

Bible Stories: 4th and 5th Grade
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Course Description

This class meets each Wednesday at 1:00pm ET. Each class will be a Bible study and discussion for 4th and 5th graders.

We will travel more or less chronologically through the Old and New Testaments, reading and studying the fascinating events and personalities of the Bible. All of the Holy Scriptures are God's words, and tell us about His "mighty acts" of salvation on behalf of His people, Israel in the Old Testament and the Orthodox Christian Church in the New.

Required Reading

- *The Orthodox Study Bible* (Old and New Testaments)

Course Competencies/Learning Objectives

Students will become familiar with:

- The timeline and major events of the Old and New Testaments
- Stories of saints (and sinners) in the Bible, how they point us to Jesus Christ and His Church
- What the Bible stories teach us about God and about ourselves
- How to develop a love for the Scriptures and live as a faithful Christian

Grading/Evaluations

This is a pass/fail course. A "passing" grade will be given based on the following:

- *Attendance.* Students are expected to log in ON TIME, and be present for each class. If a student is unable to participate for any reason, please let me know ahead of time. Students who are absent should watch the recorded video of the class at least before the next session (although live interaction is always better).
- *Assigned readings and weekly quiz.* Each week, I will assign 4-5 chapters of the Bible for personal or family reading, with a brief "open Bible" quiz at the beginning of each class session.
- *Weekly memory verses.* There is great spiritual benefit in committing the Word of God to memory! Each week, I will ask you to memorize a short Bible verse, which will all be listed ahead of time in the posted schedule.

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- *Class participation.* Please be prepared to ask questions, answer questions, and discuss material during class.

What I'm mainly looking for is *active interaction* and *participation*. My desire is for students to learn some basic tools for Bible reading and to develop a love for the Holy Scriptures!

Classroom Expectations

- **Attend each virtual class, and log in on time.** If anyone needs to miss a class session, please let me know ahead of time. Classes will be recorded for later viewing.
- **Keep your camera on.**
- **Come to class prepared to listen, discuss, ask, and answer questions about the assigned Bible readings.**
- **Be honest!** Assigned readings and memory verses will be largely on the “honor system” due to the virtual format.

