



BRONX–MANHATTAN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST SCHOOL

EARLY CHILDHOOD CURRICULUM GUIDE

2K–3K Program | NAD & DAP Aligned

September – June

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The Bronx–Manhattan Seventh-day Adventist School Early Childhood Program provides a Christ-centered, developmentally appropriate learning environment designed to nurture the whole child spiritually, socially, emotionally, physically, and academically. This curriculum is aligned with the North American Division (NAD) Early Childhood standards and Developmentally Appropriate Practice (DAP).

Through hands-on learning, play-based exploration, worship experiences, and positive relationships, children develop foundational skills that prepare them for lifelong learning and Christian service.

PHILOSOPHY

We believe young children learn best through meaningful play, exploration, routine, and loving interactions. Each child is uniquely created by God and deserves opportunities to grow in a safe, nurturing, and faith-filled environment.

Biblical values are integrated naturally throughout the day through worship, prayer, Bible stories, music, service, and teacher modeling.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Daily instruction includes:

- Morning Worship (songs, Bible stories, prayer)
- Circle Time and Language Development

- Learning Centers and Exploration
- Fine Motor and Creative Arts
- Sensory Learning Activities
- Outdoor and Gross Motor Play
- Rest and Quiet Time
- Social-Emotional Learning
- Faith and Character Development

INSTRUCTIONAL APPROACH

Instruction is child-centered, experiential, and play-based. Teachers guide children through active learning experiences that promote curiosity, creativity, communication, independence, and problem-solving.

The curriculum integrates:

- Early Literacy
- Early Math Concepts
- Science Discovery
- Social Studies Awareness
- Fine & Gross Motor Development
- Social-Emotional Learning
- Spiritual Growth

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is ongoing and observation-based. Teachers monitor growth through:

- Anecdotal records
- Classroom participation
- Developmental checklists
- Work samples
- Social interaction observations
- Language and motor development progress

DAILY SCHEDULE

Time	Activity
8:00–8:30	Arrival & Table Activities
8:30–9:00	Morning Worship
9:00–9:30	Circle Time
9:30–10:30	Learning Centers
10:30–11:00	Snack
11:00–11:45	Outdoor Play
11:45–12:15	Story & Music
12:15–1:00	Lunch
1:00–2:00	Rest Time
2:00–3:00	Quiet Centers & Dismissal

YEARLY CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Month	Theme	Bible Focus
September	My Family	Love One Another
October	School & Friends	Be Kind
November	Animals	God Made Animals
December	Jesus Loves Me	Jesus Loves Me
January	Weather	God Made the Sky
February	Love & Kindness	Love One Another
March	Plants & Growing	God Makes Things Grow
April	Transportation & Safety	God Keeps Me Safe
May	Community Helpers	Serve One Another
June	God Cares for Me	God Takes Care of Me

SEPTEMBER – MY FAMILY

Bible Verse: “Love one another.” – John 13:34

Week 1: My Family

Objectives

- Identify family members and relationships
- Develop classroom routines and independence
- Practice listening and communication skills
- Strengthen fine motor control through art activities
- Express feelings appropriately
- Recognize that God created families

Activities

- Family photo sharing
- Name tracing
- Dramatic play “home center”
- Family tree craft
- Sensory table exploration

Spiritual Focus

God gave me a loving family.

Week 2: Family Roles

Objectives

- Understand roles within the family
- Expand vocabulary related to home life
- Practice cooperative play
- Follow one- and two-step directions
- Build self-help skills
- Learn that families help one another

Activities

- Role-play family routines
- Cooking pretend play

- Sorting household items
- Storytelling and songs

Spiritual Focus

Families work together with love.

Week 3: Helping My Family

Objectives

- Develop responsibility and independence
- Practice problem-solving during play
- Improve gross motor coordination
- Participate in group discussions
- Learn ways to help at home
- Demonstrate kindness and helpfulness

Activities

- Chore matching game
- Cleaning center
- Cooperative block building
- Helping hands art activity

Spiritual Focus

I can help others like Jesus.

Week 4: God Loves My Family

Objectives

- Recognize God's love and care
- Participate in worship routines
- Build confidence speaking in groups
- Develop early counting skills
- Practice sharing and empathy
- Strengthen social interactions

Activities

- Bible songs
- Counting family members
- Prayer circle
- Family collage

Spiritual Focus

Jesus loves my family.

OCTOBER – SCHOOL & FRIENDS

Bible Verse: “Be kind to one another.” – Ephesians 4:32

Week 1: My School

Objectives

- Become familiar with classroom rules
- Identify school helpers and spaces
- Develop independence during routines
- Practice letter and name recognition
- Improve transition skills
- Understand that school is a place to learn and grow

Activities

- School tour
- Classroom scavenger hunt
- Name recognition games
- School bus art

Spiritual Focus

God helps me learn.

Week 2: My Friends

Objectives

- Develop friendship skills
- Practice turn-taking and sharing
- Express emotions appropriately
- Build language through conversation
- Strengthen cooperative play skills
- Recognize that friends are gifts from God

Activities

- Friendship bracelets
- Partner games
- Emotion cards
- Friendship songs

Spiritual Focus

Friends are special blessings.

Week 3: Sharing & Caring

Objectives

- Demonstrate kindness and empathy
- Solve simple social conflicts peacefully
- Improve listening comprehension
- Develop fine motor coordination
- Participate in collaborative activities
- Practice Christ-like behavior

Activities

- Sharing games
- Puppet role-play
- Group art mural
- Story sequencing

Spiritual Focus

Jesus teaches us to share.

Week 4: Kindness

Objectives

- Recognize acts of kindness
- Use polite words consistently
- Develop self-control and patience
- Participate in dramatic storytelling
- Identify positive social behaviors
- Show compassion toward others

Activities

- Kindness chart
- Compliment circle
- Caring cards craft
- Bible story reenactment

Spiritual Focus

Jesus helps us be kind.

NOVEMBER – ANIMALS

Bible Verse: “God made the animals.” – Genesis 1:25

Week 1: Farm Animals

Objectives

- Identify common farm animals and sounds
- Compare animal sizes and characteristics
- Develop sensory exploration skills
- Build vocabulary related to animals
- Practice sorting and matching
- Understand that God created animals

Activities

- Animal sound games
- Farm sensory bin
- Animal footprint painting

- Counting farm animals

Spiritual Focus

God created every animal.

Week 2: Zoo Animals

Objectives

- Explore habitats and animal needs
- Develop observation skills
- Practice movement and coordination
- Increase listening comprehension
- Engage in imaginative play
- Appreciate God's creation

Activities

- Zoo dramatic play
- Animal movement games
- Habitat sorting
- Storytime

Spiritual Focus

God cares for all creatures.

Week 3: Pets

Objectives

- Identify common household pets
- Practice gentle and caring behavior
- Strengthen communication skills
- Develop responsibility awareness
- Improve social interaction during play
- Learn kindness toward animals

Activities

- Pet care role-play
- Pet collage
- Matching games
- Story discussions

Spiritual Focus

Be gentle and caring.

Week 4: God Cares for All

Objectives

- Recognize that God cares for every living thing
- Participate in cooperative activities
- Review animal classifications
- Build confidence during discussions
- Strengthen listening and memory skills
- Express gratitude for creation

Activities

- Animal review game
- Bible songs
- Group mural
- Nature exploration

Spiritual Focus

God lovingly cares for all creation.

DECEMBER – JESUS LOVES ME

Bible Verse: “Jesus loves me.” – John 3:16

Week 1: Jesus Loves Me

Objectives

- Recognize that Jesus loves every child
- Participate in worship songs and prayer
- Develop listening and comprehension skills
- Strengthen self-awareness and confidence
- Practice following classroom routines
- Express emotions through language and art

Activities

- Mirror self-portraits
- Bible songs and movement
- Heart collage craft
- Storytime about Jesus' love

Spiritual Focus

Jesus loves me every day.

Week 2: Baby Jesus

Objectives

- Learn the story of Jesus' birth
- Identify characters from the Nativity story
- Develop sequencing and memory skills
- Build vocabulary related to Christmas
- Practice dramatic play and storytelling
- Strengthen fine motor coordination

Activities

- Nativity dramatic play
- Stable craft
- Christmas sensory table
- Retelling Bible stories

Spiritual Focus

Jesus came to earth because He loves us.

Week 3: Giving & Sharing

Objectives

- Understand the joy of giving to others
- Practice sharing and cooperation
- Develop empathy and kindness
- Strengthen counting and sorting skills
- Use polite and caring language
- Participate in group activities

Activities

- Gift wrapping station
- Sharing games
- Kindness cards
- Group Christmas art

Spiritual Focus

I can share God's love with others.

Week 4: Joy & Celebration

Objectives

- Express gratitude and thankfulness
- Participate confidently in songs and performances
- Strengthen social relationships
- Review concepts learned during the month
- Practice communication skills
- Celebrate God's blessings

Activities

- Christmas celebration
- Worship music
- Gratitude tree
- Family celebration activities

Spiritual Focus

Thank You, God, for Jesus.

JANUARY – WEATHER

Bible Verse: “God made the sky.” – Genesis 1:7

Week 1: Sunny & Cloudy

Objectives

- Identify different weather conditions
- Build science observation skills
- Expand weather vocabulary
- Practice comparing and sorting
- Improve gross motor movement
- Recognize God as Creator

Activities

- Cotton cloud art
- Sunshine collage
- Weather chart
- Outdoor sky observation

Spiritual Focus

God made the sky and weather.

Week 2: Rain

Objectives

- Explore how rain helps plants and people
- Develop sensory exploration skills
- Practice listening and prediction skills
- Strengthen counting and measuring concepts
- Use descriptive language
- Appreciate God’s provision

Activities

- Rain sensory bin
- Water play exploration
- Umbrella art

- Raindrop counting game

Spiritual Focus

God sends rain to help things grow.

Week 3: Wind

Objectives

- Observe movement caused by wind
- Develop cause-and-effect understanding
- Improve coordination through movement activities
- Practice problem-solving during exploration
- Strengthen oral language skills
- Learn about God's power

Activities

- Kite making
- Bubble blowing
- Streamer dance
- Wind experiments

Spiritual Focus

God is strong and powerful.

Week 4: God Controls the Weather

Objectives

- Review different weather types
- Develop memory and classification skills
- Participate in science discussions
- Build confidence speaking in groups
- Practice sequencing daily weather
- Trust God's care and protection

Activities

- Weather sorting game
- Group science chart
- Bible storytelling
- Cloud painting

Spiritual Focus

God is always in control.

FEBRUARY – LOVE & KINDNESS

Bible Verse: “Love one another.” – John 13:34

Week 1: Jesus Loves Me

Objectives

- Recognize God’s love through Bible stories
- Develop self-esteem and confidence
- Participate in worship activities
- Strengthen communication skills
- Practice positive social interactions
- Express feelings appropriately

Activities

- Heart art
- Bible songs
- Self-portrait activity
- Prayer circle

Spiritual Focus

Jesus loves me very much.

Week 2: Be Kind

Objectives

- Identify kind and caring behaviors
- Practice using kind words
- Strengthen friendship skills
- Improve listening comprehension
- Build emotional awareness
- Demonstrate empathy toward others

Activities

- Kindness role-play
- Friendship art
- Puppet stories
- Compliment circle

Spiritual Focus

Jesus wants us to be kind.

Week 3: Helping Others

Objectives

- Understand the importance of helping
- Develop responsibility and cooperation
- Practice teamwork during play
- Strengthen fine motor skills
- Participate in classroom jobs
- Learn to serve others joyfully

Activities

- Helping hands craft
- Classroom helper chart
- Cooperative games
- Service project

Spiritual Focus

I can help others like Jesus.

Week 4: Loving Others

Objectives

- Show care and respect for others
- Practice peaceful conflict resolution
- Build positive peer relationships
- Strengthen language through storytelling
- Participate in collaborative activities
- Reflect Christ-like love

Activities

- Friendship mural
- Story discussions
- Group building activities
- Valentine celebration

Spiritual Focus

God wants us to love everyone.

MARCH – PLANTS & GROWING

Bible Verse: “God makes things grow.” – 1 Corinthians 3:7

Week 1: Seeds

Objectives

- Explore how plants begin
- Observe similarities and differences in seeds
- Develop science inquiry skills
- Strengthen vocabulary development
- Practice sorting and counting
- Recognize God as Creator

Activities

- Seed exploration table
- Planting activity
- Counting seeds
- Garden sensory bin

Spiritual Focus

God makes plants grow.

Week 2: Growing Plants

Objectives

- Understand plant life cycles
- Observe daily changes in nature
- Develop responsibility through plant care
- Practice measurement vocabulary
- Improve sequencing skills
- Appreciate God's creation

Activities

- Watering plants
- Growth chart
- Flower painting
- Nature walks

Spiritual Focus

God helps living things grow.

Week 3: Flowers & Trees

Objectives

- Identify parts of plants
- Compare different flowers and trees
- Develop observation and language skills
- Strengthen fine motor coordination
- Participate in nature exploration
- Build appreciation for beauty in creation

Activities

- Leaf rubbings

- Flower collage
- Outdoor exploration
- Sorting flowers by color

Spiritual Focus

God made beautiful flowers.

Week 4: God Helps Me Grow

Objectives

- Recognize personal growth and learning
- Build confidence and independence
- Practice gratitude and reflection
- Strengthen social-emotional development
- Participate in worship and prayer
- Understand spiritual growth

Activities

- Growth timeline
- “I Can” chart
- Bible songs
- Reflection art

Spiritual Focus

God helps me grow strong and kind.

APRIL – TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY

Bible Verse: “God keeps me safe.” – Psalm 4:8

Week 1: Transportation

Objectives

- Identify different types of transportation

- Compare land, air, and water vehicles
- Build vocabulary and classification skills
- Strengthen dramatic play experiences
- Practice listening and following directions
- Learn that God guides and protects us

Activities

- Vehicle sorting
- Transportation art
- Car ramp exploration
- Dramatic play station

Spiritual Focus

God leads me wherever I go.

Week 2: Movement

Objectives

- Develop gross motor coordination
- Practice balance and body control
- Explore movement patterns
- Strengthen directional vocabulary
- Participate in physical activities safely
- Appreciate the bodies God created

Activities

- Obstacle course
- Movement songs
- Hop and jump games
- Parachute play

Spiritual Focus

God made my body strong.

Week 3: Safety

Objectives

- Learn basic safety rules
- Identify trusted adults and helpers
- Practice safe classroom and playground behavior
- Strengthen problem-solving skills
- Build self-awareness and responsibility
- Understand God's protection

Activities

- Safety signs
- Fire drill practice
- Role-playing safe choices
- Community helper discussion

Spiritual Focus

I can make safe choices.

Week 4: God Keeps Me Safe

Objectives

- Review safety habits and routines
- Develop confidence in emergency procedures
- Practice communication skills
- Participate in group discussions
- Strengthen emotional security
- Trust in God's care

Activities

- Bible storytelling
- Safety matching game
- Prayer activities
- Transportation review

Spiritual Focus

God watches over me.

MAY – COMMUNITY HELPERS

Bible Verse: “Serve one another.” – Galatians 5:13

Week 1: Community Helpers

Objectives

- Identify helpers in the community
- Understand different jobs and responsibilities
- Build vocabulary related to occupations
- Strengthen dramatic play skills
- Practice teamwork and cooperation
- Learn that serving others is important

Activities

- Dress-up center
- Community helper matching
- Role-playing jobs
- Storytime

Spiritual Focus

I can help others.

Week 2: Doctors & Nurses

Objectives

- Learn how healthcare workers help people
- Develop empathy and caring attitudes
- Practice communication and listening skills
- Strengthen fine motor development
- Reduce fears about medical care
- Understand that Jesus heals and cares

Activities

- Pretend clinic
- Bandage practice
- Healthy habits chart

- Doctor dramatic play

Spiritual Focus

Jesus cares for sick people.

Week 3: Helpers at Home & School

Objectives

- Recognize ways children can help daily
- Build independence and responsibility
- Practice following routines
- Strengthen organizational skills
- Participate in classroom jobs
- Demonstrate service to others

Activities

- Classroom helper chart
- Cleaning center
- Responsibility games
- Cooperative activities

Spiritual Focus

I can serve with joy.

Week 4: Serving Like Jesus

Objectives

- Understand the importance of serving others
- Demonstrate kindness and cooperation
- Build positive social relationships
- Participate in group service activities
- Practice gratitude and compassion
- Reflect Christ-like behavior

Activities

- Service project
- Thank-you cards
- Bible stories about helping
- Group mural

Spiritual Focus

Serve others with love.

JUNE – GOD CARES FOR ME

Bible Verse: “God takes care of me.” – Psalm 23:1

Week 1: Nature

Objectives

- Explore God’s creation outdoors
- Observe changes in nature
- Develop sensory and science skills
- Strengthen vocabulary development
- Practice gross motor movement
- Appreciate the beauty of creation

Activities

- Nature walk
- Outdoor art
- Leaf collection
- Nature sensory bins

Spiritual Focus

God made the world beautiful.

Week 2: Caring for Animals

Objectives

- Learn how animals are cared for
- Develop empathy toward living things
- Build observation and classification skills
- Practice gentle behavior
- Participate in dramatic play
- Recognize God's care for animals

Activities

- Animal care center
- Feeding pretend pets
- Habitat sorting
- Animal movement games

Spiritual Focus

God cares for every creature.

Week 3: God Cares for Me

Objectives

- Recognize ways God provides daily needs
- Develop self-confidence and emotional security
- Strengthen communication skills
- Participate in worship and prayer
- Reflect on personal growth
- Build positive relationships

Activities

- Prayer journal art
- Gratitude circle
- Bible songs
- Reflection activities

Spiritual Focus

God always takes care of me.

Week 4: Celebration & Review

Objectives

- Celebrate growth and accomplishments
- Review concepts learned throughout the year
- Build confidence through presentations and participation
- Strengthen friendships and classroom community
- Practice gratitude and reflection
- Thank God for a successful school year

Activities

- End-of-year celebration
- Memory book
- Songs and performances
- Classroom slideshow

Spiritual Focus

Thank You, God, for helping me grow.