

Genesis

- The Book of Genesis contains accounts of Israel’s history and the origins of our human race. The first eleven chapters of Genesis are called the “Primeval History.”
- These accounts use figurative language to explain our origins, the effects of sin, and the promise God has given to us of redemption.
- These texts affirm that God created the world and that we are made in the image and likeness of God. They tell us that God willed us into existence; we were not an accident.
- The primeval history also tells us that humankind was disobedient to God and preferred sin over God. The effects of sin are seen in the first murder, lies, and ultimately the corruption of most of the human race.
- When sin enters the world, God promises a Savior to bring humanity back from sin.
- Genesis gives accounts of the first covenants God makes with humanity. One of the most important is given to Abraham. Abraham becomes the “father of many nations.” We recognize Abraham as our “father in faith.”
- Genesis gives accounts of the other patriarchs – it tells the stories of Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph in Egypt. God makes covenants with each of these people, each one necessary for the ultimate fulfillment of the promised Savior, Christ.

Scripture Reflection

Read Genesis 22:1-18. And answer the following questions:

What words or phrases remind you of Jesus in this passage? Why?

Why do you think God was testing Abraham? Have you ever felt tested in your faith?

What was Abraham's response? What would your response have been?

What does this account tell us about God? What does it tell us about Christ as God's only son?

Using the St Joseph Edition New Testament we handed out at Life Teen Read Matthew 26: 36-46. How does it relate to the test of Abraham? How does it relate to any test of faith you have experienced?