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SPREADING THE BIBLE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

How Texas's New Bluebonnet Reading Lessons Play Religious Favorites

Texas has found a new way to teach Bible stories to its youngest public school students--the Bluebonnet English Language Arts lessons, narrowly approved by the State Board of Education in November 2024. Bluebonnet supporters insist that the lessons will simply help students better understand history, literature, and the arts. But lessons often go beyond merely teaching about religion and instead privilege particular religious viewpoints. Come discover what five-year olds and fifth-graders will learn about the Bible and about religion more broadly and decide for yourself whether these lessons promote religious literacy or play religious favorites.

Event Details:

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