

Exploring God's Word



Curriculum OUTLINE

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YEAR ONE

Old Testament 1: Part 1—Exploring God’s World

1. Learning About God’s Book
2. Exploring the Universe: Days 1,2,3, and 4 of the Creation Week;
The Creation of Land and Sea (Day 3)
3. Exploring the World of Plants: Day 3 of Creation
4. Exploring the Sea and the World of Birds: Day 5 of Creation
5. God Created All the Animals—Even the Dinosaurs! Day 6 of Creation
6. Were There “Prehistoric” Men? Adam, The First Man
7. Exploring the Wonders of the Human Body

Old Testament 1: Part 2—Bible Firsts

8. First Sin
 9. First Family
 10. First Murder
 11. First Man to be Taken by God to Paradise Without Dying
 12. First Shipbuilder (Recorded in Scripture)
 13. First Skyscraper
- Bonus: God: The One and Only

Old Testament 2: Part 1—Abraham Map Study

1. Ur: God Calls Abram—God’s Promises to Abram
2. Jordan River Valley: Abram Is Unselfish Toward Lot
3. Sodom and Gomorrah: Lot is in Bad Company
4. Mamre: Promise of a Son—A Son is Born
5. Mount Moriah: Abraham Offers Isaac
6. Nahor: The Search for Isaac’s Wife

Old Testament 2: Part 2—ISRAEL

7. Isaac the Peacemaker
8. Sharing: Jacob and Esau
9. Rebellion: Jacob Deceives His Father; Jacob’s Dream
10. Arranged Marriages to Leah and Rachel
11. Enlarged Family (The 12 Sons of Jacob); An Agreement Between Jacob and Laban
12. Love and Forgiveness: Jacob and Esau Meet Again
13. The Suffering of Job

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New Testament 1: Part 1—Early Life of Christ

1. Messianic Prophecy
2. Jesus' Birth: Announcement to Mary; Birth in Bethlehem; Escape to Egypt
3. Jesus' Family and Family Tree
4. Jesus' Boyhood: Visit to the Temple in Jerusalem; Schooling; Learning a Trade
5. John the Baptizer: Birth to Early Ministry
6. Jesus' Baptism and Temptations
7. Jesus Chooses Twelve Apostles

New Testament 1: Part 2—The Sermon on the Mount

8. Beatitudes
9. Be Careful What You Think
10. The Model Prayer
11. God's Care for Us; Our Commitment to Him
12. Be Careful about Being Judgmental, Critical, and Prejudiced
13. Listen and Obey: The Wise and Foolish Builders

New Testament 2: Part 1—Miracles Show Jesus' Great Power

1. The Wedding at Cana
2. Jesus Heals Ten Lepers
3. Jesus Calms a Storm
4. Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead
5. Jesus Heals a Woman with an Issue of Blood, Raises Jairus' Daughter
6. Jesus Feeds the Multitudes (the 5,000 and the 4,000)

New Testament 2: Part 2—Jesus the Master Teacher

7. The Cleansing of the Temple
8. The Samaritan Woman at Jacob's Well
9. Zacchaeus
10. The Parable of the Prodigal Son
11. The Parable of the Good Samaritan
12. The Parable of the Talents
13. Review

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Old Testament 3: Part 1—Joseph

1. Joseph the Dreamer Sold into Slavery
2. Joseph in Egypt Punished for Choosing to Do Right
3. Joseph Interprets Dreams for the Baker, Butler, and Pharaoh
4. Joseph Prepares Egypt for Famine
5. Jacob’s Family Moves to Egypt
6. The Land of Egypt: Its Prominence and Importance in the Ancient World and Its Religions

Old Testament 3: Part 2—Moses

7. The Birth of Moses
8. Moses Flees to Midian: God Calls from the Burning Bush
9. Moses and Aaron Before Pharaoh: the Ten Plagues
10. The First Passover and the Exodus
11. God Provides Food and Water for His People
12. Moses Needs Help
13. Love the Lord Your God and Your Neighbor As Yourself

Old Testament 4: Part 1—God’s People in the Desert

1. The Ten Commandments
2. The Golden Calf
3. Building the Tabernacle
4. Nadab and Abihu
5. Twelve Spies Sent into Canaan
6. Korah Leads a Rebellion Against God; Aaron’s Rod Comes to Life
7. Moses Strikes the Rock at Meribah; The Bronze Serpent

Old Testament 4: Part 2—Joshua Leads God’s People

8. Balaam
 9. Moses’ Death; Joshua Becomes Leader of the Israelites
 10. The Battle of Jericho and Rahab
 11. Battle of Ai; Achan’s Sin
 12. Joshua and the Gibeonites
 13. Division of the Promised Land and Caleb’s Reward
- Bonus: Joshua’s Final Instructions and Warnings

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New Testament 3: Part 1—The Apostles

1. Twelve Things to Remember about the Apostles
2. Jesus Chose Matthew
3. Andrew Brought His Brother to Jesus
4. Jesus Chose Four fishermen; Three Became His “Inner Circle”
5. Thomas the Doubter
6. Judas and Matthias

New Testament 3: Part 2—New Testament Teams

7. Paul and Barnabas
8. Paul and Silas
9. Aquila and Priscilla
10. Lois and Eunice
11. Mary and Martha
12. Peter and John
13. Review

New Testament 4: Part 1—Disciples of the Early Church

1. Beginning of the Church
2. Ananias and Sapphira
3. Special Men for a Special Service
4. Stephen
5. Simon the Sorcerer
6. Philip Teaches the Ethiopian

New Testament 4: Part 2—Lessons from Peter

7. The Apostle Peter
8. Peter Heals Aeneas and Raises Dorcas
9. Peter and Cornelius
10. Peter Imprisoned Again
11. Following Jesus Through Godly Living
12. Following Jesus in Times of Persecution
13. Review

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Old Testament 5: Part 1—Israel’s Cycle of Disobedience; the Time of the Judges

1. Review of Israelites’ Conquest of Canaan; Division of Land Under Leadership of Joshua
2. Purpose of the Judges; Overview of Lesser Known Judges
3. Deborah and Barak
4. Gideon
5. Samson’s Early Life
6. Samson and Delilah; His Imprisonment and Death
7. Ruth

Old Testament 5: Part 2—Samuel and King Saul

8. Hannah Prays for a Son
 9. God Calls Young Samuel; He Becomes a Great Leader of the Israelites
 10. Saul Chosen to Become First King of Israel
 11. Saul Chooses to Disobey God
 12. Saul’s Jealousy of David; His Many Attempts to Harm David
 13. Saul Seeks Answers from the Woman of Endor
- Bonus: Saul and Sons Die on Mount Gilboa

Old Testament 6: Part 1—David

1. David the Shepherd; Psalm 23
2. David and God Defeat Goliath
3. Falsely Accused by King Saul, David Flees for His Life; His Friendship with Jonathan
4. David Spares Saul’s Life
5. Foolish Nabal and Wise Abigail
6. David is Kind to Mephibosheth
7. David and Bathsheba

Old Testament 6: Part 2—David and Sons

8. David Loves God’s Word: Psalm 119
 9. Absalom
 10. Solomon Becomes King; God’s Promises to Solomon
 11. Great Wisdom of Solomon; Queen of Sheba’s Visit
 12. Solomon’s Temple Built for, and Dedicated to, God
 13. Solomon’s Proverbs about the Tongue
- Bonus: Proverbs 3 and Ecclesiastes 12:13

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New Testament 5: Part 1—Jesus' Ministry

1. Jesus Heals the Man at the Pool of Bethesda
2. The Parable of the Sower
3. Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind
4. The Parables of the Good Shepherd and the Lost Sheep
5. The Widow's Mites and the Rich Young Ruler
6. The Parables of the Persistent Widow and the Publican's Prayer

New Testament 5: Part 2—Jesus' Last Week

7. Mary Anoints Jesus; His Triumphant Entrance into Jerusalem
8. The Last Supper; the Lord's Supper
9. Jesus Prays for His Disciples and for Himself
10. Jesus' Trial and Crucifixion
11. Jesus' Resurrection; His Appearances to the Apostles
12. The Great Commission; Jesus Ascends to Heaven
13. Review

New Testament 6: Part 1—The Apostle Paul

1. Christians are Mistreated; Stephen is Killed
2. Saul of Tarsus Persecutes the Church, then Becomes a Christian
3. Paul Escapes over a City Wall
4. Lydia Becomes a Christian
5. Paul and Silas in Prison; Philippian Jailor Converted
6. Paul Preaches in Athens on Mars Hill

New Testament 6: Part 2—Fruit of the Spirit

7. Love
8. Joy and Peace
9. Long-Suffering
10. Kindness and Goodness
11. Faithfulness and Gentleness
12. Self-control
13. Review

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YEAR FOUR

Old Testament 7: Part 1—The Divided Kingdom

1. The Kingdom of Israel Under Solomon
2. Rehoboam Follows Poor Advice
3. Jeroboam Leads Israel into Sin
4. Good King Asa of Judah
5. God Takes Care of the Prophet Elijah
6. Elijah and the Contest on Mount Carmel
7. Elijah’s Fears and the Still, Small Voice

Old Testament 7: Part 2—The Divided Kingdom

8. Ahab and Naboth’s Vineyard
 9. Elijah Goes to Heaven; Elisha Takes His Place
 10. Elisha Makes Water Pure and Helps a Poor Widow
 11. Shunnamite Woman Helps Elisha; Elisha Raises Her Son from the Dead
 12. Naaman
 13. Syrians Attempt to Capture Elisha
- Bonus: The Prophet Amos

Old Testament 8: Part 1—The Divided Kingdom

14. Joash
15. Jonah’s Mission to Israel’s Enemies
16. King Uzziah
17. King Hezekiah Prays for Guidance
18. Isaiah Encourages Hezekiah When He is Sick
19. Evil King Manasseh Repents
20. Josiah and the Lost Book

Old Testament 8: Part 2—Exile and Post-Exile

21. Daniel and Three Friends in Babylon
 22. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego Stand up for God
 23. Belshazzar’s Feast
 24. Daniel in the Lions’ Den
 25. Esther Saves Her People
 26. Ezra Teaches God’s Law
- Bonus: Nehemiah

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New Testament 7: Part 1—ABCs of ACTS 1-6

1. Chapter 1: Ascension of Jesus; A New Apostle Chosen
2. Chapter 2: Beginning of the Church; Baptism of 3,000
3. Chapter 3: Cripple Cured; Crowd Taught about Christ
4. Chapter 4: Disciples in Jail; Disciples Share
5. Chapter 5: Escape from Prison; No Escape from Lying
6. Chapter 6: Faithful Men Chosen; False Witnesses Against Stephen

New Testament 7: Part 2—ABCs of ACTS 7-12

7. Chapter 7: Great Sermon by Stephen
8. Chapter 8: Horrible Saul; Happy New Christians
9. Chapter 9: Instructed to Change His Life (Saul of Tarsus); Important Woman Raised from the Dead
10. Chapter 10: Journey from Joppa to Teach Cornelius
11. Chapter 11: Kingdom also for Gentiles
12. Chapter 12: Leader Beheaded; Liberated from Prison
13. Review

New Testament 8: Part 1—ABCs of ACTS 13-18

1. Chapter 13: Missionary Journeys of Paul Begin
2. Chapter 14: Not Gods, Just Men
3. Chapter 15: Old Law Not Binding; Other Journey
4. Chapter 16: Philippian Conversions
5. Chapter 17: Questions and Quarrels at “T.B.A.M.” (Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, Mars Hill)
6. Chapter 18: Residing with Friends in Corinth; Reasoning with Apollos

New Testament 8: Part 2—ABCs of ACTS 19-26

7. Chapter 19: Speaking Out Against Witchcraft; Silversmith’s Strike
8. Chapter 20: Terrible Fall in Troas (Eutychus); Tearful Farewell
9. Chapters 21 and 22: Uproar in Jerusalem; Valiant Defense; Valuable Citizenship
10. Chapters 23 and 24: Waiting to Kill Paul; Waiting on Trial; X-treme Charges Against Paul; X-cuses from Felix
11. Chapters 25 and 26: Yet Untried by Caesar; Zealous for God Before Agrippa
12. Chapters 27 and 28: Shipwrecked; Safe on Malta; Imprisoned in Rome
13. Review