

Fr. Francis' 2009-2011 Homeschool Religion
2 Year Course

The Bible

Overview of Academic Year 2009/2010

I. Syllabus for 34 weeks

A. 1st Semester (14 weeks)

<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>	
1	overview of academic year	
2	overview of the Bible & OT history	
3	Genesis – chapters 1-11	
4	Genesis – chapters 12-50	
5	Exodus	
6	Leviticus	
7	Numbers	21 Historical Books
8	Deuteronomy	
9	Joshua	
10	Judges	
11	Ruth, Tobit	
12	Judith, Esther	
13	Review	
14	1 st Semester Exam	
	homework – read 1 & 2 Samuel	

B. 2nd Semester (20 weeks)

<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>	
1	1 & 2 Samuel	
2	1 & 2 Kings	
3	1 & 2 Chronicles	Historical Books
4	Ezra, Nehemiah	
5	1 & 2 Maccabees	
6	Psalms	
7	Job	
8	Proverbs	
9	Ecclesiastes	7 Wisdom Books
10	Ecclesiasticus	
11	Song of Songs	
12	Wisdom	
13	Isaiah	
14	Jeremiah	
15	Lamentations, Baruch	4 Major Prophets
16	Ezekiel	
17	Daniel	
18	Review	
19	2 nd Semester Exam	
20	Mass, party	

Next year 2010/11: 12 minor prophets and the NT - 1st Semester – Gospels, AA
- 2nd Semester – Epistles, Rev.

II. How to get an A grade for the semester:

A. Do the homework

1. ½ hour per week if you are younger than 12 years old
1 hour per week if you are 12 years old or older
2. When you are late to class, tell me immediately after class if you did the homework.
3. Homework for every class: Be able to answer these questions when we are studying a particular book of the Bible -
 - a) What is the name of the book that we are now studying?
 - b) Is this book in the OT or the NT?
 - c) What kind of a book is it?
 - 1) OT – Is it from the Pentateuch? Is it a historical, wisdom or prophetic book?
 - 2) NT – Is it a gospel account or an epistle? If it is an epistle, what kind?
 - d) Who is the human author of the book?
 - e) When was it written?
 - f) Why was it written?
 - g) What is it about?
 - h) What does it prophesy about Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John the Baptist, St. Joseph, St. Peter, the Apostles, the Church, the sacraments, the New Covenant, the New Jerusalem, etc.?
 - i) Explain a Bible verse that can be used in Apologetics.
 - j) Share a Bible passage that is special to you.
 - k) What does not make sense to you?

B. Participate in class.

1. Tell me what you learned this week.
2. Try to answer my questions. If your participation is minimal, you can not get an A in my class, no matter how much homework you do, and no matter how excellent your exam is (new rule).

C. Get an A on my oral exam.

1. Tell me what you learned this semester.
2. If you are 5-6 years old, speak for ½ minute.
If you are 7-8 years old, speak for 1 minute.
If you are 9-10 years old, speak for 1 ½ minutes.
If you are 11-12 years old, speak for 2 minutes.
If you are 13-14 years old, speak for 3 minutes.
If you are 15-16 years old, speak for 4 minutes.
If you are 17-18 years old, speak for 5 minutes.

III. Miscellaneous

A. Goal for this year – to know the Bible better every week.

B. Main texts

1. The Bible (bring the Bible to every class!)
2. Understanding the Scriptures – from the Didache Series, 2005, Scott Hahn.
3. The Consuming Fire, Ignatius, Rev. Michael Duggan, 1991.

Key to Abbreviations

AA	Acts of the Apostles	Mk	Mark
Am	Amos	Na	Nahum
Bar	Baruch	Neh	Nehemiah
CCC	Catechism of the Catholic Church	Nu	Numbers
CE	Catholic Encyclopedia	NT	New Testament
CF	The Consuming Fire	Ob	Obadiah
Chr	Chronicles	OT	Old Testament
Dn	Daniel	Prv	Proverbs
Dt	Deuteronomy	Ps	Psalms
DV	Dei Verbum	Qo	Qoheleth (Ecclesiastes)
Eccl	Ecclesiastes (Qoheleth)	Ru	Ruth
Est	Esther	Sg	Song of Songs
Ex	Exodus	Sir	Sirach (Ecclesiasticus)
Ezk	Ezekiel	Sm	Samuel
Ezr	Ezra	Tb	Tobit
Gn	Genesis	US	Understanding the Scriptures
Hb	Habakkuk	Wis	Wisdom
Hg	Haggai	Zec	Zechariah
Hos	Hosea	Zep	Zephaniah
Is	Isaiah		
Jb	Job		
Jdt	Judith		
Jgs	Judges		
Jn	John		
Jos	Joshua		
Jer	Jeremiah		
Jl	Joel		
Jon	Jonah		
Kgs	Kings		
Lam	Lamentations		
Lk	Luke		
Lv	Leviticus		
Mal	Malachi		
Mc	Maccabees		
Mi	Micah		
Mt.	Matthew		