

**Course Description****Subject:** Beginning American Sign Language**Grade:** 7 & 8

**Overview:** This course is intended as an introduction to American Sign Language. We learn the alphabet and shorthand signs. By the end of the course, we are having conversations and have learned several songs.

Sign language as a communication skill is concerned with getting the message across to the other person, but it goes beyond that in its concern for the other person. As we become more aware of this means of sending messages, we also become more aware of the person receiving that message.

**Primary Biblical Integration:** Always be prepared to give a response; meet people where they are and don't expect them to meet your expectations. Recognize that God also speaks to us in many different forms.

**Student Materials:**

None is required.

**Teacher Materials:**

Sheets with the alphabet and common signs are provided.