

Preschool

Language Arts

- Color words
- Shapes
- Animals
- Recognize letters and their sounds
- Initial and final consonant sounds
- Speak clearly in complete sentences
- Listen to read-alouds of various genres
- Tell a story
- Rhyming words
- Listening comprehension
- Sequence a story
- Pencil grip
- Finger tracing and pencil tracking of lines: left to right, vertical, horizontal, diagonal, zig-zag, and curved

Numbers, Patterns, and Cognitive Skills

- Recognize numbers
- Count 1–30
- Sort and sequence
- Opposites and positional words
- Recognize and extend patterns
- Introduction to clocks and calendars: talk about and be familiar with units such as seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, and years
- Understand that zero equals nothing
- Understand more than/less than
- Put a small number of objects in order by size

Arts, Crafts, and Music

- Traditional songs
- Silly songs
- Follow directions
- Identify primary and secondary colors
- Understand results of combining colors
- Act out stories
- Create own artwork
- Simple puzzles
- Paste objects
- Trace or copy simple shapes
- Basic scissor skills (including cutting straight and curved lines on different texture papers)
- Clap and dance on beat/understand rhythm
- Fun with musical instruments
- Understand how to behave in an audience
- Eye-hand coordination
- Identify shapes

Science

- Observation
- Environment/neighborhood
- Seasons and animal/plant changes
- Animal families and homes
- Simple life cycles
- Identify common smells, tastes, and textures

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Science (cont.)

- Experiments with weather
- Know the difference between solids and liquids
- Identify body parts and their function

Manners and Healthy Habits

- Dress self with minimal assistance
- Use eating utensils correctly
- Know ways to prevent spreading germs
- Wash hands
- Brush teeth
- Use tissues
- How to dial 9-1-1 and give a name and address
- Basic emergency procedures and how to get help
- Independence in appropriate bathroom needs
- Simple safety rules

Motor Skills

It is imperative for preschool children to engage in activities that will build the muscles in their hands in preparation for writing. Using materials such as clothespins, eye droppers, tweezers, toothpicks, nuts/bolts, tongs, plastic bricks, play dough, peg boards, or paperclips can aid in strengthening those muscles. As always, be aware of any safety rules associated with those items and of possible choking hazards.

Gross Motor Skills

- Hop
- Skip
- Jump
- Complete action rhymes and songs
- Hop on one foot
- Jump/walk in a straight line
- Throw, catch, bounce, and kick a ball
- Climb stairs with alternate feet
- Walk backward
- Stand on one foot
- Dance and march
- Follow 2- to 3-step directions

Fine Motor Skills

- Build with blocks
- Snap fingers
- Draw
- Cut
- Glue/ paste small pieces of paper onto larger paper
- Thread beads
- Pour materials from one container into another
- Manipulate puzzle pieces appropriately
- Perform lacing activities
- Button/unbutton
- Use a zipper
- Make a snake, pancake, and ball with play dough

Social Studies

- Understand families and communities.
- Recognize major US holidays.
- Be familiar with community helpers and transportation.
- Know full name, gender, age, and birthday.
- Know he/she is unique and special.
- Recognize and express feelings.
- Know address and phone number.
- Draw maps of home and surroundings.
- Engage in pretend play.
- Recognize US flag and bald eagle as patriotic symbols.
- Understand the concepts of past, present, and future.

You can find all these resources plus more
in our [Preschool Playground](#).

Bible

While Bible is not typically included in secular curriculum lists, to most Christian families, it is the most important subject. SchoolhouseTeachers.com meets this need in several ways, led by the highly recommended:

[Schoolhouse Bible](#): 36 weeks per grade level of Bible reading plans for Preschool–Grade 12.

Meanwhile, there are over 30 other Bible courses for all ages from Preschool–Grade 12 in many subjects, including video-based and text-based learning, apologetics, Bible study, Christian character, and more. Please browse the [View by Subject: Bible](#) page to learn more.

Courses in every subject area on SchoolhouseTeachers.com are written from a Biblical worldview. Some that may assist with Bible study are [Breadmaking Devotional](#) (electives), [Geography of the Bible](#) (geography), [Dinosaurs and the Bible](#) (science; iST), and [Drive Thru History: Bible Backroads](#), [Church History](#), and [History of Christianity](#) (history).

In addition, the [Unit Studies: Bible](#) section has a dozen more short studies in various topics, and the [Just for Parents](#) section has topical encouragement for moms and dads as well, including titles such as In Due Season and Joy in the Morning.

Finally, there are multiple biographies of Christian missionaries and heroes of the faith in [Lighting the Way](#) (elementary) and the [Unit Studies: History](#) page (middle grades).