

Mustard Seed Series® at a Glance

KINDERGARTEN

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS AND RELATED TOPICS

God Created the World
 Hannah and Samuel
 God Made You Special
 God's House
 Prayer
 The Mustard Seed Parable
 The Widow's Mite
 Jesus Calms a Storm
 Jesus Calls Disciples
 Jesus Heals the Sick and the Blind
 Thanksgiving
 Advent
 Birth of Jesus
 The Christmas Story
 Epiphany
 The Three Wise Men
 Life Stories of Five-Year-Olds Jesus
 Enters Jerusalem
 The Easter Story
The Selfish Giant
 Mother's Day
 God's World in the Spring

Themes Developed from Biblical Text and Related Stories

I Am Special
 My Church Family
 My Family
 God Is with Us
 Giving and Sharing
 Fear and Security
 Friendship
 Loneliness
 Thankfulness
 Differences in People
 Being Different
 Stealing
 Forgiveness
 Love and Responsibility
 Caring for Others

PRIMARY 1 (Grade 1)

OLD TESTAMENT AND RELATED TOPICS

God's World, Creation, Noah's Ark
 Prayer
 Abraham, Sarah and Isaac
 Jacob and Esau
 Joseph
 Thanksgiving

Themes Developed from Readings

Taking Care of God's World
 How Prayer Helps Us
 Trust and Faith in God
 Favoritism and Jealousy
 Forgiveness
 Thankfulness

NEW TESTAMENT AND RELATED TOPICS

Church Seasons
 The Birth of Jesus
 Simeon's Wait
 The Wise Men
 John the Baptist, Baptism
 Jesus' Baptism and Temptations
 Valentine's Day
 Jesus' Parables:

The Tax Collector and the Pharisee,
 The Lost Sheep,
 The Two Sons
 The Good Samaritan

Jesus' Miracles and Jesus' Ministry
 Holy Week Events and Easter
 Pentecost Sunday
 Peter's First Miracle

Themes Developed from Readings

Prayer
 Giving and Receiving
 Faith, Patience and Obedience
 God Loves All of Us
 Jesus Seeks to Save the Lost
 Self-Esteem and Sharing

PRIMARY 2 (Grade 2)

OLD TESTAMENT AND RELATED TOPICS

Moses: Birth, Call, Passover, and Exodus
 Prayer
 Joshua: Crossing the Jordan River,
 The Battle of Jericho
 David and Goliath
 The Wisdom of King Solomon
 Prophets Elijah and Jonah

Themes Developed from Readings

Love and Courage
 Fear and Excuses
 Faith in God
 Prayer
 Selfishness
 Thankfulness

NEW TESTAMENT

Thanksgiving
 Church Seasons
 Birth of Jesus, "Amos's Gift"
 Flight to Egypt

Jesus' Parables:

The Sower, The Rich Man and Lazarus,
 The Two House Builders, The Unmerciful
 Servant

Zaccheus, Valentine's Day
 Palm Sunday and the Widow's Mite
 The Last Supper and Judas' Betrayal
 Arrest and Trial of Jesus
 Crucifixion, Burial and Resurrection
 Paul's Conversion and Ministry

Themes Developed from Readings

Sharing, Greed, and Wickedness
 Fairness, Forgiveness, and Mercy Being
 Different
 Moral Responsibility and Jealousy
 Fear and Sorrow
 Resurrection and New Life

INTERMEDIATE 1 (Grade 3)

OLD TESTAMENT AND RELATED TOPICS

Creation, Adam and Eve
 Cain and Abel
 Noah's Ark, Tower of Babel
 Prayer
 Bible Reference Skills

Themes Developed from Readings

Developing a Relationship with God
 Obedience to God
 Prayer in Time of Crisis
 Pride and Boastfulness

NEW TESTAMENT AND RELATED TOPICS

Thanksgiving and Church Seasons
 Expectations and Birth of Jesus
The Boy Who Stole the Christmas Star
 Jesus' Ministry
 Jesus' Last Days, Crucifixion, Easter
The Happy Prince

Themes Developed from Readings

Givers and Takers
 Attitude, Motivation, and Service
 Victory over Sin and Death

OLD TESTAMENT

God Calls Abraham and Makes a Promise
 Carriers of the Promise:
 Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph

Themes Developed from Biblical Text

Responding to God's Call
 Jealousy Rivalry
 Justice Forgiveness
 Favoritism and Reconciliation
 Fairness and Love

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INTERMEDIATE 2 (Grade 4)

OLD TESTAMENT AND RELATED TOPICS

Review of Genesis Stories
Bible Reference Skills
Moses' Birth, Call, Return to Egypt
The Ten Plagues
Passover and Escape from Egypt

Themes Developed from Biblical Text

Courage
Leadership
Faith and Trust in God
Rivalry between God and Pharaoh

NEW TESTAMENT AND RELATED TOPICS

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
Church Seasons
Messianic Prophecies
Jesus' Birth
The Shoemaker Michael
The Wise Men's Visit
Escape to Egypt
John the Baptist and Jesus' Baptism
Jesus' Temptations in the Wilderness
Discipleship and Opposition to Jesus
How Much Land Does a Person Need?
Jesus' Ministry, Parables, and Miracles
Holy Week Events and Easter
The Other Wise Man
Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Themes Developed from Readings

Good vs. Evil
Self-Interest, Truth and Falsehood
Friendship, Trust, Misplaced Trust
Betrayal, Sin, Repentance, Forgiveness, and Redemption
The Incarnation and the Holy Trinity Resurrection and New Life
Sharing, Temptation, Discipleship, Greed

JUNIOR 1 (Grade 5)

OLD TESTAMENT

Review of Moses through the Exodus
The Ten Commandments
Israelites in the Wilderness
Joshua and the Invasion of Canaan
Judges: Deborah, Gideon, and Samson

Themes Developed from Biblical Text

Faithlessness and Idolatry
Trust and Lack of Trust in God
Holy War
Meaning of the Ten Commandments
Sin, Punishment, Repentance, Forgiveness, Deliverance

NEW TESTAMENT AND RELATED TOPICS

Hope in the Messiah
The Wise Men's Visit
Play: *The Other Wise Man*
Church Seasons
Review of Jesus' Life, Ministry, Death, and Resurrection
The Great Commission
The Early Church: Peter, Stephen, and Paul
Cleon Makes His Choice

Themes Developed from Readings

Belonging
Rejection
Justice
Slavery/Freedom
Fear
Hope and Faith
Love and Hate
Forgiveness
Revenge
Freedom in Jesus Christ
Conversion and Spiritual Transformation
Bravery and Discipleship

JUNIOR 2 (Grade 6)

OLD TESTAMENT

Ruth
Samuel: Israel's Last Judge
Canaanite vs. Israelite Culture
Monarchy and Succession Problems
Cause for the Division of Israel

Themes Developed from Biblical Text

Loyalty and Love
Acceptance, Rejection, and Repentance
Government and Religion
Faith and Wisdom
Friendship and Jealousy

NEW TESTAMENT AND RELATED TOPICS

Elizabeth and Zechariah
Birth of Jesus
A Christmas Carol
Church Seasons
John the Baptist
Jesus' Temptations
Jesus' Ministry and Message
Jesus' Parables and Miracles
Judas' Betrayal
Holy Week Events
Easter and Jesus' Resurrection
Dramatic Monologues

Themes Developed from Readings

Jesus' Mission to the Poor
Love, Compassion, Conversion
Forgiveness and Joy
Good vs. Evil
Discipleship and Christian Responsibility
Choices and Decisions
Eternity and Human Purpose
Fairness and God's Justice
Resurrection and New Life

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SENIORS 1 (Grade 7) PRE-CONFIRMATION 1

OLD TESTAMENT AND RELATED TOPICS

Creation Stories: Biblical/Modern/Scientific
Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel
Noah, Tower of Babel
Abraham, Jacob, and Joseph
Evolution of the Bible

Themes Developed from Readings

Self-Image, Responsibility
Temptation, Sin, and Guilt
Fratricide/
Destruction of Family
Sin, Crime, and Judgment/Punishment
Human Arrogance
Faith and Trust in God
Favoritism, Jealousy, and Rivalry
Dishonesty versus Justice
Forgiveness and Reconciliation

NEW TESTAMENT AND RELATED TOPICS

Church Seasons
Overview of Jewish History
John the Baptist
Incarnation, Life, Ministry, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus
Jesus' Parables and Miracles
The Lord's Prayer
The Great Commission
The Apostles' and Nicene Creeds
Zeffirelli's *Jesus of Nazareth*
The Trinity and the Atonement

Themes Developed from Readings

Temptation, Forgiveness and Repentance
Sacraments
Call to Discipleship
Suffering Servant
Sensitivity to the Supernatural
Power Issues, Unrestrained Evil
Betrayal and Denial
Fulfillment of Prophecy

SENIORS 2 (Grade 8) PRE-CONFIRMATION 2

OLD TESTAMENT

Review of the Book of Genesis
Moses' Birth, Escape, Call, Return
Moses' Leadership and Pharaoh's Resistance
Israelites' Escape from Egypt, Passover
Complaints in the Wilderness
The Ten Commandments, the Golden Calf
Invasion of the Promised Land, the Book of Judges
Kings Saul, David, and Solomon
The Division of the Kingdom
Church Seasons and Their Purpose
The Rise of Prophets and Their Purpose
Prophets: Elijah, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Jeremiah

Themes Developed from Readings

Enslavement and Deprivation
Idolatry, Fear, Anxiety, Excuses
Faith, Trust, Commitment
Faithlessness/Punishment/ Repentance/Deliverance
Power Issues and Struggles
Revenge and Justice

NEW TESTAMENT AND RELATED TOPICS

Review of Jesus' Ministry, Death, and Resurrection
Fulfillment of Old Testament Prophecies
The Book of Acts and Some Epistles
The Formation of the Early Church
Problems Confronting the Early Church
Influence of Greek, Roman, and Jewish Cultures
Church History to 500 A.D.

Themes Developed from Readings

Authenticity
Social Issues, Religious Persecution
Repentance, Forgiveness, Judgment
Punctured Equilibrium
New Visions and New Understandings of God

CONFIRMATION (Grade 9) *LIVING THE FAITH*

BIBLICAL STUDIES AND RELATED TOPICS

Ecclesiastes, Psalms and Proverbs
Prophets: Jeremiah, Isaiah, Nehemiah, Ezra, and Jonah
Maccabees and Daniel
Job
The Gospels
Gospel Birth Narratives
Incarnation and Trinity
Use of Metaphor, Sign, and Symbol
Jesus' Message, Ministry, Crucifixion, and Resurrection
Jesus' Parables and Miracles
Sermon on the Mount
Epistles
Meaning, Interpretation, and Purpose of Scripture

Themes Developed from Readings

Life's Cycles and Questions:

Vanity and Toil, Life Apart from God
True and False Prophets, Cults
Self-Understanding, Atonement
Discipleship, Sin and Expiation
Forgiveness and Healing

Life and Death Issues:

Cruelty, Suffering, Persecution, Death
Martyrdom, Abortion, Rebellion, Endings
Exile, New Beginnings, Idolatry
Judgment Day, Salvation, Eternal Life
Despair and Hope

Cultural and Religious Conflicts
New Visions and New Understandings of God

ADDITIONAL STUDIES

Prayer, Sacraments, Worship, Stewardship
Church History from 500 A.D. to Present
Christian Identity, Discipleship, and Responsibilities
Church Membership
History of the Bible
Church Seasons
Complexities of the Faith

This program lends itself to Retreats, Mentor Programs and Adult Education.