

Middle School

Lesson 1– The Bible

Parents, the best way for a child to learn something is repetition, repetition, repetition.

REMEMBER: *Items in RED and with Check Marks are required and will be used for weekly attendance.*

Activity	Link/Activity
Videos	<p>Watch the following short videos to build background knowledge of today's discussions.</p> <p>What is the Bible? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bKZoWiY5crs</p> <p>How do we read the Bible? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jpj9ICwk5KI</p> <p>Why read the Bible? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TFzSYmM1mLI</p>
Discussion	<p>The Bible isn't just "one book", it is several books, stories, songs put together, so we have everything we need in one place.</p> <p>The Bible is divided into two parts – Old Testament and the New Testament Within each Testament there different books or chapters.</p> <p>The Catholic Bible contains seven books of the Old Testament not contained in the Protestant Bible.</p> <p>Download and discuss this article Bible 101: A Basic Introduction to the Word of God https://www.smp.org/dynamicmedia/files/d3ca30309230a76ec1dd3a5fe33bc666/TX001000_1-content-Bible_101.pdf</p> <p>Article "The Book of Psalms" https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/scripture-and-tradition/scripture/the-book-of-psalms/</p>
Vocabulary	Testament, Scripture, Bible, Writings, Gospel, letters, Psalms

Activity	<p>Books of the Bible printable bookmark -- you can color code the different books of the bible (ie. Gospels, Acts, Letters, Revelations) (Required to turn in for attendance purposes)</p> <p>✓ http://www.coloringcastle.com/pdfs/bookmarks/books_of_the_bible_C.pdf</p> <p>Free online version of the Bible http://www.catholic-bible.org/</p>
Saint of the Week	<p>Discuss what a Saint is</p> <p>Saints are heroes of the Catholic faith. They lived their lives in holiness, dedicated to serving God and spreading his message. Saints serve as examples for all Catholics, show us how to lead a more satisfying, more spiritual life with God. There are over 10,000 Saints. Each saint's history is a fascination one. They lived in different places and times in history, but they all share a love of God. Each week we'll learn about a different saint.</p> <p>Video "How Does the Catholic Church Declare Official Saints?" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UGRdpRJWYA</p>
Summary	<p>The Bible is like a library of books that is divided into two parts: the Old Testament (before Jesus) and the New Testament (after Jesus' birth). Each of the Testaments are divided into different "chapters". A saint is a hero of the Catholic faith, there are over 10,000 saints.</p>
Ending Prayer	<p>Review how to do the sign of the cross.</p> <p>Prayer: Dear Lord, Thank you, God, for creating me and caring for me. Thank you for giving me all the people who care for me. Let me show my gratitude by caring for all people and things that you have created. Amen</p>