

## Grade Six: Lesson 5: All About the Bible

### Lesson Objective:

While the previous lesson emphasizes Sacred Scripture as a way of prayer, this lesson gives the youth an overall introduction to the Bible and the Catholic principles of interpretation. Catechists are encouraged to study CCC 101-141 to review the Church's teaching on principles of interpreting Sacred Scripture. In addition, catechists are encouraged to help the youth appreciate how God has been at work in history to make Himself known to us and to invite us into a relationship with Him. This sets the stage for the study of the Old Testament which will follow in the subsequent lessons.

### Learning Outcomes: Students will ...

- Discuss the Bible as a collection of books, inspired by the Holy Spirit and written by various authors (CCC 106, 136).
- Identify the number of books in the Old and New Testaments.
- Discuss the principles of interpreting Scripture according to the teaching of the Catholic Church (CCC 101-141).
- Narrate and exegete Genesis and Exodus.6.THEO.CRE.3Define the Deposit of Faith as Scripture and Tradition -the source of all Revelation (CCC 81, 84).
- Define tradition as the living transmission of the Church's doctrine, life and worship (CCC 78) and discuss how Catholic tradition and culture are related.

### Supplies Needed:

- Prayer space items, pencils or pens, crayons or markers,
- Copies needed:

### As Students Enter Class:

- Last week we reviewed what is sin and why Jesus died on the cross for you/us.
- Draw or sketch your interpretation of what sin is and why Jesus died on the cross for you. Be ready to share your drawing.

### Beginning of Class:

- Gather students around your prayer space and select one student to pick a traditional catholic prayer or a spontaneous prayer for all of you to pray.

Lesson Order	Implementation Ideas
Lesson 5 Video	<p>This video is .56 in length and reviews that the Bible is the living word of God. We previously learned that we can use Lectio Divina to read the Bible: read, meditate, think, and pray. The Bible is a library of books: 46 in the OT and 27 in the NT. This is a collection of books inspired by the Holy Spirit and written by different people.</p>
The Books of the Bible	<p>This is a longer video (length not available)</p> <p>Highlights: Each and every book in the Bible was written in a different time in history by a different author, who worked with God, through the Holy Spirit, to write down important stories that teach us about our faith.</p> <p>The Bible has a Table of Contents, which is very helpful since there are 73 total books! The two main sections are the Old Testament and the New Testament.</p> <p>The Old Testament is broken down into four sections. It is the ancient part that was written nearly 3,000 years ago and was inherited by our Jewish brothers and sisters in the Faith.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The First 5 books, called the Torah, or Pentateuch, are foundational texts. They explain how God entered into a covenant with them. A covenant is a promise. I will be your God and you will be my people is the covenant God made with the earliest Jewish people.</li> <li>• The next 16 books are called the Historical books and they give the history of the Jewish People and show us</li> </ul>

	<p>how they lived out their covenant with God.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 7 Wisdom books help explain what it means to follow God and live a good life. The authors of the Wisdom books wanted to share wisdom, and messages with their children and others on how to live a good life.</li> <li>• There are 18 Prophetic books, which give messages about the Kingdom of God and what that will look like in its fullness.</li> <li>• Our Jewish brothers and sisters have tremendous reverence for the Old Testament books. They treat the books very carefully and the books are written on scrolls. They do not touch scrolls with bare hands. They wear gloves and use a pointer so as not to ruin the books.</li> </ul> <p>(There are pictures on the video that will help students understand these concepts better).</p> <p>The New Testament was written after Jesus died on the cross and is cherished by those of us who follow Jesus, called Christians. The New Testament has the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 sections called the Gospels – written by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John who were 4 of Jesus's 12 Apostles. These books are the foundational texts for Christians.</li> <li>• 1 Historical Book called Acts: Tells how Jesus's Apostles and Disciples went throughout the world to spread the Good News and teach others above Jesus.</li> <li>• 5 Books of Letters also called Epistles that pass on advice on how to live a life based on the teachings of Jesus.</li> <li>• 1 Prophetic Book called Revelations that explain what the kingdom of God will look like. It is written in a symbolic way and is more difficult to understand.</li> </ul>
Video: Genesis 1:1- Genesis 2:1	This video is 5:49 in length.

<p>Engagement Strategy</p>  <p>Allow students to look in their Bibles to help them with the discussion</p>	<p>Carla reads these passages from the Bible and good visuals are in the background that will help maintain interest and develop understanding. One suggestion: If you would like to read it with students instead of listening to the video, you can mute the video but play it for the visuals.</p> <p>Follow Up Discussion: Consider using your bean bag or other small object that can be passed or lightly tossed around.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What stood out to you as you listened to the story of Creation?</li> <li>2) What did God create first? Last?</li> <li>3) Why do you think God created the world?</li> </ol>
<p>Video: Ways to Read the Bible with Fr. Mike Schmitz</p> <p>This is a thought-provoking video which could prompt some great discussion with your 6<sup>th</sup> graders.</p>	<p>This video is 8:18 in length. Fr. Mike does a great job (as always 😊) explaining the different stages people experience throughout their lives as they read the Bible.</p> <p>Highlights: Many of us are introduced to the Bible as little children and stories from the Bible are read to us. Then as we get older, we may think that the Bible is just some interesting stories. But there is more! The next phase we move into is that we think the Bible is a book of inspirational quotes. But what happens when scripture gets confusing and we don't always feel inspired? We move into a third stage, wherein we read the Bible as a book of answers. We are looking for guidance, answers, and direction. But the Bible is not just an answer book, a story book, or an inspirational book. It is so much more. This is when some may enter into a skeptic phase. Keep the following in mind.</p> <p>Everything in the Bible is true, but it conveys different kinds of truth. Since the Bible contains different genres that all contain truths, it may not always be historically true or literally true, but it is truth. Fr. Mike uses the example of the Good Samaritan story. This parable may not have actually happened. Jesus uses the parable as a way to help people</p>

<p>See attachment at the end of this lesson plan for discussion starters.</p>	<p>of the time period understand the truth of who is our neighbor.</p> <p>Follow up discussion: Allow time for students to ask you questions and share their thoughts.</p>
<p>Why Catholics Use Scripture and Tradition</p>	<p>This video is 12:10 in length. It is another Fr. Mike video 😊</p> <p>Highlights: We often hear the question: Where is that in the Bible? That is the wrong question to ask. The Bible is NOT the only way God reveals Himself to us. We have three ways and all three are necessary for all of Christianity.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Sacred Scripture</li> <li>2) Sacred Tradition</li> <li>3) Magisterium of the Church (teaching office of the church)</li> </ol> <p>Example: Where is purgatory in the Bible?    Answer: It's not in the Bible but it exists because of what Sacred Tradition and the Magisterium tells us.</p> <p>Example: The word Trinity is not in the Bible; however, we know through divine revelation that the Holy Trinity exists.</p> <p>Catholics need and use all 3 of these means to drive our faith.</p> <p>We can apply Biblical principles to modern day experiences; however, we experience things today that were not imagined when the Bible was written. That is why we need the Magisterium!</p>

## Discussion Prompts:

- I can picture how it goes..

- The weird thing about this is..
- This makes me think that ...
- But I wonder ...
- It is important to notice that ...
- This reminds me of ...
- I used to think ... But now
- I'm realizing...