

Bible Activities

Parables

- Write a thank you letter to the inn keeper from the parable of the Good Samaritan
- Write down the major events within a parable then draw a picture to illustrate each major event
- Ideate and create the next scene of a parable
- Consider the purpose of a parable E.g. The Sower, The Lost Sheep, The Lost Coin)

Miracles

- Pretend you are conducting a post miracle interview
- Create a picture/art work of a miracle story
- Read miracle stories E.g. Calming The Storm, Water into Wine, Lazarus, Cleansing the Lepers

Infancy Narratives

- Look at Christmas card nativity scenes (e.g. online) and compare and contrast the content
- Find poems written about the infancy narrative
- Write fact files for the Magi's
- Research the unique image of Mary in the infancy narratives
- Consider the role of Joseph in the gospel accounts (Joseph in gospels vs Joseph in Hebrew scriptures)

Passion Narrative

- Draw each station of the cross
- Pretend you are at Jesus trial, choose a role and act it out
- Write some facts and feelings associated with the crucifixion of Jesus
- Write an obituary for Jesus

Gospels

- Pretend you are in a meeting with all the authors of the gospels, consider what the conversation might sound like
- Compare stories of Jesus healing (similarities/differences)
- Write about the life of a character in a gospel
- Write a list of ways Jesus was referred to in the gospels (titles)
- If you were the director of a gospel story consider what you would need – characters, props, scenery etc

The New Testament

- Pretend you are a traveller in Nazareth and write a postcard home
- Create a New Testament timeline
- Compare and contrast New vs Old testament vocabulary
- Choose a character in the New Testament and write a list of reasons they were influential
- Write a newspaper article reporting on an event from the New Testament
- Create a version of Pictionary using bible themes etc (e.g. talents, lamp, crucifix, blind, church)
- Compile a list of questions that you would ask if you were to interview Pontius Pilate

Prophets & Wisdom:

- Search the book of Proverbs and compile a list of wisdom words/sayings
- Write a 'dear diary' entry for an Old Testament character (eg. Moses, Rachel, Eve, King David)
- Write a letter to the prophets of the old testament
- Explore why biblical prophets were called
- Prepare a news bulletin reporting on the lives of the biblical prophets
- Role play a character from the Old Testament (consider: appearance, emotions, speech, reactions, choices)
- Consider problems and possible resolutions (e.g. the dilemma posed to Jonah)
- Create a job application for a prophet

Genesis:

- Investigate a psalm of creation and list the images of creation
- Write your own creation story
- Respond to a biblical reading from Genesis with an art and craft piece
- Illustrate the plot of a biblical story
- Create a film strip graphic of a biblical story
- Create a film review of an imaginary bible story film

Exodus and Covenants:

- Create a torah scroll
- Imagine you are organising a dinner party for guests in biblical times. List the names of guests and explain why you invited these individuals.
- Research the Seder Plate
- Identify the main character in a biblical narrative, then create a web of character relationships. How does the main character feel about the other characters (and vice versa)?
- Identify the range of covenants mentioned in the Hebrew scriptures
- Research and make a mezuzah (sign/door post)

The Old Testament:

- Create a time capsule telling them about Australia at this time
- Use cereal boxes etc to create a library of each biblical book (labelling the spines)
- Research the Temple Mount in Jerusalem
- Choose a role from the Hebrew scriptures and write a job description for the role
- Choose a person for the Old Testament and create a fact file on them
- Create a mind map of your knowledge on the topic of the Old Testament
- Find examples of Jewish festivals in the biblical times and research further meaning, significance etc

Bible Landscapes:

- Make a model of Palestine
- Create a riddle/limerick/joke/knock knock from the places/people of the bible
- Write directions for journeys from Nazareth to Jerusalem, Bethlehem to Egypt, The Nile Delta to Mt Nebo, Dan to Beersheba
- Create a crossword puzzle using the names of significant places mentioned in the bible
- Design an ancient Jewish village 700-1000 people. Take into account criteria such as: water supply, housing, crops, flocks, security
- Rewrite new words to a song using bible lands as the theme
- Create a mind map of your knowledge on the topic of bible lands
- Create a fact sheet on topics related to bible lands
- Design a travel brochure promoting tours of the holy land