

2022-2023 MS Bible School Plan

Introduction

The curriculum is separated into three units: Pre-History (Genesis 1-11), Patriarchs (Genesis 12-36), Joseph (Genesis 37-50)

Components of a Bible School lesson:

- Patristic Interpretation of the Scripture
 - To give a sound and Orthodox Interpretation
 - To model for them the fact that we get our interpretation from the Fathers and not from our own mind
- Three Levels of Interpretation: Literal, Tropological, Allegorical
 - The Literal should include cultural and historical context as needed, and explanations of exactly what happened
 - The Tropological should be fitting for the age group, with real examples they may encounter
 - The Allegorical should be of sound interpretation and according to the Tradition of the Church

Unit 1: Pre-History (Genesis 1-11)

Date	Topic	Content	Goal	Assignee
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<p>Wed 08/31</p>	<p>Introduction to the Old Testament</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the Bible? • What is inspiration ? • Why to read the Bible? • Story of the Old Testamen t • Relation to the New Testamen t 	<p>Understand the importance of the Scripture and the purpose of the Old Testament</p>	
<p>Wed 09/07</p>	<p>Introduction to Genesis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorshi p • Structure • Symbolic or Literal? • Science vs Religion • God's revelation to Mankind through Nature and Scripture • Why learn Genesis? 	<p>Prepare them for discussions about Creation</p>	

Wed 09/14	Genesis 1:1-2	<p>"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is "the beginning"• Who is "God"• How did God "create"• What are "the heaven and the earth"	Introduce the Concept of studying a single verse in detail	
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Wed 09/21

Genesis 1-2: Creation

- The Bible is not a Scientific Textbook
- Answer questions like:
 - how is the religion before the Sun is created
 - Did God create darkness?
- Apologetics related to Creation
- Don't discuss the Making of Man or "Image of God" in detail, that will be discussed next week

- Memorize the Seven Days of Creation

Wed 09/28

Genesis 1: Making of Man

- The Lord prepared all of Creation for Man
- Image and Likeness of God
 - How do we grow in the Likeness of God
 - How is this concept related to the rest of the Holy Scripture and the economy of Salvation?
- Male and Female
- Breath of Life
- Be Fruitful and Multiply
- Seventh

- What does Image of God mean

Wed 10/05	Genesis 2: Garden of Eden	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Rivers of Baptism• The Tree of Life (Eucharist)• Marriage• Man's state in the garden• Relate this Paradise to the Paradise described in Revelation		
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Wed 10/12

Genesis 3: The Fall of Man

- Why did God give a commandment?
- What is free will?
- Relate the temptation of Eve with the temptation of Christ and with the verse in St John "the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, the pride of life"
- How can we overcome Temptation?
- What are the effects of sin?
 - The ir eyes were opened
 - The y tried to handle the situation on the ir own
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Wed 10/19

Genesis 4-5: Cain and Abel

- Why was Abel's sacrifice acceptable and Cain's not?
- The Lord seeks out Cain and wants him to repent
- Sin leads to sin
 - Jealousy --> Murder --> Lying --> ???
- Punishment of Cain versus punishment of Adam
- Evil of Lamech
 - Example of the behavior of Cain's descendants
 - Cain's way is becoming the way of the land...

Wed 10/26

Genesis 6-9: Noah
(Part 1)

- Sons of man and daughters of God
 - What does it mean? (See this video vs Nephilim)
- The Lord was sorry that He had made man
 - Did the Lord make a mistake? Can God make a mistake?
 - God's love for us and God's hatred of evil
- Noah found grace in the eyes of the

Wed 11/02

Genesis 6-9: Noah
(Part 2)

- The dove
- Noah built an altar and offered a sacrifice
- The New Covenant
 - The Rainbow
 - Beautiful and multiply
- Noah's Drunkeness
- Canaan's Punishment

Wed 11/09

Genesis 10-11: Tower of Babel

- Genealogy of Noah

- Some common names like Mizraim (Miser-Egypt), Canaan, Assyria, etc.

- Purpose of Genealogy

- Tower of Babel

- Why would they do this?

- What does it mean for God to "come down and

Wed 11/16	Review and Bible Jeopardy			
Wed 11/23	No Bible Study			

Unit 2: The Patriarchs

In this unit, we'll study the characters of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

Date	Topic	Content	Assignee
Wed 11/30	Genesis 12-13: Abram's Travels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Ur of the Chaldeans • To Egypt 	
Wed 12/07	Genesis 13-14: Abram and Lot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conflict and separation of Abram and Lot • Captivity of Lot and Rescue by Abram • Melchizedek 	
Wed 12/14	Genesis 15-17: Promise of a Covenant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's promise about multiplying Abram's seed • Sarai takes matters into her own hands (Hagar) and regrets it • God renews His covenant with Abraham 	
Wed 12/21	Genesis 18-19: Sodom and Gomorrah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitality of Abraham • Intercession for Sodom and Gomorrah • Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah • Deliverance of Lot • Sin of Lot's Daughters 	

Wed 12/28	Genesis 20-21: The Son of Promise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abraham and Abimelech • Birth of Isaac • Casting out of Ishmael 	
Wed 01/04	Genesis 22-24: Isaac a Type of Christ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slaughter of Isaac • Death of Sarah • A bride for Isaac <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ How the bride is a type of the Church whom the Lord adopted after His Crucifixion ◦ Eliezer ("God is Help") as a symbol of the Holy Spirit who united Isaac to his Bride, as the Holy Spirit on Pentecost 	
Wed 01/11	Genesis 25: Jacob and Esau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abraham and Keturah • Death of Abraham • Birth of Jacob and Esau • Esau sells his birthright 	
Wed 01/18	No Bible Study	Theophany Feast	
Wed 01/25	Genesis 26: Isaac and Abimelech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isaac and Abimelech and the Wells 	

Wed 02/01	Genesis 27: Isaac Blesses Jacob	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deception of Rebekah and Jacob • Blessing of Jacob • Wrath of Esau 	
Wed 02/08	Genesis 28-29: Jacob and Laban	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacob's Ladder • Jacob meets Rachel • Laban's Deception • Jacob marries Leah and Rachel 	
Wed 02/15	Genesis 29-30: Jacob's Sons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leah and Rachel's Contest • Jacob's Agreement with Laban 	
Wed 02/22	Genesis 31-32: Jacob Flees Laban	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacob Flees from Laban • Laban pursues Jacob • Jacob wrestles with God 	

Wed 03/01	Genesis 33-34: Jacob in Shechem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacob meets Esau • Jacob settles in Shechem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Jacob did not take God's opinion when he dwelt here ◦ Also, Jacob did something Abraham and Isaac never did - he bought land • The Dinah Incident <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ This wouldn't have happened if Jacob had followed God's will for him and went to his father Isaac 	
Wed 03/08	Genesis 35-36: Jacob in Bethel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacob dwells in Bethel • Death of Rachel • Death of Isaac • Family of Esau 	
Wed 03/15	Review and Bible Jeopardy		

Unit 3: Joseph

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Wed 03/22	Genesis 37: Joseph's Dreams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph Dreams of Greatness • Joseph is sold by his brothers 	
Wed 03/29	Genesis 38-39: Judah and Joseph	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judah and Tamar • Joseph and Potiphar's Wife • Contrast how Judah dealt with temptation from a woman versus how Joseph dealt with it. 	
Wed 04/05	Genesis 40-41: Joseph Interpreter of Dreams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph interprets the baker and the cupbearer's dreams • Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dream • Joseph is made ruler of Egypt 	
Wed 04/12	No Bible Study	Holy Pascha Week	
Wed 04/19	No Bible Study	Pascha Relief Week	
Wed 04/26	Genesis 42-43: Joseph and His Brothers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph's brothers seek food • Joseph sends them away and keeps Simeon • Joseph's brothers return with Benjamin 	
Wed 05/03	Genesis 44-45: Joseph Revealed to His Brothers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph's Cup • Judah intercedes for Benjamin • Joseph reveals himself to his brothers 	

Wed 05/10	Genesis 46-47: Jacob in Egypt	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jacob's journey to Egypt• Jacob meets Pharaoh• Joseph deals with the famine	
Wed 05/17	Genesis 48-49: Jacob's Last Words	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jacob blesses Ephraim and Manasseh• Jacob's Last words to his sons	
Wed 05/24	Genesis 49-50: Jacob and Joseph's Deaths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jacob's Death and Burial• Joseph's Death and Burial	
Wed 05/31	Review and Bible Jeopardy		

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