all life and wisdom (theology) the discipline of philosophy then takes the student through the reasoning (logic) and application (ethics) of living in accordance to those life truths.

In the Kindergarten curriculum the discipline of Philosophy is an introduction to the Word of God.

### BIBLE SURVEY I

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## History

A narration of events in the order in which they happened, with their causes and effects.

The discipline of History addresses the course of events from creation to the present time. However, history is not occurring independent of God; in fact, it is God’s story taking place in time and space. History is truly “His Story”. In the Kindergarten curriculum the discipline of History is an introduction to the overview of history from creation to the present with an emphasis upon God’s providence.

### HISTORY I

## Government

Direction, regulation, control, restraint; the exercise of authority.

The discipline of Government addresses the study of “the exercise of authority” in the earth. A proper understanding of government recognizes that the first and foremost government is that of internal self-government. Secondly, is the study of the God ordained spheres of government including the family, church, and civil realms. The Kindergarten program stresses the importance of self- and family government under God and introduces the concept of other spheres of government. The subjects of study in this discipline are taught under the disciplines of History and Philosophy during Kindergarten.

Subject of Study: (see Philosophy and History above).

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## Literature

Acquaintance with letters or books.

The discipline of Literature addresses the study of history from a literary standpoint in which writings (e.g. fictional history, biographies, etc.) to help make history come to life. In this way, literature is used as the “handmaid of history.” The Kindergarten program incorporates its literature studies as part of the discipline of History.

Subject of Study: (conducted under the discipline of History).

## Art

A system of rules, serving to facilitate the performance of certain actions ... The liberal or polite arts are those in which the mind or imagination is chiefly concerned; as poetry, music, and painting.

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## Language

The expression of ideas by words ... for the communication of thoughts.

The discipline of Language addresses the various avenues through which speech (written and spoken) is used to communicate. Thus, studies in language will address reading, writing and speaking. In the Kindergarten level the academic rudiments those principles which must be first learned) are introduced and mastered. In reading, this is the foundation of phonics. In writing, the development of proper strokes for manuscript letter formation and simple spelling. In grammar, the introduction of the foundational concepts of grammar including sentence structure and simple punctuation.

### LANGUAGE I (Reading)

### LANGUAGE II (Writing & Grammar)

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## Mathematics

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The science of quantity.

The discipline of Mathematics addresses the tools and skills necessary to master the art of arithmetic and the higher mathematics studies. In the Kindergarten level, the academic rudiments of arithmetic are introduced including counting, reading and writing numbers, grouping, labeling and simple measuring.

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MATHEMATICS I (Rudimentary Arithmetic)

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## Science

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A collection of general principles or leading truths relating to any subject ... founded ... on experiment and observation.

The discipline of Science addresses the study of God's World. Through the use of observation and experimentation the student discovers the nature of the created order. The subjects of study under the discipline of Science are based on the days of creation and are termed the 10 sciences. All ten sciences are introduced in the Kindergarten program.

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SCIENCE I (Overview of the 10 Sciences)