

Bible Learning Stations

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BIBLE BASICS

How to Find Things in the Bible

The Bible is really a LIBRARY consisting of 73 books.

The Old Testament has 46 books.

The New Testament has 27 books.

The Bible's TABLE of CONTENTS helps us to navigate through the Books of the Bible

First, it helps to know that the names of the Books of the Bible are ABBREVIATED

Give the proper abbreviations for the following Books:

- Deuteronomy Dt
- Isaiah Is
- Amos Am
- Matthew Mt
- First Corinthians 1Cor

Passages in the Bible are identified by BOOK, CHAPTER, and VERSE. In the example **1Pt 2:1-4**, the book is represented by 1Pt, the chapter is represented by 2;, and the verses are represented by 1-4.

With that in mind, find the passage Jn 3:16 in your Bible and write out the verse below:

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE SENT HIS SON SO THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM MIGHT NOT PERISH BUT MIGHT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

Bible Timeline

The events of the Bible represent the story of our SALVATION history over a period of several THOUSAND years.

Some parts of the Bible are considered PRE-HISTORY meaning that the events described cannot be assigned HISTORICAL dates. Some examples include:

CREATION ADAM AND EVE

CAIN AND ABEL THE FLOOD (NOAH'S ARK)

THE TOWER OF BABEL

The Old Testament timeline begins with the story of ABRAHAM in the year 1850 BC.

The Period around 1800 BC is known as the Period of the PATRIARCHS which means "fathers." List some examples:

ISAAC JACOB JOSEPH

The major event that happened around 1280 BC is known as the EXODUS and describes how MOSES led the Jewish people out of slavery in EGYPT to the Promised Land.

Give an example of one of the Judges (1150 BC) GIDEON, SAMSON, DEBORAH, SAMUEL.

The Period of Kings began around the year 1000 BC. The greatest king of Israel was DAVID. The King who built the Temple in Jerusalem was SOLOMON

Give an example of one of the prophets (750 BC) ELIJAH, ISAIAH, JEREMIAH, EZEKIEL.

The Northern Kingdom of Israel fell in the year 721 BC and the Southern Kingdom fell in the year 587 BC beginning the EXILE in Babylon.

A.D. stands for ANNO DOMINI (YEAR OF OUR LORD).

How Catholics Understand the Bible

Give one example of something the Bible tells us that is hard to understand:
CREATION IN 7 DAYS, ADAM LIVED TO BE 930 YRS OLD, NOAH'S ARK, ETC.

Catholics believe that everything in the Bible is TRUE but not necessarily FACT

Give an example of something that is TRUE but not FACT:
IT'S RAINING CATS AND DOGS; MY MOM IS GONNA KILL ME

We say that these are examples of FIGURATIVE language.

Figurative language was used OCCASIONALLY in the Bible, especially in the earliest parts of the OLD TESTAMENT.

So you can learn about creation in SCIENCE class AND RELIGION class. Both teach TRUTH Your science teacher will teach SCIENTIFIC truth and the Bible will teach you RELIGIOUS truth.

We recognize that sometimes numbers used in the Bible (for example, Jesus fasted for 40 days and 40 nights) are SYMBOLIC but that the story teaches us an important TRUTH about our faith.

Your CATECHIST will help you to know when FIGURATIVE language is being used in the Bible. The key is to always ask, "what is the TRUTH that God is teaching me in this Bible story?"

The Bible at Mass

The first major part of the Mass is called the LITURGY of the WORD

On Sunday, the Liturgy of the Word has 3 Scripture readings.

The first Scripture Reading is usually from the OLD Testament.

The second Scripture Reading is taken from the LETTERS of the New Testament.

In between the 1st and 2nd readings, we respond with one of the PSALMS

The third Scripture Reading is from the GOSPEL.

The Scripture readings for the Mass are arranged in a book called the LECTIONARY

Over the course of a 3 year cycle, we hear many stories from the Bible.

Which Gospel do the following cycles draw from:

Cycle A MATTHEW Cycle B MARK Cycle C LUKE

During this current year, which Cycle are we in? B (MARK)

Give an example of a part of the Mass that comes from a Scripture passage:

THE LORD BE WITH YOU, I HAVE GREATLY SINNED, LORD I AM NOT WORTHY, ETC.