



THE DISCIPLE CURRICULUM YEAR 2

The Shepherd-King

Overview of Content and Skills Developed in Year 2

The Shepherd-King establishes the importance of the kingdom of God in God's plan of salvation, and of the Anointed King as his heir and ruler of all creation. Major themes include:

1. David as the Old Testament "pattern" for Christ the King;
2. The "temple" as God's dwelling: creation> Solomon's temple> Christ—the Church
3. God's ownership of his own kingdom, and his plan to come and shepherd them himself;
4. God's sovereign control over the events of history and nations;
5. Christ the Anointed King (Messiah; Christ; "Good Shepherd")
6. Christ, the king who dies for his kingdom at his Father's command;
7. Christ, the exalted and victorious King over death;
8. God's plan to include the Gentiles in his kingdom
9. The power of God's word in the establishment of his kingdom (as in the creation of the universe)

Each lesson includes study material for comprehension of the memory passages. Students will memorize the following passages of Scripture:

- Psalm 2,23,24,26,29,72
- 2 Samuel 7
- 1 Kings 11
- List of the kings of Israel and Judah
- Jeremiah 23,25
- Daniel 2
- Micah 5
- Mark 1,4,6,11,15
- John 10
- Acts 1
- Revelation 1,4,19,22

Theology Study in Year 2: Year 2 builds upon the theology learned in Year 1 (The Creator). Additional reinforcement includes:

- In-depth study of the character and nature of Christ as King (in other words, what kind of King Christ is)
- Reiteration of the sovereignty of God, particularly in the events of history
- The meaning and power of the "gospel" and all its parts (incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, ascension, second coming)

Bible Literacy developed in Year 2:

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Increase ability to memorize and summarize
- Ability to read Biblical narratives with understanding; understanding of "story"
- Ability to articulate the gospel clearly and effectively

CONTENT KNOWLEDGE

- The stories of David; Solomon; the divided kingdom; the Babylonian exile; brief overview of the prophets and their writings; the life, death, and resurrection of Christ as told by Mark; the "seed parables"; the ascension; the birth of the Church at Pentecost; Peter's vision in Acts; Paul's conversion and ministry to the Gentiles; John's description of the victorious, conquering King.