

Bible
Form III
2024-2025 Syllabus



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PURPOSE OF BIBLE III:

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 New Testament with an eye toward its fulfillment in Christ. As Christian readers of Holy Scripture, we agree with St. Augustine:

Novum Testamentum in Vetere latet, Vetus Testamentum in Novo patet.

In the Old Testament the New is concealed, in the New the Old is revealed.

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. *The Four: A Survey of the Gospels*. Moscow: Canon Press, 2010.

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

Various supplemental readings provided by the instructor.

SCHEDULE:

Each week the students will read through several chapters of Scripture along with the corresponding pages in *The Four*. These will provide the primary content for class discussion. Students will additionally memorize key biblical texts and write a paper on NT themes at the end of each semester.

EXAM WEEK:

At the end of each semester, 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.