

Grade 4, Chapter 5 – Old Testament Covenants

Bible story connections:

- Genesis 9:8-17
- Exodus 24:1-8
- Luke 22:19-20

Social Justice tie-in:

- Solidarity – learn about the plight of the Jewish people in some area in the world and consider how the class can help, perhaps by donating items or promoting a charity for their support, etc.

Discussion Questions:

- How are the covenants God made with the people of Israel in the Old Testament different from the covenant He has made with us in Christ?
- Why is the Old Testament important to us as Christians?

Memory Work (Baltimore Catechism):

95. What do we mean when we say in the Apostles' Creed that Christ descended into hell?

When we say that Christ descended into hell we mean that, after He died, the soul of Christ descended into a place or state of rest called the Bosom of Abraham, where the souls of the just were waiting for Him.

96. Why did Christ go to the Bosom of Abraham?

Christ went to the Bosom of Abraham to announce to the souls waiting there the joyful news that He had reopened Heaven to mankind.

Catholic Brain Connections:

Printables

[Abraham, Isaac, and Sarah coloring page](#)

[Noah and the Dove coloring page](#)

Videos

[Bible Story – God’s Promise to Abram](#)

[Manna and the Covenant with Moses](#)

[Bugtime Adventures – What’s A Manna with You?](#)

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Review:

Vocabulary

- Israelites – The people of Israel, who received God’s revelation in the Old Testament
- Old Testament – The 46 books of the Bible that tell us of God’s relationship with His people before the coming of Jesus
- Messiah – The Hebrew term for God’s Anointed One, the Jews’ expected Savior

1) Who committed the first murder?

Cain, when he killed his brother Abel

2) To whom did God say, “In you, all nations will be blessed”?

Abraham

3) Who led the people of Israel out of slavery in Egypt?

Moses

Discussion Question:

How did God’s people in the Old Testament prepare the world for the coming of Jesus?

Activity:

Visit a synagogue or some other place of Jewish culture. Learn about some of the Old Testament heroes and how they are still honored by the Jewish people today.

God thinks You are worth Dying for!