

SYLLABUS: GREAT ADVENTURE STORYBOOK PART 1 - GRADE 5

Blessed Sacrament - St Edward - St Joseph

COURSE OVERVIEW

The foundation for everything we believe as Catholics springs from salvation history, the “big story” found in the Bible. If God’s children do not know this amazing story, they will not understand their place within it. If a biblical foundation is not built in the hearts of our children, the sacramental life of the Church – especially the Liturgy – will not be seen in light of the whole story. What meaning is there in the Creed or the sacraments if their role in salvation history is not understood? (from the Foreword of Great Adventure Storybook)

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The overall goals and objectives of this course are to help the students 1) to know, understand, and integrate Catholic beliefs, 2) to know how the church worships through full, active, and conscious participation in liturgy, 3) to recognize, understand, and express that each person is called as a disciple of Jesus to love, forgive, and serve others, 4) to learn to pray the way Jesus did: adoration, praise, thanksgiving, filial confidence, supplication, and awe, 5) to experience community life as an apprenticeship of faith which cultivates values, relationships, and ecumenical dialogue, and 6) to become disciples of Christ, present in society, and be able to witness their faith.

TEXTS

1. Ascension Press: The Great Adventure Storybook (Abbreviated GAS)
2. Saint Mary's Press: THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S BIBLE. 2013. (Abbreviated CCB)

PARENT'S ROLE

Since faith is caught, not taught, the role of parents in the faith formation of their children is crucial. We, the faith community can teach them about their faith but you, the parents, are the primary teachers. Your interest in their RE classes and you working with them on their reading assignments is irreplaceable.

Every week start your lesson with the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday and short discussion on the reading. This will help you to hear the New Testament while you are focusing your studies on the Old Testament and tie the two together. We want the students to understand how the New Testament fulfills the Old!

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE

WK	TOPIC	READING	DESIRED LEARNING OUTCOME
1	Chapter 1: Introduction	GAS p viii-7	Understand/navigate the Bible Recognize the list of Old and New Testament books

			<p>Recognize that the Bible is the primary way God reveals Himself</p> <p>Know that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and not a book of historical or scientific facts</p>
2	Chapter 2: Our 1 st Parents	<p>GAS p 9-13</p> <p>CCB Gen 1-3</p>	<p>Tell the Creation Story</p> <p>Explain Original Sin</p>
3	Chapter 3: God's Family Grows	<p>GAS p 15-18</p> <p>CCB (see reading checklist GAS p 15)</p>	<p>Explain the Hebrew Covenant</p>
4	Chapter 4: God Chooses Abraham	<p>GAS p 21-25</p> <p>CCB (see reading checklist GAS p 21)</p>	<p>Trust in God</p> <p>Sacrifice</p>
5	Chapter 5: God Blesses Issac, Jacob, and Joseph	<p>GAS p 27-33</p> <p>CCB (see reading checklist GAS p 27)</p>	<p>Blessings from God</p> <p>God's plan for our lives</p>
6	Chapter 6: God Delivers the Israelites from slavery	<p>GAS p 35-41</p> <p>CCB (see reading checklist GAS p 35)</p>	<p>Explain covenant in Ex 6:5-7</p>
8	Advent Lesson		<p>Explain the Seasons of the Church year</p>
9	Christmas Lesson/ Penance preparation	<p>Examination of Conscience for Children (Handout)</p>	<p>Describe an examination of conscience.</p>

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10	Chapter 7: God Forms the Israelite Nation	GAS p 43-47 CCB (see reading list GAS p 43)	Identify the 10 Commandments and Beatitudes Recognize Works of Mercy (spiritual and corporal)
11	Chapter 8: The Israelites Follow God in the Desert	GAS p 49-55 CCB (see reading list GAS p 49)	Explain the meaning of God's Grace
13	Chapter 9: The Israelites Enter the Promise Land	GAS p 57-61 CCB (see reading list GAS p 57)	Explain the role and responsibilities of the Priest Promises we make to God How God works through us to accomplish His will
14	Chapter 10: The Judges Lead the Israelite Tribes	GAS p 63-69 CCB (see reading list GAS p 63)	How do you make yourself right with God after you sin Describe distractions from following God's law
15	Lenten Lesson		
17	Chapter 11: The Israelites Ask for a King	GAS p 71-75 CCB (see reading list GAS p 71)	Give examples of how you can spend time with God during your day to listen for His voice What does it mean to obey God's law
18	Chapter 12: God Builds a House	GAS p 77-81 CCB (see reading checklist GAS p 77)	How do you show God you are sorry when you make a bad choice
19	Easter Lesson/Catch up Day		Discuss the Sacrament of the Eucharist as an action in which we give thanks, receive Jesus and remember His life, death, and resurrection, and are sent to be Christ to others