



# Christian Education Overview

Overview: Classroom instruction takes place twice per week. For grades K-2 this consists of one 45 minute class and one 20 minute prayer/worship/music time. For grades 3-8 classes meet twice per week for 45 minutes each. In addition each grade attends a 50 minute chapel service once per week and 11 special All School Chapels each year. Class and chapel both reinforce “big ideas” and core values. Christian education is integrated into other areas of the curriculum whenever possible.

Basic Structure: During their time at Bethany, students will be exposed to the following focus areas: the Bible and Christian Beliefs, prayer and worship, the story of the Church and the Church calendar, Christian ethics and ethical theory, world religions, and faith in action.

<p>Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade</p> <p>Sacred space (worship), Sacred time (seasons of the Church year), Sacred stories (stories and people from the Hebrew and Christian scriptures), Sacred lives (prayer and living faithfully)</p>	<p>3rd Grade</p> <p>A continued focus on sacred spaces, time, stories, and lives with a more in-depth study of the Scriptures, the seasons of the Church year, and preparation to serve as Acolytes in worship.</p>	<p>4th Grade</p> <p>A continued focus on sacred spaces, time, stories, and lives with a focus on new stories from Scripture and the implications of living out our faith.</p>	<p>5th Grade</p> <p>A broad look at the practice of the Christian Faith with a focus on Scripture, Tradition, Spirituality and Prayer, Worship, and Discipleship. Includes a look at the practices of various Christian churches and traditions.</p>
	<p>6th Grade</p> <p>An overview of several major world religions with a special focus on Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism.</p>	<p>8th Grade</p> <p>An introduction to the academic study of ethics along with focus on identifying values and making ethical choices in our daily lives. Includes identifying, planning, and completing a service project.</p>	
<p>7th Grade</p> <p>An in-depth study of Christian history with a special focus on the Reformation and various important historical figures.</p>			