

ACADEMY BELIEFS STATEMENT

At Makers Academy, we focus on each aspect of growth in a child's life: physical, emotional, and spiritual.

God is at the center of healthy growth, and Makers Academy is committed to nurturing the holistic health of their students.

Every school morning we gather for First Fruits, a dedicated time to connect with and offer our hearts to the Lord before we begin the work of the day. This involves staff and student-led worship, prayer, and time spent intentionally listening to and seeking the heart of the Father.

Spiritual formation and discipleship are core pillars at Makers Academy. Every student participates in daily Bible classes, along with Encounter sessions.

Our students are taught that God is still speaking, His Kingdom is still advancing, and Jesus has supernatural empowerment for each of them for the Kingdom assignment on their lives.

The Word is alive and active, and it is who God is.

While certain teachings and events of the Bible specifically took place centuries ago, we believe the entirety and fullness of the Word to be relevant and alive in our lives today.

The personal and active leading of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is emphasized daily through every facet of learning at Makers Academy. Our students are taught to invite the Creator to lead, speak to, and guide them in every aspect of their lives.

Our staff is selected not only for their academic skill and knowledge, but also for their heart and passion for discipling the next generation. Our teachers pastor and nurture each child's unique identity.

The assignment on our school is to make disciples and make a difference, and Makers Academy is committed to equipping our students with the hands and heart skills necessary for them to fulfill their part in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).

MAKERS ACADEMY BIBLE EXPECTATIONS

Our K-5 students work through *Answers in Genesis*, our Bible curriculum used throughout the school year. The *Answers in Genesis* curriculum rotates on a four-year cycle. There are daily Bible reading assignments and worksheets that are to be completed at home throughout the week and brought to class. Parents need to assist younger students in the weekly Bible reading, comprehension, and worksheets. This is part of the expected partnership of the parents to support their students at the Academy.

The topic for Bible class is prayed about each year. The 6th grade and 7th grade Bible class will be on a two-year rotation. It will be an overview of the Bible, year one is covering the Old Testament and year two will cover the New Testament. The 8th grade, along with the High School students, will be covering Apologetics. Parents can find out more information from the leadership team about the Bible topic for the approaching school year.

ENCOUNTER EXPECTATIONS

The students meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week for our Holy Spirit Encounter class. Working alongside Bible, this is where spiritual development and understanding take place, as the students spend time in the presence of the Holy Spirit. During times of Encounter the students can expect to experience any of the following, as we do not believe that children serve a junior Holy Spirit:

- Experiencing the presence of God
- Hearing the voice of God
- Praying and making our requests known to God
- Repentance
- Activation of spiritual gifts such as prophecy, teaching, and evangelism
- Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- Praying over their brothers and sisters in Christ, in speech and agreement with one another
- Worshiping freely in His presence
- Application of biblical principles in daily life

Although these things might not happen in every Encounter time, we remain open to Holy Spirit and however He chooses to move, while keeping all things in the order of God.