

# **The Bible—The Story of God’s Faithfulness:**

## **A Survey of the Old Testament**

### **Scope & Sequence**

#### **Unit 1: Introduction to the Course**

This unit introduces the students to the Old Testament (also referred to Hebrew Scripture) by reviewing what the students already know from prior classes or experience. The unit also reviews the major persons, places and events of Hebrew Scripture.

Session 1. Getting Acquainted

Session 2. Getting Acquainted with the People of the Hebrew Scriptures

#### **Unit 2: Creating Faithfulness**

This unit begins at the beginning, looking at the primeval stories in Genesis that were the foundation of Abraham and Sarah's faith. The students will compare the two creation stories and review the remaining stories in the first eleven chapters of Genesis, including Adam and Eve, Noah and the Tower of Babel.

Session 3. The Faith Stories of Abraham and Sarah

Session 4. Stories of God and the Beginnings

#### **Unit 3: A Faithful Family**

This unit begins the history of the people of God with the story of Abraham and Sarah. The unit continues through the book of Genesis focusing on Isaac, and Jacob and Esau. The unit ends with the story of Joseph and how the people of God ended up in Egypt.

Session 5. Abraham and Sarah

Session 6. Isaac and Rebekah

Session 7. Jacob and Esau

Session 8. Joseph in Egypt

#### **Unit 4: A Faithful God**

This unit focuses on the story of the exodus of the Hebrew people from Egypt, beginning with Moses' call. The unit traces the journey of the people through the wilderness to the Promised Land. It introduces the students to Joshua and the conquest of Canaan. The unit also tells the story of Ruth, tying this unit to the story of King David.

Session 9. The Call of Moses

Session 10. Moses and Aaron

- Session 11. Signs and Wonders
- Session 12. Covenant and Law
- Session 13. Entering the Promised Land
- Session 14. Faithfulness in a foreign Culture
- Session 15. A Review of the People of God
- Session 16. A Non-Jewish Ancestor of David

### **Unit 5: Judges and Kings**

This unit introduces the students to the time of judges and kings. The first session focuses on the twelve judges of Israel and sets the scene for Samuel and the people's desire for a king. The following sessions focus on the rise of the kings from Saul to Solomon.

- Session 17. The Judges of Israel
- Session 18. Samuel and the First King
- Session 19. King David
- Session 20. King Solomon

### **Unit 6: Special Writings**

This unit takes a break from the history of the Hebrew people to focus on special writings found in Hebrew Scripture: Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Job. The students learn about the different types of Psalms and the variety of wisdom literature found in Scripture.

- Session 21. Psalms
- Session 22. Wisdom Writings
- Session 23. Job

### **Unit 7: A Divided Kingdom**

This unit begins with a review session about the rulers of Israel, drawing the students back to the history. The students also learn about the division into a Northern (Israel) and Southern (Judah) Kingdom. They will also be introduced to the prophets of the time leading up to the fall of Jerusalem. Special attention is given to the prophets Elijah, Elisha, Amos, Isaiah and Jeremiah.

- Session 24. A Review Session
- Session 25. Two Kings for God's People
- Session 26. Three Prophets
- Session 27. Amos, Shepherd and Prophet
- Session 28. Isaiah and King Hezekiah
- Session 29. Jeremiah

## **Unit 8: To Babylon and Back Again**

This unit recounts the exile to Babylon and the return to Israel. This brief unit focuses on Ezekiel as the spokesperson for God to those in exile. A look at the books of Ezra and Nehemiah concludes the history of the Israelites as recorded in Scripture with the restoration of Jerusalem.

Session 30. Ezekiel

Session 31. Ezra and Nehemiah, Priest and Ruler

## **Unit 9: Review**

This unit reviews the entire survey course. It also includes optional sessions for Christmas and Easter, which focus on how Hebrew Scripture is connected to the story of Jesus' birth, death and resurrection.

Session 32. Review—Part 1

Session 33. Review—Part 2

Session 34. Christmas

Session 35. Easter