

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 Bathsheeba (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)