Kindergarten
Excellence in Learning
A Program That Works!

More than 100,000 kindergarteners are using the *A Beka Book* Kindergarten Program across the country. The popularity of this unique program is a tribute to the great success Christian schools have had using the *A Beka Book* Kindergarten Program.

Five-year-olds are eager to learn, and their parents are delighted with their achievement using the popular *A Beka Book* program. Students enjoy a balanced program in which care has been taken to consider every developmental facet. They are given a good foundation in basic skills and are motivated to look forward to elementary school.

Basic Phonics Reading Program

The *A Beka Book* Kindergarten Program teaches basic reading skills using an intensive phonics approach. This is a phonics program, not just sight reading garnished with phonics. Students are taught to read with a systematic, step-by-step reading plan based upon the sounds of each letter. This gives students a solid foundation for developing exceptional reading skills. The *A Beka Book* Kindergarten Program has always used an intensive phonics approach to reading and has been highly successful in training young readers nationwide for more than 50 years.
With this intensive phonics approach, students are able to begin reading actual words very early. As soon as students are able to read words, phonics skills are applied in meaningful, character-building stories that correlate with the phonics concepts they have learned. This phonics approach is carried through in all areas of instruction. Intensive phonics is taught systematically to ensure continued growth in skills. It is reinforced with daily seatwork activities, including alphabet sequence and recognition, identification of vowel and consonant sounds, blends, one- and two-vowel words, words containing special sounds, and sentence comprehension. These concepts are reinforced in the *Letters and Sounds K* book.

### Phonics Steps

1. Learn to recognize the short vowels
2. Learn to recognize the consonants
3. Learn to blend two letters together $(tǎ)$
4. Learn to sound one-vowel words $(tāp)$
5. Learn to recognize long vowels and to sound two-vowel words $(tāpē)$
6. Learn to read special sounds $(ch, ow, thr)$

### Reading

- **Books That Promote**

  The books used with the *A Beka Book* Kindergarten Program can be a valuable promotional tool for your school.

- **Provide Incentive**

  The children are fascinated with the idea of having their own books and of actually being able to read them.

- **Give a Sense of Accomplishment**

  The small size of the books allows children to see their progress. As soon as they finish a book in class, they take it home and keep it there. Then they are ready to begin the next book. This gives them confidence in their ability and helps them want to read more.

- **Keep Parents Informed**

  Parents are able to see what their kindergarten children can do. They frequently express surprise that their children are actually reading. Parents are grateful to the school for this means of letting them know how their children are progressing.

- **Publicize Your Program**

  When the books go home, parents become sold on the program. Their children read the books over and over again at home for sheer pleasure, and some even read them to show off for guests. This gets everyone talking about your excellent educational program.
Numbers

Numbers time in kindergarten emphasizes the basics in counting, number recognition, and number concepts up to 100. Simple combinations are easily learned using the colorful Animal Flashcards for Addition and Subtraction. Children also learn money value, telling time, number words, and number sequence. These concepts are reinforced during seatwork time with numbers activities from the Number Skills K activity book.

Science

Students learn about themselves and the world around them with God’s World, the A Beka Book science work text for kindergarten. This colorful science book helps kindergartners learn about God’s plan for seeds, animals, the seashore, health, weather, and seasons. A complete teacher edition is available with suggested activities and teaching procedures for each unit.

Writing

The kindergarten handwriting book Writing with Phonics K5 is correlated with the basic phonics program to help students learn and review phonics as they practice correct cursive writing formation. This practical student book saves hours of preparation time by showing sample letters exactly as they are to be written.

Kindergarten Writing Tablet offers practice and is an essential support for an effective cursive handwriting program.

The Numbers Writing Tablet has guidelines for writing numbers vertically. It helps with correct formation and number recognition as children practice writing numbers in “families” and writing to 100 by 1s, 10s, 5s, and 2s.

Social Studies K

Students learn about community helpers and simple safety rules, beginnings of American history, and children of 10 different countries including simple geography. Colorful work sheets include a number of enjoyable activities.
**Bible**

Bible is the most important subject in the Christian school. The *A Beka Book* Bible Program presents the Bible in story form through use of *A Beka Book* color Flash-a-Cards®. The lessons flow from the Word of God, through the heart of the teacher, to the heart of the student. A daily curriculum guide includes daily lessons, planning tips, Bible doctrinal drill, hymns and choruses, and Scripture memory.

**Character Training**

Character training is one of the supreme goals of Christian education. Children must be faithfully trained, line upon line, precept upon precept, day after day after day. It is not enough to merely present a list of character traits and definitions for students to memorize and then suppose that the job of character training has been accomplished. Every subject area, every teaching method, every attitude, every action of student or teacher is a means of training character. In the *A Beka Book* Kindergarten Program, character is taught through Biblical discipline, through traditional teaching methods and curriculums, through Bible teaching, and through the formation of habit.

**Fine Arts**

The fine arts are an important part of the *A Beka Book* Kindergarten Program. Opportunities for acting out drama and nursery rhymes are featured during the activity time. The beautifully illustrated book *My Favorite Kindergarten Poems* introduces children to the wonderful world of poetry.

Art experiences include cutting, pasting, coloring, tracing, drawing, and working with various textures. *Art Projects K5* contains projects for your students’ enjoyment. The *Readiness Skills K* book also has other activities designed to aid the kindergarten child in the development of writing readiness, eye-hand coordination, visual perception, listening and thinking skills, and good character.

In *Sing unto the Lord*, students are given a full repertoire of hymns and choruses to be used during Bible time as well as at other times. *Song Time for Kindergarten* is a collection of traditional, patriotic, and learning songs that will help expand your music program. Sing-along CDs are available for both music books to aid learning.
K4 Program

Four-year-olds love to learn—especially when they are taught with the *A Beka Book* Four-Year-Old Kindergarten Program. Students are given a solid learning foundation in an enjoyable atmosphere. This gives them a desire to continue learning.

Students are taught to read with the same intensive phonics approach that has resulted in such extraordinary success in the five-year-old kindergarten program. *The Little Books 1–10* and *Little Owl Books* allow each child to progress at his own reading level and use very simple words that have been carefully selected so that children are not pressed to read difficult words until they are ready. Students find these stories delightful and enjoy their appealing illustrations. Each book is short enough for a child to complete in one or two sessions.

*ABC-123* is a phonics and numbers workbook that reinforces what the children have learned. The numbers pages introduce number concepts and the formation of numbers 1–20. Children enjoy counting and coloring the familiar objects for each number and forming the numbers. The phonics-based reading readiness pages are full of carefully sequenced activities in recognition, sound, and vowel formation (long and short), consonants, consonant-vowel blends, and one-syllable words with one or two vowels. Children color the pictures after completing their work. The pages are perforated for easy removal and sorting.

The *ABC Writing Tablet* has enough pages for the entire year. It saves hours of preparation time by showing sample cursive letters exactly as they are to be written in the size students are to write them. Samples for tracing provide ample practice in proper formation.

*Writing with Phonics K4* gives children extra practice in cursive writing as they review their phonics sounds. The pictures to color are correlated to the letter sounds.

*Language Development* lessons expose children to a fascinating world of animals, people, and places. The full-color flashcards with stories, songs, poems, and games will encourage children to think and strengthen vocabulary and language skills.

Children learn to draw, color, cut, and paste in K4. *Art Projects K4* has colorful projects. *Readiness Skills K4* is designed to aid a young child in developing writing readiness, eye-hand coordination, visual perception, and listening and thinking skills.

Four-year-olds can also develop a love and appreciation for good poetry and music. The new and traditional fun songs, poems, and finger plays in *Preschool Fun Songs, Poetry for You and Me*, and *Preschool Poems and Finger Plays* delight young children.