

Week 5: The Old Testament

Old Testament: (See canvas scroll)

- The books of the Old Testament are divided into sections: “the Law” (or Pentateuch), Historical Books, Books of Wisdom, and the Prophets (Point to scroll to explain these sections and the books in each section)
- There are a total of 49 books in the Old Testament
- GOA 4th Grade Textbook: “the Old Testament promises a Savior, who is Christ” (Write on the white board for students)

The Law:

- First five books of the Old Testament
- Describes God’s creation of this world, the rebellion of Adam and Eve, and the fall of man.
- Moses wrote these books of the Bible
- Genesis means “Beginning” (What happens in Genesis? God created the world. We also learn about the beginning of man and woman.)
- Exodus means “Exit” or “Departure” (What happened in Exodus? The Hebrew people were freed from slavery and traveled out of Egypt to the promised land.)
- Deuteronomy means “Second Law”

Books of History (or Historical Books):

- Tells the history of God’s people from the time they settled in Canaan to shortly before Christ was born

Books of Wisdom:

- What does “wisdom” mean? (Wisdom is the knowledge of what is true or right.)
- What do you think these books of the Bible offer us then?

- Did you know that the Psalms make up a large part of all of our church services?
- Who predominantly wrote the book of Psalms? (King David)
- Read the story of David and Goliath (Read Children's Bible Reader: pages 126-132)

The Prophets:

- What does prophet mean? (A prophet is one who speaks for God. This is usually used in reference to people in the Old Testament.)
- Divided into major and minor prophets
- The major prophets were not necessarily more important than the minor prophets. The major prophets had longer books than the minor prophets. (*A Lamp to My Feet Zine*)

Activity:

- Do you know the sections of the Old Testament? (Mix up each of the four printouts of the sections of the Old Testament provided with this lesson outline. Ask four students to come forward and hand each of them one of the printouts with one section of the Old Testament. Ask them to rearrange themselves in order to put the sections of the Old Testament into the correct order.)

"the Law" or Pentateuch

Books of the Old Testament in this section:

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

Books of History

Books of the Old Testament in this section:

Joshua

Judges

Ruth

1 Kingdoms

2 Kingdoms

3 Kingdoms

4 Kingdoms

1 Chronicles

2 Chronicles

1 Ezra

2 Ezra

Nehemiah

Tobit

Judith

Esther

1 Maccabees

2 Maccabees

3 Maccabees

Books of Wisdom

Books of the Old Testament in this section:

Psalms

Job

Proverbs

Ecclesiastes

Song of Songs

Wisdom of Solomon

Wisdom of Sirach

The Prophets

Books of the Old Testament in this section:

Minor Prophets:

Hosea

Amos

Micah

Joel

Obadiah

Jonah

Nahum

Habakkuk

Zephaniah

Haggai

Zechariah

Malachi

Major Prophets:

Isaiah

Jeremiah

Baruch

Lamentations of

Jeremiah

Epistle of

Jeremiah

Ezekiel

Daniel