Keystone Graded Lessons

I. Beginners' Grade

Beginners' Course. (Teacher's text-book.) 80 cents a year. Quarterly parts, 20 cents each.
Beginners' Pictures. (For teachers.) $2.50 per set for one year; 65 cents per set for one quarter.
Beginners' Stories. 20 cents a year. In quantities of five or more to one address, 6 cents each for one quarter; 24 cents each for one year.

II. Primary Grade

Primary Course. (Teacher's text-book.) 80 cents a year. Quarterly parts, 20 cents each.
Primary Pictures. (For teachers.) $2.50 per set for one year; 65 cents per set for one quarter.
Primary Stories. 20 cents a year. In quantities of five or more to one address, 6 cents each for one quarter; 24 cents each for one year.

III. Junior Grade

Junior Course. (Teacher's text-book.) 80 cents a year. Quarterly parts, 20 cents each.
Junior Bible Work. 30 cents a year. In quantities of five or more to one address, 7 cents each for one quarter; 28 cents each for one year.

IV. Intermediate Grade

Intermediate Course. (Teacher's text-book.) 80 cents a year. Quarterly parts, 20 cents each.
Intermediate Studies. 30 cents a year. In quantities of five or more to one address, 7 cents each for one quarter; 28 cents each for one year.

V. Senior Grade

Senior Course. (Teacher's text-book.) $1.00 a year. Quarterly parts, 25 cents each.
Senior Studies. 50 cents a year. In quantities of five or more to one address, 10 cents each for one quarter; 40 cents each for one year.

The prices given above include postage.

We cannot send free complete sample copies of these courses; but sample lessons and full description will be sent free.

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When is the Bible School Graded?

I. When there are divisions; elementary, from 1 to 12 years old; young Adult, the teen age; adult; all over 20 years old.

II. When there are departments:

1. Cradle-roll, children to 3 years old.
2. Beginners, 4 and 5 years old.
3. Primary, 6, 7, and 8 years old.
4. Junior, 9, 10, 11, and 12 years old.
5. Intermediate, 13, 14, 15, and 16 years old.
6. Senior, 17, 18, 19, and 20 years old.
7. Adult, all over 20 years old.
8. Home Department, those unable to attend school. For Bible schools with less than 200 enrolment, 1 and 8; 2 and 3; 4 and 5; and 6 and 7 may be combined.

III. When each department has two or more grades with a different lesson for each grade.

IV. When children of same ages are grouped together.

V. When the teachers are adapted to the pupils and the teaching methods are suited to their mental capacities, moral development and spiritual needs.

VI. When the lessons are suited to the mental, moral, and spiritual capacities and needs of the pupils.

VII. When each department is organized with a principal and other officers who meet monthly, by departments to discuss problems and train the teachers.

VIII. When there is a supervisor of grading and curriculum or a director of religious education.

IX. When there are tests and annual promotions in each department to...
Advantages of the Graded Lessons

I. They meet the needs of the child in his spiritual development.

II. They require the study of the lesson from the Bible.

III. The teachers' manuals, giving suggestions as to how to approach and plan the lesson, make for better lesson preparation.

IV. The pupil is stimulated to study the lessons for himself. They make for pupil activity.

V. The laws of the development of the child and of teaching are observed.

VI. The lessons interest the pupil.

VII. The teachers become specialists in teaching certain ages, since they are kept in the same departments from year to year.

VIII. A recognition of the periods of deepest religious interest is provided for in the graded curriculum.

IX. Pupils of the same ages and interests are grouped together.

X. Grading makes for more efficient organization.

XI. Parents are more interested in these lessons, being convinced of their worth and practical educational value.

XII. Increases Bible school membership and regularity of attendance, since the lessons interest and hold the pupils.

XIII. Decisions for Christ are the regular and constant result of graded teaching where other things are equal.

XIV. The graded lessons add efficiency, interest, dignity, and power to the Bible school.

NOTE

The Keystone Lessons, published by the American Baptist Publication Society, are the lessons which we recommend for use in Baptist schools. Apply for prospectus at the house nearest to you.
How to Grade a Bible School

I. Have the State Sunday-school Secretary, or some experienced pastor or superintendent, present the subject to your officers and teachers.

II. Appoint a committee consisting of the pastor, superintendent, and three or five others to canvass the matter, to visit graded schools in successful operation, and to investigate the graded curriculum.

III. Have groups of teachers visit near-by graded schools to familiarize themselves with the organization and methods involved.

IV. Furnish each teacher with prospectus or samples of Graded Lessons for his grade and department.

V. Plan a series of 10 or 12 lessons in pedagogy for the teachers on week-nights covering eight or ten weeks.

VI. From an enrolment of the school, which should include names, ages, addresses, and public-school grades, of pupils by classes, classify and arrange pupils into new classes, assigning teacher of old class to those whose ages are uniform and the majority age of present class. Up to the senior department, maximum number in class should be eight.

VII. Appoint supervisor of grading and curriculum.

VIII. Purchase lesson material at least two months in advance, so that teachers may become thoroughly familiar with it.

IX. Let each teacher explain methods and outline the lessons to members of the class.

X. Elect departmental principals or superintendents.

XI. Plan to put the lessons into operation at the beginning of the quarter, October, January, or April, recognizing that the first lesson is for the first Sunday in October.

XII. If uncertain about your ability to grade all the school, start with the Beginners and Primary, putting in the Junior the second year, Intermediate the third, etc.

XIII. Be patient. Take time. Educate. Be definite. Determine to win. Results will come in the first few months, but to perfect the system expect to take at least two years.

XIV. Keep the teacher through the department, giving the pupil a new teacher when entering a new department.