



DCM PATHFINDER

Bible Philosophy

Pathfinder Bible begins with a simple conviction: Scripture is God's Word without error. In the grammar years, students memorize truth and read God's story; in Logic and Rhetoric, they choose deeper courses—all grounded in actual Bible reading.

FOUNDATIONAL CONVICTION

Pathfinder teaches that **the Bible is the Word of God**—inspired, authoritative, and **without error** in all that it affirms. Scripture is God's revelation for instruction, correction, and formation in righteousness—not merely human religious writing or inspirational literature.

Pathfinder supports Christian families and churches; it does not replace parents, pastors, or mentors as the primary spiritual authorities in a child's life.

WHY WE STUDY THE BIBLE

Christians study Scripture because **God has spoken**. The Bible reveals who God is, what He has done in history, and how we are called to live before Him. Bible study is knowing the living God through His Word—not only moral instruction or cultural literacy.

Pathfinder Bible forms the whole person: **knowledge** grounded in Scripture, **memory** through catechism, **understanding** through sustained reading, **character** through obedience, and—in later years—**wisdom** through careful reasoning about theology and competing ideas.

TWO PILLARS IN THE GRAMMAR YEARS

In grammar school, Bible is taught and reinforced in **two complementary ways** that work together:

1. **Catechism** — Students memorize verses, facts, and theological truths. Memory gives language and structure for later study.
2. **Narrative** — Students read complete books and major biblical narratives for deep understanding aligned with what they have memorized. Reading gives context and life to memory work.

What students memorize helps them understand what they read; what they read helps them love and retain what they memorize.

GENERAL BIBLE IN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

For grades 1–5, Pathfinder Bible stays **General**—one integrated strand per grade, not a menu of separate courses. General Bible includes Bible basics, basic doctrines, major stories in chronological order, memory work, and

age-appropriate application.

Families do not choose separate Bible courses in the grammar years. The grade-level General Bible framework provides the scope and sequence.

LOGIC- AND RHETORIC-STAGE ELECTIVES

When students reach the **Logic** stage, Pathfinder introduces named elective courses chosen by parents, teachers, or students. In the **Rhetoric** stage, students continue Scripture reading while building argument, persuasion, and discernment.

All Bible courses require actual Bible reading. Pathfinder content supports and guides reading; it does not replace Scripture.

Pathfinder does not enforce age-grade lockstep for Logic or Rhetoric Bible courses when a learner is ready. Course selection follows family and mentor judgment.

EVERY GRAMMAR-LEVEL LESSON FOLLOWS THIS SEQUENCE

1. **Scripture encounter** — Read, hear, or retell the biblical text (or memory passage).
2. **Guided understanding** — Discuss meaning, key words, and connections with teacher support.
3. **Memory or reflection** — Verse memory, catechism recall, journaling, or narration.
4. **Application** — One simple way to obey, worship, or trust God from the passage.

BIBLE COURSE MAP

Grades 1–5 use General Bible. Logic and Rhetoric stages offer elective named courses—all with actual Scripture reading.

Stage / grade	Course
Grade 1	General Bible
Grade 2	General Bible
Grade 3	General Bible
Grade 4	General Bible
Grade 5	General Bible

Stage / grade	Course
Logic stage (typical grades 6–8)	Choose one or more Logic-stage Bible courses • Old Testament • New Testament • Systematic Theology • The Book of Romans • The Torah
Rhetoric stage (typical grades 9–12)	Choose one or more Rhetoric-stage Bible courses • Biblical Theology • Biblical Culture in the Ancient Near East • False Religions and Ideologies • Christian Philosophy • The Book of Job • The Gospels

PATHFINDER BIBLE TODAY

Grades 1 and 2 General Bible framework seeds and session standards are live in Pathfinder today, sourced from the Providence curriculum frameworks. Grades 3–5 grammar frameworks and Logic/Rhetoric elective content follow this philosophy and course map as they are authored.