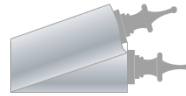




CHURCH EDUCATION

The Holy Bible
The Book of Mormon



'...and they shall become one in thine hand.' Ezekiel 37.17

An Introduction to the Basic Beliefs Curriculum

What is it?

The Basic Beliefs Curriculum is a composite of six maps of various age groups, (I.e. Preschool – Kindergarten, First – Third grades, Fourth – Sixth grades, Seventh – Ninth grades, Tenth – Twelfth grades, and Adult) that communicate topics or concepts pertaining to core beliefs of the Church. Each map identifies a spiritual standard for the focus group to attain (I.e. Discovery, Exploration, Examining and Explaining, Creating Identity, Applying Identity, and Advocacy). Maps contain Learning Objectives, Tasks (Activities), and Essential Questions applicable to the lesson focus, and are designed to develop deeper understanding in learners by building on prior knowledge.

Who commissioned it and for what purpose?

The main purposes for teaching the Basic Beliefs of the Church are to promote intimacy with God and to make disciples of Christ.

In September of 2002, the Domestic Missionary Operating Committee created the Educational Curriculum Committee for the purpose of establishing a sound educational program to ensure the spiritual growth and development of children and young adults in The Church of Jesus Christ.

In May of 2020, the Education Committee, through the Operation Support Committee (OSC), met with the Quorum of 12 apostles to introduce the creation of curriculum maps focused on basic beliefs of the Church and to request priesthood support in the way of review, critique, feedback, and endorsement. The OSC chairman invited select members of the priesthood to engage in this task. The ministerial committee completed its review on January 25, 2021. The Q12 reviewed and approved the curriculum maps on February 3, 2021.

What are benefits of using these resources?

- Designed for The Church of Jesus Christ
 - Supports the true doctrine of Christ
 - Supports understanding that comes from the fullness of God's word (I.e. Bible and Book of Mormon) and Church publications (I.e. history books, Faith and Doctrine, Minister's Manual, Member's Guide)
 - Promotes identity with and advocacy of The Church of Jesus Christ
- Provides continuity of learning
 - Identifies a range of lesson topics for long-term planning
 - Facilitates planning/collaboration when team-teaching, and a smooth transition from one teacher to the next
 - Builds on knowledge grade level to grade level
- Provides a consistent learning experience churchwide
- Provides assessment of learning (Essential Questions and Tasks)
- Supports flexibility and creativity for teachers
 - Allows teachers to supplement and modified provided curriculum
 - Allows teachers to establish their own pace for covering topics
 - Invites teachers to go beyond the content provided