

Christ Lutheran  
Social Studies Curriculum  
**Kindergarten**

**Theme: Learning and Working Now and Long Ago**

**Goal:** Students in kindergarten are introduced to basic spatial, temporal, and causal relationships, emphasizing the geographic and historical connections between the world today and the world long ago. The stories of ordinary and extraordinary people help describe the range and continuity of human experience and introduce the concepts of courage, self-control, justice, heroism, leadership, deliberation, and individual responsibility. Historical empathy for how people lived and worked long ago reinforces the concept of civic behavior: how we interact respectfully with each other, following rules, and respecting the rights of others. The students will develop a faith that Jesus is real and always near and has the power to help little children and their families. Through Bible stories and Social Studies the students will learn of ordinary and extraordinary people who lived and modeled a real faith in Jesus.

**Objectives:**

- 1. Students understand that being a good citizen involves acting in certain ways.**
- 2. Students recognize national and state symbols and icons such as the national and state flags, the bald eagle, and the Statue of Liberty.**
- 3. Students match simple descriptions of work that people do and the names of related jobs at the school, in the local community, and from historical accounts.**
- 4. Students compare and contrast the locations of people, places, and environments and describe their characteristics.**
- 5. Students put events in temporal order using a calendar, placing days, weeks, and months in proper order.**
- 6. Students understand that history relates to events, people, and places of other times.**

**Instructional Materials:** Scott Foresman History Social-Science for California (2006), Voyages by CPH, Assorted ARCH Books, Houghton Mifflin Language Arts, and Weekly Reader

**Projects and field trips may include but are not limited to:** Adam and Eve, Moses, Noah, Jesus, His family, and His Twelve Disciples, Johnny Appleseed, Christopher Columbus, Martin Luther, Thanksgiving Feast (Pilgrims and Indians)