

**SCRIPTURE
ELEMENTARY COURSE OF STUDY
GRADE 4**

GENERAL

Sources and Nature of Scripture

The students will:

- know that the Bible has two major divisions: Old Testament (Hebrew Scripture) and New Testament (Christian Scripture).
- handle the Bible with reverence.
- describe the Bible as the word of God, written by people especially chosen by God and guided by the Holy Spirit.
- know that God uses the stories of the Bible to teach truths.

Location and Identification of Scripture Passages

The student will:

- name the two divisions of the Bible and explain the difference between the two.
- know the number of books in the Old Testament (45) and the number of books in the New Testament (27).
- be able to locate books of the Bible.

Map Skills (to be taught with the appropriate scripture events)

The student will:

- locate on a map: Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem, Judea, Galilee, Samaria, the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River, and the Dead Sea.

Application of Scripture

The students will:

- recognize the Bible as the word of God speaking to us today.
- be able to apply the meaning of a Scriptural passage to present-day life.
- be able to use Scripture as a basis for prayer and reflection.

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OLD TESTAMENT (HEBREW SCRIPTURE)

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The students will:

- know that God's chosen people are the Jews.

Pentateuch

The students will:

- know that God created people and the earth, and everything is good.
- know the story of the Tower of Babel.
- know that Abraham was called to be the father of God's chosen people and he responded with faithfulness.
- be able to identify Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob and Rebecca.
- know the story of the life of Joseph (Old Testament).
- know that Moses, Miriam and Aaron were called to lead God's people.
- become familiar with the Passover story.
- know what the Passover meal was.
- know that Moses received the Ten Commandments (Ex 20: 1-18) from God.

Historical Books

The students will:

- know the story of the call of David, his anointing by Samuel, and his role of soldier and king.

NEW TESTAMENT (CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE)

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The students will:

- know where to locate the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
- know that the Gospel of Mark is the shortest Gospel.

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Gospels: Some Events In The Life Of Jesus

The students will:

- find and read the Infancy Narratives of Luke and Matthew.
- know the story of the finding of the boy Jesus in the Temple (Lk 2: 41-52).
- know two of Jesus' important titles: Lamb of God, Messiah.

Some Important New Testament People

The students will:

- identify important people from the New Testament (Jesus, Mary, Joseph, John the Baptist, the Apostles).
- memorize the names of the twelve Apostles.

Some Miracles

The students will be able to discuss:

- these miracle passages:
 - Blind Bartimeus (Mk. 10: 46-52)
 - Walking on Water (Matt 14:22-33)

Some Parables

The students will:

- know that a parable, as a literary device, is a short, fictitious story that illustrates a moral attitude or religious principle.
- read and discuss this parable:
 - Mustard Seed (Mt. 13:31-32)

Acts of the Apostles

The student will:

- know that Luke wrote the Acts of the Apostles.
- be aware that the Acts of the Apostles tells how the Holy Spirit guided the Church in its early days.
- know the story of the first Pentecost.
- know that Stephen was the first martyr.
- know the story of Paul's call and conversion. (Acts 9:1-19)

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Epistles

The students will:

- know where to locate the Epistles in the New Testament.
- identify the Epistles as letters written to the early Christians.
- know that Paul wrote most of the Epistles.