

**Bible
Form 3
2023-2024 Syllabus**

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PURPOSE OF BIBLE 3:

All of our Bible courses at Saint Benedict Hall have one aim: to form our children into adults who know, understand, and deeply love the Biblical Story, that is, the history of all of creation and God’s redemptive action to save and restore all things. In this, it is our priority to not simply teach isolated stories or moral lessons but to raise our kids up to understand who God is and what He is doing throughout history. This means teaching Genesis to Revelation as all intimately part of God’s very clear and beautiful plan and intention.

In Form III, we continue learning the Great Story through a detailed look at the Biblical stories and their part in the great Drama of God. Specifically, the kids will be invited into a deeper mature conversation as they are both taught and asked how God is directing the Story, and always as situated in, moving towards, and culminating in Jesus Christ as King and Savior.

Our objective this year will be to provide an overview of the Old Testament with an eye toward its fulfillment in Christ. As Christian readers of Holy Scripture, we agree with Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI):

“For the Christian the Old Testament represents, in its totality, an advance toward Christ; only when it attains to him does its real meaning, which was gradually hinted at, become clear. Thus every individual part derives its meaning from the whole, and the whole derives its meaning from its end—from Christ. . . . We Christians do not read the Old Testament for its own sake but always with Christ and through Christ.”

OBJECTIVES:

- Learning the Biblical stories/Story with a focus on content, flow, and theological meaning, ever-situated towards and in Jesus Christ
- Entering into a mature conversation about typology and Biblical theology, as well as concepts like baptismal patterns, covenantal maturation, and the call to worship God rightly
- Growing into those who unapologetically find Jesus everywhere in the Bible—as the point, fulfillment, and promise of all things found in Scripture

MATERIALS:

Leithart, Peter. *A House For My Name: A Survey of the Old Testament*. Moscow: Canon Press, 2000

The Holy Bible, English Standard Version (ESV). Crossway, 2001.

Various supplemental readings provided by the instructor.

SCHEDULE:

Each week the students will read through 4–6 chapters of Scripture along with the corresponding pages in *A House for My Name*. These will provide the primary content for class discussion. Students will additionally memorize key biblical texts (with a quiz every three weeks or so) and write short papers on OT themes at the end of each trimester.

EXAM WEEK:

At the end of each trimester, the Bible students will have two days of written exams in which they are asked to discuss and relay various parts of the Biblical Story. This will look like one essay-type question per day. Exams are evaluated either as or pass/fail. The students will also write or recite their Bible memory to that point. These exams will be used at the end of the trimester parent/teacher conferences to help evaluate and assess the development and growth of students.