

GRADE 5 – 8: OLD TESTAMENT SUNDAY SCHOOL MEMORY WORK 2016-2017

Week 1: Creation; Adam and Eve in Paradise

Assign on September 11, 2016 & Recite on September 18, 2016

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| Grade 5-8 | Genesis 1:1 - In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. |
| Grade 5-8 | Psalms 139: 14 - I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well. |
| Grade 5-8 | 1st Article - I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. <i>What does this mean?</i> I believe that God made me and every creature, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my mind and all my abilities. And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all that I need to keep my body and life, and by defending me against all danger and guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true. |

Week 2: Fall into Sin; Cain and Abel

Assign on September 18, 2016 & Recite on September 25, 2016

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| Grade 5-8 | Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. |
| Grade 5-8 | Galatians 4:4-5 - When the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. |
| Grade 5-8 | 2 nd Article - And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. <i>What does this mean?</i> I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true. |

Week 3: Flood; Curse of Canaan/Tower of Babel

Assign on September 25, 2016 & Recite on October 2, 2016

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| Grade 5-8 | Ephesians 2:8-9 - For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast. |
| Grade 5-8 | Mark 16:16 - Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. |
| Grade 5-8 | Baptism 1 - Baptism is not just plain water, but it is water used by God's command and connected with God's Word. <i>Which is that Word of God?</i> Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!" |

Week 4: Call of Abram; Abram's Faith**Assign on October 2, 2016 & Recite on October 9, 2016**

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| Grade 5-8 | Romans 10:17 - Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ. |
| Grade 5-8 | 1 Corinthians 12:3 - No one can say, "Jesus is Lord", except by the Holy Spirit. |
| Grade 5-8 | 9 th Commandment - You shall not covet your neighbor's house. <i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house or obtain it by false claims, but do all we can to help him keep it. |
| Grade 7-8 | 10 th Commandment - You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his workers or his animals or anything that belongs to your neighbor. <i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God that we do not force or entice away from our neighbor his wife, workers, or animals, but urge them to stay and do their duty. |

Week 5: Sodom and Gomorrah; Offering of Isaac**Assign on October 9, 2016 & Recite on October 16, 2016**

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| Grade 5-8 | Hebrews 11:1 - Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. |
| Grade 5-8 | Isaiah 55:8 - "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," declares the Lord. |
| Grade 5-8 | 4 th Commandment - Honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth. <i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God that we do not dishonor or anger our parents and others in authority, but honor, serve, and obey them, and give them love and respect. |
| Grade 7-8 | 1 st Commandment - You shall have no other gods. <i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. |

Week 6: Isaac's Marriage; Isaac Blesses His Children**Assign on October 16, 2016 & Recite on October 23, 2016**

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| Grade 5-8 | Ephesians 4:32 - Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. |
| Grade 5-8 | Matthew 15:19 - For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. |
| Grade 5-6 | 3 rd Petition - Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. <i>What does this mean?</i> God's good and gracious will certainly is done without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also. |
| Grade 7-8 | 3 rd Petition - Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. <i>What does this mean?</i> God's good and gracious will certainly is done without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also. <i>How is God's will done?</i> God's will is done when he breaks and defeats every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh, which try to prevent us from keeping God's name holy and letting his kingdom come. And God's will is done when he strengthens and keeps us firm in his Word and in the faith as long as we live. This is his good and gracious will. |

Week 7: Jacob's Ladder; Jacob and Laban**Assign on October 23, 2016 & Recite on October 30, 2016**

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| Grade 5-8 | Matthew 10:37 - Anyone who loves his father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. |
| Grade 5-8 | Matthew 6:33 - Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given you as well. |
| Grade 5-8 | Address to the Lord's Prayer - Our Father who art in heaven. <i>What does this mean?</i> With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that he is our true Father and that we are his true children, so that we may pray to him as boldly and confidently as dear children ask their dear father. |

Week 8: Jacob's Return; Joseph and his Brothers**Assign on October 30, 2016 & Recite on November 6, 2016**

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| Grade 5-8 | 2 Timothy 4:18 - The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom. |
| Grade 5-8 | Proverbs 1:10 - My son, if sinners entice you, do not give in to them. |
| Grade 5-8 | 5 th Commandment - You shall not murder. <i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and be a friend to him in every bodily need. |
| Grade 7-8 | 9 th Commandment - You shall not covet your neighbor's house. <i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house or obtain it by false claims, but do all we can to help him keep it. |

Week 9: Joseph in Egypt; Joseph before Pharaoh**Assign on November 6, 2016 & Recite on November 13, 2016**

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| Grade 5-8 | 1 Corinthians 10:31 - So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. |
| Grade 5-8 | 1 Corinthians 10:13 - God is faithful, who will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear, but with the temptation will also make a way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. |
| Grade 5-8 | 6 th Commandment - You shall not commit adultery. <i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God that we lead a pure and decent life in words and actions, and that husband and wife love and honor each other. |
| Grade 7-8 | 2 nd Commandment - You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God. <i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God that we do not use his name to curse, swear, lie or deceive, or use it superstitiously, but call upon God's name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks. |

Week 10: 1st and 2nd Journeys of Joseph's Brothers**Assign on November 13, 2016 & Recite on November 20, 2016**

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| Grade 5-8 | Romans 8:28 - And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him. |
| Grade 5-8 | Galatians 3:26 - You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. |
| Grade 5-8 | 7 th Commandment - You shall not steal. <i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God that we do not take our neighbor's money or property or get it by dishonest dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and business. |
| Grade 7-8 | 4 th Commandment - Honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth. <i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God that we do not dishonor or anger our parents and others in authority, but honor, serve, and obey them, and give them love and respect. |

Week 11: Joseph Makes Himself Known; Jacob in Egypt**Assign on November 20, 2016 & Recite on November 27, 2016**

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| Grade 5-8 | Psalm 37:5 - Commit your way to the Lord; trust also in Him and He will bring it to pass. |
| Grade 5-8 | Matthew 11:28 - Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. |
| Grade 5-8 | <p>3rd Petition - Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.</p> <p><i>What does this mean?</i> God's good and gracious will certainly is done without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.</p> <p><i>How is God's will done?</i> God's will is done when he breaks and defeats every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh, which try to prevent us from keeping God's name holy and letting his kingdom come. And God's will is done when he strengthens and keeps us firm in his Word and in the faith as long as we live. This is his good and gracious will.</p> |

Week 12: Moses' Birth and Flight to Midian; Call of Moses**Assign on November 27, 2016 & Recite on January 8, 2017******Introduce Christmas Recitations (if available)****

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| Grade 5-8 | Isaiah 41:10 - Fear not, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous hand. |
| Grade 5-8 | Matthew 16:24 - If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. |
| Grade 5-8 | <p>1st Petition - Hallowed be Thy name.</p> <p><i>What does this mean?</i> God's name is certainly holy by itself, but we pray in this petition that we too may keep it holy.</p> <p><i>How is God's name kept holy?</i> God's name is kept holy when his Word is taught in its truth and purity, and we as children of God lead holy lives according to it.</p> |

Week 13: Moses before Pharaoh; the Plagues; The Last Plague and the Passover**Assign on January 8, 2017 & Recite on January 15, 2017**

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| Grade 5-8 | John 1:29 - Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world. |
| Grade 5-8 | 1 Peter 1:18-19 - You know that it was not with perishable things such as silver and gold that you were redeemed, but with the holy, precious blood of Christ, a Lamb without blemish or defect. |
| Grade 5-8 | <p>Conclusion of the Commandments - <i>What does God say about all these commandments?</i> He says, "I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to thousands who love me and keep my commandments." <i>What does this mean?</i> God threatens to punish all who transgress these commandments. Therefore we should fear his anger and not disobey what he commands. But he promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore we should love and trust in him, and gladly obey what he commands.</p> |

Week 14: The Exodus; Israel in the Wilderness**Assign on January 15, 2017 & Recite on January 22, 2017**

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| Grade 5-8 | Romans 8:31,35 -If God be for us, who can be against us? ... We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. |
| Grade 5-8 | Deuteronomy 6:4 - Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. |
| Grade 5-8 | <p>7th Petition - But deliver us from evil.</p> <p><i>What does this mean?</i> In conclusion we pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would deliver us from every evil that threatens body and soul, property and reputation, and finally when our last hour comes, grant us a blessed end and graciously take us from this world of sorrow to himself in heaven.</p> |

Week 15: The Giving of the Law on Sinai; The Golden Calf
Assign on January 22, 2017 & Recite on January 29, 2017

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| Grade 5-8 | Leviticus 19:2 - Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy. |
| Grade 5-8 | James 2:10 - For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. |
| Grade 5-8 | 6 th Petition - And lead us not into temptation. <i>What does this mean?</i> God surely tempts no one to sin, but we pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us, so that the devil, the world, and our flesh may not deceive us or lead us into false belief, despair, and other great and shameful sins; and though we are tempted by them, we pray that we may overcome and win the victory. |

Week 16: Mutiny and Rebellion; The Water of Meribah and the Bronze Serpent
Assign on January 29, 2017 & Recite on February 5, 2017

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| Grade 5-8 | John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. |
| Grade 5-8 | Galatians 3:13 - Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." |
| Grade 5-8 | 5 th Petition - And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. <i>What does this mean?</i> We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins or because of them deny our prayers; for we are worthy of none of the things for which we ask, neither have we deserved them, but we ask that he would give them all to us by grace; for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will forgive from the heart and gladly do good to those who sin against us. |

Week 17: Israel Enters Canaan; The Fall of Jericho
Assign on February 5, 2017 & Recite on February 12, 2017

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| Grade 5-8 | 1 Corinthians 3:11 - For no one can lay any other foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. |
| Grade 5-8 | 1 Peter 2:9 - You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. |
| Grade 5-8 | Doxology of the Lord's Prayer - For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen. <i>What does this mean?</i> We can be sure that these petitions are acceptable to our Father in heaven and are heard by him, for he himself has commanded us so to pray and has promised to hear us. Therefore we say, "Amen," "Yes, it shall be so." |

Week 18: Gideon; Ruth
Assign on February 12, 2017 & Recite on February 19, 2017

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| Grade 5-8 | 1 Peter 5:7 - Cast all your care on Him because He cares for you. |
| Grade 5-8 | 1 Timothy 6:12 - Fight the good fight of faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called. |
| Grade 5-8 | 3 rd Article - I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. <i>What does this mean?</i> I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead, and he will give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. |

Week 19: Samuel; Saul, the First King of Israel**Assign on February 19, 2017 & Recite on February 26, 2017**

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| Grade 5-8 | Luke 11:28 - Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it. |
| Grade 5-8 | John 17:3 - Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only True God, and Jesus Christ, Whom You have sent. |
| Grade 5-8 | Address to the Lord's Prayer - Our Father who art in heaven. <i>What does this mean?</i> With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that he is our true Father and that we are his true children, so that we may pray to him as boldly and confidently as dear children ask their dear father. |

Week 20: David Anointed King; David and Goliath**Assign on February 26, 2017 & Recite on March 5, 2017**

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| Grade 5-8 | Psalms 124:8 - Our help is in the name of the Lord, Maker of heaven and earth. |
| Grade 5-8 | Matthew 7:7 - Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. |
| Grade 5-8 | Doxology of the Lord's Prayer - For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen. <i>What does this mean?</i> We can be sure that these petitions are acceptable to our Father in heaven and are heard by him, for he himself has commanded us so to pray and has promised to hear us. Therefore we say, "Amen," "Yes, it shall be so." |

Week 21: David and Jonathan; Persecution of David and Saul's Death**Assign on March 5, 2017 & Recite on March 12, 2017**

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| Grade 5-8 | Mark 8:36-37 - What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? |
| Grade 5-8 | Matthew 5:48 - Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. |
| Grade 5-8 | 3 rd Commandment - Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. <i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and his Word, but regard it as holy, and gladly hear and learn it. |
| Grade 7-8 | 5 th Commandment - You shall not murder. <i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and be a friend to him in every bodily need. |

Week 22: David Becomes King; David's Fall and Repentance**Assign on March 12, 2017 & Recite on March 19, 2017**

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| Grade 5-8 | Romans 8:1 - There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. |
| Grade 5-8 | 2 Corinthians 5:19 - God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. |
| Grade 5-8 | 10 th Commandment - You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his workers or his animals or anything that belongs to your neighbor. <i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God that we do not force or entice away from our neighbor his wife, workers, or animals, but urge them to stay and do their duty. |
| Grade 7-8 | 6 th Commandment - You shall not commit adultery. <i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God that we lead a pure and decent life in words and actions, and that husband and wife love and honor each other. |

Week 23: Solomon; The Building of the Temple and Solomon's Death**Assign on March 19, 2017 & Recite on March 26, 2017**

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| Grade 5-8 | 2 Corinthians 12:9 - My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness. |
| Grade 5-8 | Isaiah 42:8 - I am the Lord, that is My Name; I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols. |
| Grade 5-8 | 8 th Commandment - You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. <i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, or give him a bad name, but defend him, speak well of him, and take his words and actions in the kindest possible way. |
| Grade 7-8 | 3 rd Commandment - Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. <i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and his Word, but regard it as holy, and gladly hear and learn it. |

Week 24: The Division of the Kingdom; the Prophet Elijah**Assign on March 26, 2017 & Recite on April 2, 2017**

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| Grade 5-8 | James 1:17 - Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights. |
| Grade 5-8 | Psalms 145:15-16 - The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. |
| Grade 5-8 | 4 th Petition - Give us this day our daily bread. <i>What does this mean?</i> God surely gives daily bread without our asking, even to all the wicked, but we pray in this petition that he would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. <i>What, then, is meant by daily bread?</i> Daily bread includes everything that we need for our bodily welfare, such as food and drink, clothing and shoes, house and home, fields and flocks, money and goods, a godly family, good workers, good government, honest leaders, good citizens, good weather, peace and order, health, a good name, loyal friends, and good neighbors. |

Week 25: Elijah and the Prophets of Baal; Elijah in the Wilderness**Assign on April 2, 2017 & Recite on April 9, 2017**

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| Grade 5-8 | 1 John 2: 15 - Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. |
| Grade 5-8 | 1 John 1:7 - The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin. |
| Grade 5-8 | 1 st Commandment - You shall have no other gods. <i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. |
| Grade 7-8 | 2 nd Petition - Thy kingdom come. <i>What does this mean?</i> God's kingdom certainly comes by itself even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us and to many others. |

Week 26: Naboth's Vineyard; Elijah and Elisha
Assign on April 9, 2017 & Recite on April 23, 2017
****Introduce Easter Recitations (if available)****

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| Grade 5-8 | Matthew 28:20 - Surely I am with you always, even to the very end of the world. |
| Grade 5-8 | Matthew 18:20 - Where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there I am in the midst of them. |
| Grade 5-8 | <p>2nd Petition - Thy kingdom come.</p> <p><i>What does this mean?</i> God's kingdom certainly comes by itself even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us and to many others.</p> <p><i>How does God's kingdom come?</i> God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives his Holy Spirit, so that by his grace we believe his holy Word and lead a godly life now on earth and forever in heaven.</p> |
| Grade 7-8 | <p>7th Commandment - You shall not steal.</p> <p><i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God that we do not take our neighbor's money or property or get it by dishonest dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and business.</p> |

Week 27: Naaman and Elisha; The Prophet Jonah
Assign on April 23, 2017 & Recite on April 30, 2017

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| Grade 5-8 | 1 Timothy 2:4 - God our Savior wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. |
| Grade 5-8 | Mark 16:15 - Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. |
| Grade 5-8 | <p>Baptism 2 - Baptism works forgiveness of sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.</p> <p><i>What is God's promise?</i> Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."</p> |

Week 28: Overthrow of the Kingdom of Israel; Hezekiah; The Babylonian Captivity
Assign on April 30, 2017 & Recite on May 7, 2017

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| Grade 5-8 | James 5:16 - The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. |
| Grade 5-8 | John 8:31-32 - If you hold to My Word, you are truly my disciples. And you will know the truth and the truth will set you free. |
| Grade 5-6 | Baptism 3 - It is certainly not the water that does such things, but God's Word which is in and with the water, and faith which trusts this Word used with the water. For without God's Word the water is just plain water and not baptism. But with this Word it is baptism. God's Word makes it a washing through which God graciously forgives our sin and grants us rebirth and new life through the Holy Spirit. |
| Grade 7-8 | <p>Baptism 3 - It is certainly not the water that does such things, but God's Word which is in and with the water, and faith which trusts this Word used with the water. For without God's Word the water is just plain water and not baptism. But with this Word it is baptism. God's Word makes it a washing through which God graciously forgives our sin and grants us rebirth and new life through the Holy Spirit.</p> <p><i>Where is this written?</i> St. Paul says in Titus, chapter 3, "God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying."</p> |

Week 29: The Prophet Daniel; The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace**Assign on May 7, 2017 & Recite on May 14, 2017**

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| Grade 5-8 | Matthew 4:10 - Worship the Lord, your God and serve Him only. |
| Grade 5-8 | John 10:27-28 - My sheep hear My voice; and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one shall snatch them out of my hand. |
| Grade 5-8 | 2 nd Commandment - You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God. <i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God that we do not use his name to curse, swear, lie or deceive, or use it superstitiously, but call upon God's name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks. |
| Grade 7-8 | 8 th Commandment - You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. <i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, or give him a bad name, but defend him, speak well of him, and take his words and actions in the kindest possible way. |

Week 30: Belshazzar; Daniel in the Lion's Den**Assign on May 14, 2017 & Recite on May 21, 2017**

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| Grade 5-8 | Psalms 50:15 - Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you will honor Me. |
| Grade 5-8 | Matthew 10:32-33 - Whoever confesses Me before men, him will I confess before My Father in heaven. Whoever denies Me before men I will deny him before My Father in heaven. |
| Grade 5-8 | 1 st Petition - Hallowed be Thy name. <i>What does this mean?</i> God's name is certainly holy by itself, but we pray in this petition that we too may keep it holy. <i>How is God's name kept holy?</i> God's name is kept holy when his Word is taught in its truth and purity, and we as children of God lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But whoever teaches and lives contrary to God's Word dishonors God's name among us. Keep us from doing this, dear Father in heaven! |

Week 31: The Return from the Captivity; Esther**Assign on May 21, 2017 (not recited in 2016-17)**

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| Grade 5-8 | Acts 5:29 - We must obey God rather than men! |
| Grade 5-8 | Proverbs 3:5 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. |
| Grade 5-8 | 2 nd Petition - Thy kingdom come. <i>What does this mean?</i> God's kingdom certainly comes by itself even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us and to many others. <i>How does God's kingdom come?</i> God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives his Holy Spirit, so that by his grace we believe his holy Word and lead a godly life now on earth and forever in heaven. |

Week 32: Ezra, Nehemiah, and Malachi – not scheduled for 2016-17

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| Grade 5-8 | Revelation 2:10 - Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. |
| Grade 5-8 | 1 John 3:1 - How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! |
| Grade 5-6 | Baptism 4 - It means that our old Adam with his evil deeds and desires should be drowned by daily contrition and repentance, and die, and that day by day a new man should arise, as from the dead, to live in the presence of God in righteousness and purity now and forever. |
| Grade 7-8 | <p>Baptism 4 - It means that our old Adam with his evil deeds and desires should be drowned by daily contrition and repentance, and die, and that day by day a new man should arise, as from the dead, to live in the presence of God in righteousness and purity now and forever.</p> <p><i>Where is this written?</i></p> <p>St. Paul says in Romans, chapter 6, "We were buried with Christ through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."</p> |