

Old Testament Stories

Use the Connect NRSV Bible and The Bible Miniseries. For the younger classes (5-6 grade) we covered one story per category, and then moved to the next category the next week. In the older classes (7-8 grade), the students split up all the stories in a single category and then took turns sharing what they had learned.

Beginning

The Beginning (Genesis 1:1-2:3)

Adam and Eve (Genesis 2:15-3:24)

Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:1-4:16)

The Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-11:9)

BONUS: The Flood (Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13)

Abraham

God's Covenant with Abram (Genesis 12:1-9, 17:1-8)

The Three Visitors (Genesis 18:1-18:15)

Hagar and Ishmael Sent Away (Genesis 21:8-21:21)

Abraham Tested (Genesis 22:1-22:19)

BONUS: Sodom and Gomorrah Destroyed (Genesis 19:15-19:29)

Jacob

Jacob and Esau (Genesis 25:19-25:34)

Jacob Gets Isaac's Blessing (Genesis 27:1-27:40)

Jacob Marries Leah and Rachel (Genesis 29:14-29:30)

Jacob Wrestles at Peniel (Genesis 32:22-32:32)

BONUS: Isaac and Rebekah (Genesis 24)

Joseph

Joseph and His Brothers (Genesis 37:1-11, 12-28)

The Cupbearer and Baker (Genesis 40:1-15, 16-23)

Pharaoh's Dreams (Genesis 41:14-30)

Joseph's Brothers Go Down to Egypt (Genesis 45:1-15)

Moses

The Birth of Moses (Exodus 1:8-2:10)

Moses and the Burning Bush (Exodus 3:1-3:15)

The Ten Plagues (Exodus 7:6-11:10)

The Passover (Exodus 12)

Wilderness #1

Crossing the Red Sea (Exodus 14:1-4, 21-27)

Water in the Wilderness (Exodus 17:1-7)

Manna and Quail (Exodus 16:1-21)

Moses at Mount Sinai (Exodus 20:1-21)

Wilderness #2

The Golden Calf (Exodus 32:1-20)
The Tabernacle (Exodus 40:1-33)
Exploring Canaan (Numbers 13:25-14:12)
The Bronze Serpent (Numbers 21:1-9)
BONUS: Balaam's Donkey (Numbers 22:21-38)

Joshua

Joshua to Succeed Moses (Deuteronomy 31:1-8)
The Death of Moses (Deuteronomy 34:1-12)
Crossing the Jordan (Joshua 3:1-17)
The Fall of Jericho (Joshua 5:13—15, 6:1-7, 6:15-21)

Judges

Deborah (Judges 4:1-16)
Gideon Tests God (Judges 6:11-24, 6:36-40)
Gideon Defeats the Midianites (Judges 7:1-7, 7:19-21)
Samson and Delilah (Judges 16:1-5, 16:18-30)

Ruth

Naomi and Her Daughters in Law (Ruth 1:1-22)
Ruth Meets Boaz (Ruth 2:1-23)
Ruth and Boaz at the Threshing Floor (Ruth 3:1-18)
The Marriage of Ruth and Boaz (Ruth 4:1-21)

Samuel/Saul

The Lord Calls Samuel (1 Samuel 3:1-18)
Israel asks for a King (1 Samuel 8)
Samuel Anoints Saul (1 Samuel 9:27-10:8, 10:17-19)
Samuel Anoints David (1 Samuel 16:1-13)

Saul/David

David in Saul's Service (1 Samuel 16:14-23)
David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17)
Saul Tries to Kill David (1 Samuel 19)
David Spares Saul's Life (1 Samuel 24, 26)

David #2

David Becomes King (2 Samuel 5:1-5:12)
David and Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11)
Nathan Rebukes David (2 Samuel 12:1-12:15)
Absalom's Death (2 Samuel 18)

Solomon

- David Makes Solomon King (1 Kings 1:11-1:40)
- A Wise Ruling (1 Kings 3:16-28)
- Solomon Builds a Temple (1 Kings 6)
- The Queen of Sheba Visits Solomon (1 Kings 10:1-10:13)

Elijah

- Elijah Fed by Ravens (1 Kings 17:1-17:7)
- The Widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17:8-17:16)
- Elijah on Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18:16-18:46)
- The Lord Appears to Elijah (1 Kings 19:1-16)

Elijah/Elisha

- Naboth's Vineyard (1 Kings 21)
- Ahab Killed at Ramoth Gilead (1 Kings 22:29-40)
- Elijah Taken Up to Heaven (2 Kings 2:1-12)
- Naaman Healed of Leprosy (2 Kings 5)
- BONUS: Elisha's Miracles (2 Kings 2:13-25)

Daniel

- Nebuchadnezzar's Dream (Daniel 2)
- The Image of Gold and the Fiery Furnace (Daniel 3)
- The Writing on the Wall (Daniel 5)
- Daniel in the Den of Lions (Daniel 6)

Isaiah/Jeremiah

- Isaiah's Commission (Isaiah 6:1-8)
- Isaiah's Prophecy (Isaiah 9:1-7)
- Jehoiakim Burns Jeremiah's Scroll (Jeremiah 36)
- Jeremiah Thrown into a Cistern (Jeremiah 38:1-38:13)

Jonah/Ezekiel

- Jonah Tries to Run Away from God (Jonah 1-2)
- The Conversion of Ninevah (Jonah 3)
- Jonah's Anger (Jonah 4)
- The Valley of the Dry Bones (Ezekiel 37:1-37:14)

Ezra/Nehemiah

- Rebuilding the Temple (Ezra 3:7, 10-13)
- Nehemiah Returns to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 2:1-2:18)

Esther

Esther Becomes Queen (Esther 2:5-18)

Haman Undertakes to Destroy the Jews (Esther 3:12-4:17)

Esther Agrees to Help Her People (Esther 5:1-5:8)

Esther Saves Her People (Esther 7:1-10)

Job

Job and His Family (Job 1)

Attack on Job (Job 2)

God Answers Job (Job 38:1-18)

Job is Humbled and Satisfied (Job 42:1-6, 10-11, 16-17)

Psalms

Trees By Streams of Water (Psalm 1)

The Lord is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)

Have Mercy on Me, O God (Psalm 51)

You Have Searched Me and Know Me (Psalm 140)

Ecclesiastes

The Futility of Seeking Wisdom (Ecclesiastes 1:12-1:18)

Wisdom and Joy Given to One Who

Pleases God (Ecclesiastes 2:12-26)

Everything Has Its Time (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

Take Life as It Comes (Ecclesiastes 9)