

Growing Lifelong Readers with a Biblical Perspective

Reading 2 introduces students to a variety of different genres and is carefully arranged to build reading skills and spark a love for learning. This program helps students to strengthen their reading abilities while also nurturing a lifelong passion for books. With a focus on phonics, oral reading, and literary techniques, students not only grow academically but also develop a deeper understanding of literature through a biblical lens, becoming confident readers and communicators.

How We Teach It

Fostering a Joy of Reading

Your students will dive deep into engaging stories from various genres, such as realistic fiction, historical fiction, fables, folktales, and poetry. Selections purposefully increase in skill level as the course progresses, helping all students to succeed in reading. Selections from different books and novels, along with a fifteen-lesson novel study of *The Sword in the Tree* by Clyde Robert Bulla, enhance both reading enjoyment and skills.

Phonics & Vocabulary Instruction

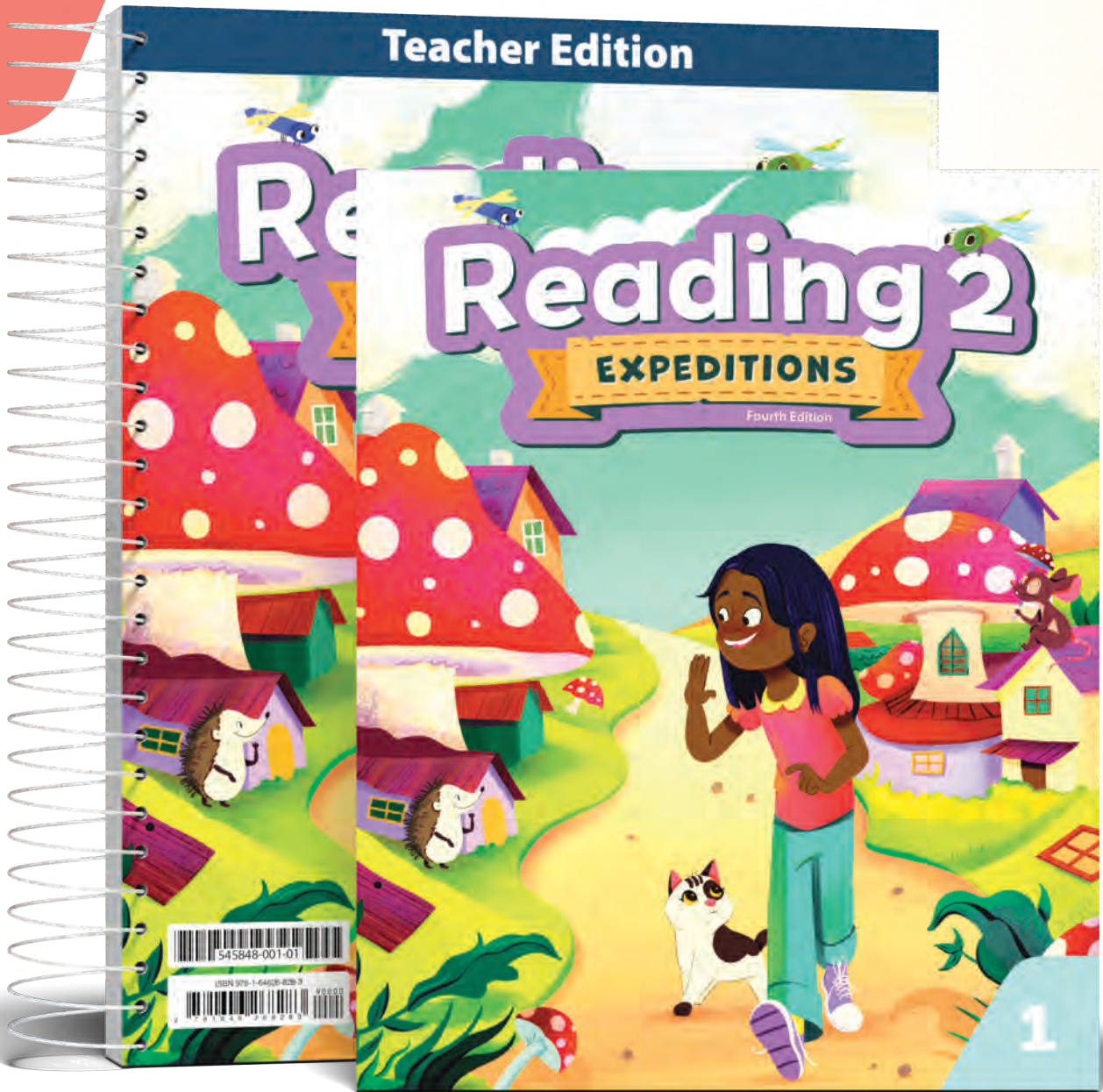
Phonics instruction uses phonograms and word families to enhance comprehension. Vocabulary is introduced through activities related to the reading material to support independent learning, and with a phonics monitoring tool, you can easily track your students' progress.

Fluency and Comprehension Expansion

Students will read to build comprehension and to enhance fluency. Through instruction in literary and reasoning skills, they develop the ability to grasp and organize information, fostering a deeper understanding of the material.

Developing Discernment from a Biblical Worldview

Biblical principles guide students in evaluating literature and cultivating Christlike character. Bible accounts further reveal how individual selections connect to the overarching theme of Creation, Fall, and Redemption. Biblical worldview unit openers complement and reinforce these connections, helping students to look at literature through the lens of a biblical worldview.



eTexts of student and teacher materials, along with resources referenced in the Teacher Edition, are available in BJU Press Trove.

Materials

Student Edition

The new *Reading 2* Student Edition is a 2 volume text designed to spark curiosity and support young readers with a rich variety of texts—from fiction and poetry to nonfiction and plays. Each selection is paired with clear reading goals, vocabulary support, and thoughtful questions that guide comprehension and discussion. Built-in biblical worldview connections help students to reflect on deeper themes such as wisdom, kindness, and perseverance. Carefully sequenced phonics and reasoning skills are woven throughout to support confident, fluent reading.

Teacher Edition & Visuals

Spanning two volumes, the Teacher Edition equips educators with a plan for effective reading instruction built around a four-step teaching cycle (Engage, Instruct, Apply, Assess). Teachers are supported with differentiation strategies, phonemic awareness instruction, and practical tools that reflect current research, including the Science of Reading.

New in Reading 2, the Phonics Visuals packet includes engaging visuals with Phonics Characters and a set of alphabet cards to support instruction, phonemic awareness, and phonics skills.

Activities

The Activities packet offer daily skill practice in phonics, comprehension, and vocabulary. Designed to align with lesson content, the activities are structured but varied, giving students multiple ways to practice and apply what they're learning. Whether through matching, sorting, short responses, or reading tasks, the activities help to strengthen foundational skills in an engaging format.

Assessments

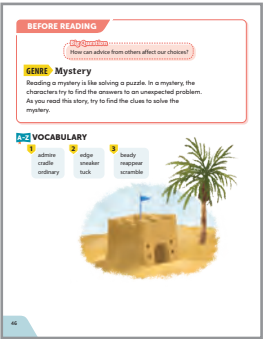
The Assessments packet offers a range of tools for monitoring reading growth over time. It includes six cold-read assessments, an informal evaluation for progress checks, and oral reading and behavior checklists. These assessments are designed to be simple to administer and provide clear insights into student fluency, comprehension, and phonics application—making them useful for instructional planning and flexible grouping.

Also available are the *Assessments Answer Key* and the *Activities Answer Key*.

Colorful Illustrations



Before Reading Direction



After Reading Direction

