Believing that reading the Bible is the doorway to education, Accelerated Christian Education offers several avenues by which children can learn to read or increase their reading ability. At the heart of each program is a strong phonics foundation.

Traditionally, students were taught to sound out words through the use of phonics, which allows them to tackle unknown words with confidence. In contrast, children who are taught to “sight” read are limited to the scope of words they can memorize, and they have no resources on which to draw to identify unknown words. When a child relies on sight reading, he normally cannot move beyond the 4th to 5th grade level. Therefore, phonics is a tool all children need throughout their educational training.

How do we determine when a child is ready to read? The only way to assure reading readiness is through diagnosis. With A.C.E., each child can be diagnosed and given a reading program suited to his or her individual needs and abilities.

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Age has little to do with readiness to learn to read. The most essential and reliable tool for placing any child in the educational process is testing. The A.C.E. Reading Readiness Test will show which early development program is right for your child and will allow him or her to acquire the right foundation in reading.

With the A.C.E. program, each child is given the Reading Readiness Test and the Coordination Development Tests before being placed into a reading program. These tests determine a child's maturity level and basic motor skills as well as academic preparedness. Children are not grouped chronologically, but they are placed individually in the program best suited for them educationally and according to maturity level. If a child does not test ready to read, he will begin with the Kindergarten with Ace and Christi program.

Once a child has learned to read phonetically, it is important to follow with skill-building activities such as the A.C.E. Advanced Lessons. The A.C.E. social studies and science PACEs are also written to build reading skills. These modules provide not only exciting adventures from history and practical lessons in science but also a well-structured, high-interest reading vocabulary. Developed with computer-controlled vocabulary for self-instructional learning, these subjects reinforce reading skills. Each grade level reviews and adds new meanings for these words.

Vocabulary building is foundational, and reading is fundamental in the A.C.E. program. Through proper diagnosis, the teaching of phonics, and reinforcement of vocabulary building, A.C.E. gives each child a total reading program.

Give Your Child the A.C.E. Advantage

This program features a complete scope and sequence of concepts and skills needed to prepare children to read. Sixty PACEs (nearly 2,000 pages) filled with Bible and animal pictures, coordination development activities, and full-color picture stories develop a love for reading. A child learns the phonetic sounds for all letters so that when he is ready to learn to read, he will do so. He will also learn social skills, the wonders of God's world, and the reality of God's love. Upon completion of this program, the child will be issued another diagnostic test to assure he is now ready to proceed in the adventure of reading. A.C.E.'s learning-to-read program is called ABCs with Ace and Christi. This is a multisensory, phonetic program. Within a period of 12 to 15 weeks, a child becomes acquainted with phonics through animals, songs, and stories. These features help him learn letter sounds, alphabet sequence, and word relationships. Various activities have been designed to help each student in his physical and character development.
Kindergarten with Ace and Christi

Coordination Development Tests and Activities to evaluate physical coordination skills

Large Animal Sound Display Cards to correlate stories to letter sounds

A teacher’s four-volume daily self-instructional manual, covering 36 weeks and utilizing all developmental skills—total of 2,500 pages

Twelve PACEs in each of the five subjects (math, English, Word Building, science, and social studies) to provide practice in all developmental skills necessary for learning to read—total of 1,830 pages

Progress Report for objectively reporting your child’s progress

Number Train Cards to emphasize number recognition

Song CD to reinforce phonetic sounds and encourage motor coordination

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ABCs with Ace and Christi

- Twelve Bible PACEs, three Math, twelve Word Building, and twelve Animal Science PACEs for this 12-15 week program, which leads him into the self-instructional PACE program.
- Audio Song CD for reinforcement of sounds and songs.
- Large Alphabet Sound Cards for display and review.
- Tactile-Kinetic Cards to impact the shape of letters in your child’s mind.
- Small Alphabet Sound Cards for review.
- Progress Report for objectively reporting your child’s progress.
- A special Diploma for the completion of the ABCs with Ace and Christi program.
- A two-volume instructional manual with detailed easy-to-follow plans for each day—total of 900 pages.
- Reading Readiness Pre-Test and Post Test to evaluate reading ability.

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