

Bible Stories: The Old Testament

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Wednesday, 2:00 PM, ET

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Office Hours: by appointment only.

I. Rationale:

The Bible is the written record of God's action and interaction with his creation. The stories of the Bible show us the uniqueness of Yahweh, the Most High God, as creator and sustainer of all creation, specifically in his love for mankind.

II. Course Aims and Outcomes:

A. Aims

This class is intended to give students a working knowledge of the stories of the Old Testament, which occupy a central place in Orthodox Christian liturgical and personal life.

B. Specific Learning Outcomes

The student will become familiar with the content of the Old Testament, which is historical and theological.

III. Format and Procedures:

The class will consist of the student:

- 1) logging into the classroom in a timely manner,
- 2) listening closely to the stories,
- 3) asking questions about the stories, and
- 4) sharing observations based on the stories.

V. Course Requirements:

1. Prerequisites: The students should be able to listen to the stories.
2. Class attendance and participation policy: Grades are taken entirely based on a student's participation in the class either by asking questions or offering observations based on the stories.

3. There are **no** required texts. Parents may purchase a copy of Children’s Bible Reader published by American Bible Society if they so desire.

VI. Expectations for Parents

- Set aside a calm, quiet, distraction-free space for your child(ren) to work every day.
- Ensure virtual learning equipment is available and charged.
- Establish routines and expectations and a basic schedule for completing classwork.
- Help students ‘own’ their learning.
- Check Edmodo for communications from teachers and help students print off resources that are provided.
- Stay abreast of teacher feedback in the form of grades or other messages.
- Proctor tests, quizzes, or other assessments as scheduled by the teacher. Parents ensure academic integrity because they are on the “live” side of the screen.
- Communicate with teachers regularly via email or Edmodo regarding any questions or issues that arise.
- If your child is having trouble completing work, email teachers to schedule a time for an online meeting.

VII. Grading Procedures

Grades will be weighted on the following scale:

100% class participation. Students will receive their daily grades by:

- 1) Asking questions about the stories or
- 2) Making observations about the stories.

If a student is uncomfortable vocalizing his/her questions or observations, he/she may type them into the class chat.

IX. Tentative Course Schedule

Date	Children’s Bible Reader
August 24	pp. 17-27
August 31	pp. 28-36
September 7	pp. 37-47

September 21	pp. 47-55
September 28	pp. 56-65
October 5	pp. 66-74
October 12	pp. 75-84
October 19	pp. 85-93
October 26	pp. 94-103
November 2	pp. 104-112
November 9	pp. 112-122
November 16	pp. 122-131
November 30	pp. 131-140
December 7	pp. 141-151
December 14	pp. 152-157