

# **Bible Explorers**

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Sunday School Curriculum

Waters Memorial United Methodist Church

2007 Curriculum

Winter & Spring

# Old Testament Stories

*by Roy Wilkinson*

## Winter

*January*

*begin Bible Memory word  
searches for HW*

*1/7 Handwork (dyeing yarn), storytelling (Epiphany)*

*no HW*

*1/14 Handwork (finger knitting), storytelling*

*no HW*

### **The Story of Ruth**

A time of harmony and fulfillment

Ruth in the Cornfield p.77

*1/21 Sub plans – composition, illustration*

*#15 – first 10  
books of the Bible*

*1/28 Handwork (making polka-dot balls), storytelling*

*#37  
Psalm 118:24*

### **The First Kings: Saul, David, Solomon**

The rise and fall of a kingdom

Saul and David p.79

David Challenges Goliath p.80

# Winter

## February

- 2/4 *Handwork (making knitting needles), storytelling* #84a  
*Psalm 1:1-3*  
Plays for Grades One through Four by Michael Hedley-Burton  
"Saul and David" table-read
- 2/11 *Composition, illustration* #84b  
*Psalm 1:1-3*
- 2/18 *Handwork, storytelling* #80a  
*Matthew 6:9-13*  
*The Lord's Prayer*  
Saul is Jealous p.82  
David and Jonathan p.82  
Saul Attacks David. David Spares His Life p.83  
Saul and Jonathan Join in Battle p.84  
David's Lament p.84  
David Becomes King p.84  
David's Transgressions p.85  
Absalom's Rebellion and Death p.86  
David Appoints Solomon as His Successor p.87
- 2/25 *Composition, illustration* #80b  
*Matthew 6:9-13*  
*The Lord's Prayer*

# Spring

## *March*

3/4 *Handwork, storytelling*

#67

*Proverbs 2:6-8*

Solomon Becomes King p.88

He Asks for Wisdom p.88

Solomon's Judgment p.89

3/11 *Composition, illustration*

#45

*Proverbs 3:5-6*

3/18 *Handwork, storytelling*

#46

*Micah 6:8*

The Building of the Temple p.90

Solomon's Palace and Other Works p.92

The Visit of the Queen of Sheba p.92

Solomon Worships False Gods and Dies p.93

The Kingdom is Divided p.93

The Downfall of Israel p.94

3/25 *Composition, illustration*

#48

*I Timothy 4:12*

# Spring

*April*

4/1 *Handwork, storytelling*

#30

*Isaiah 1:18*

## **The Prophets: Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah and Others**

The call to repentance, the coming Messiah

Elijah's Mission and Journeys p.95  
Contest with the Priests of Baal p.96  
Elijah Flees from Jezebel's Wrath p.97  
Naboth's Vineyard p.98  
Elijah is Carried to Heaven in a Whirlwind p.99  
Elisha Performs Wonders p.100  
Naaman's Leprosy p.101  
Elisha's Power and Knowledge p.102  
Death of Elisha p.103

4/8 *Handwork, storytelling (Easter)*

#7

*Isaiah 9:6*

Jonah and the Whale p.104  
Nineveh Repents p.105  
Isaiah Preaches to the People p.106  
Prophecy Concerning the Coming of Christ p.106

4/15 *Begin handwork project (Jonah and the Whale)*

#19a

*Isaiah 55:1*

4/22 *Complete handwork project (Jonah and the Whale)*

#19b

*Assign roles for class play "Saul and David"*

*Matthew 19:14*

4/29 *Handwork, storytelling*

#22

*Jeremiah 17:9*

## **The Babylonian Captivity: Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel**

The dark hour before the dawn

Jeremiah Remonstrates with the People p.110  
He Foretells the Coming Captivity of the Jews and  
Also the Coming of Christ p.110  
Ezekiel's Visions, Described by Himself p.111

# Spring

*May*

5/6 *Handwork, storytelling*

#63

*Psalm 46:10*

Daniel at the Court of the King of Babylon p.112  
The King's Dreams p.113  
The Golden Image p.114  
The Fiery Furnace p.115  
Daniel Interprets the King's Second Dream p.116  
The Writing on the Wall p.116  
A Plot Against Daniel p.117  
Daniel in the Den of Lions p.118  
Daniel's Visions p.119

5/13 *Make costumes, dress rehearsal*

5/20 *Class Play "Saul and David"*

5/27 *Handwork, storytelling – how does it all end?*

## **The Story of Esther**

Jews are saved from destruction

Esther Becomes Queen p.121  
Conspiracy to Murder the King p.122  
Plot Against the Jews p.122  
Esther Intercedes p.123  
Justice is Done p.124

## **The Return to Jerusalem: Ezra, Nehemiah**

Reform and reconstruction

The Emperor Sends a Party of Jews to Jerusalem to  
Rebuild the Temple p.126  
More Jews Return p.126

## **The Twelve Minor Prophets**

**Bible Explorers Sunday School Program  
2006-2007 School Year**

**Third Quarter**

Dear Families,

We will be finishing up the stories of the Old Testament during our last few months of Sunday School. We will spend extra time on Saul and David with the production of our class play. There is also a large collaborative art project planned for the story of Jonah and the Whale.

The Bible Explorers motto is "Learning about the Word through Study and Service."

Service

In the spring we will be completing our blankets for Feed the Children and working to put on a class play for the entire church. The play is titled "Saul and David."

Study

This quarter we are working our way through the remainder of the Old Testament. This includes the major figures of King Solomon and the prophets Elijah, Elisha, and Isaiah; and the stories of Jonah and the Whale, Daniel in the Lion's Den, and Esther.

Hands-on projects are a large part of our curriculum and help us further explore our Bible readings. For some of the projects this quarter, we are requesting donations of the following materials:

Cotton sheets, any color and size

Old plastic drain boards, bamboo placemats, or slatted rattan blinds

Dishwashing liquid such as Ivory

Due to parent feedback about the difficulty students are having memorizing their verses, I have switched to a new approach. Students will receive weekly word-find puzzles which help them learn the verse assigned. The verses are also shorter. Students are encouraged, but not required, to memorize these verses. There will be a special reward at the end of the year for children who memorize all of the verses assigned.

I hope your child has enjoyed this school year. It's certainly been a pleasure for me.

Thanks for your support and please let me know if you have any questions,  
Rhoda McGrane

# Lesson Plan Template

**Date:**

Service project –

Bible lesson -

**Books/Supplies needed:**

**HW assigned:**



# Lesson 1

**Date: February 4**

Service project –

Bible lesson -

**Books/Supplies needed:**

**HW assigned:**

Lesson 1  
Journaling Page

**Things that were successful:**

**What I would change:**

**Concerns about specific students:**

Lesson 1  
Journaling Page

**Brainstorming/To-Do List:**

## Lesson 2

**Date: February 11**

Service project –

Bible lesson -

**Books/Supplies needed:**

**HW assigned:**

Lesson 2  
Journaling Page

**Things that were successful:**

**What I would change:**

**Concerns about specific students:**

Lesson 2  
Journaling Page

**Brainstorming/To-Do List:**

## Lesson 3

**Date: February 18**

Service project –

Bible lesson -

**Books/Supplies needed:**

**HW assigned:**

Lesson 3  
Journaling Page

**Things that were successful:**

**What I would change:**

**Concerns about specific students:**



Lesson 3  
Journaling Page

**Brainstorming/To-Do List:**

## Lesson 4

**Date: February 25**

Service project –

Bible lesson -

**Books/Supplies needed:**

**HW assigned:**

Lesson 4  
Journaling Page

**Things that were successful:**

**What I would change:**

**Concerns about specific students:**

Lesson 4  
Journaling Page

**Brainstorming/To-Do List:**

## Lesson 5

**Date: March 4**

Service project –

Bible lesson -

**Books/Supplies needed:**

**HW assigned:**

Lesson 5  
Journaling Page

**Things that were successful:**

**What I would change:**

**Concerns about specific students:**

Lesson 5  
Journaling Page

**Brainstorming/To-Do List:**

## Lesson 6

**Date: March 11**

Service project –

Bible lesson -

**Books/Supplies needed:**

**HW assigned:**



Lesson 6  
Journaling Page

**Things that were successful:**

**What I would change:**

**Concerns about specific students:**

Lesson 6  
Journaling Page

**Brainstorming/To-Do List:**

## Lesson 7

**Date: March 18**

Service project –

Bible lesson -

**Books/Supplies needed:**

**HW assigned:**

Lesson 7  
Journaling Page

**Things that were successful:**

**What I would change:**

**Concerns about specific students:**

Lesson 7  
Journaling Page

**Brainstorming/To-Do List:**

## Lesson 8

**Date: March 25**

Service project –

Bible lesson -

**Books/Supplies needed:**

**HW assigned:**

Lesson 8  
Journaling Page

**Things that were successful:**

**What I would change:**

**Concerns about specific students:**

Lesson 8  
Journaling Page

**Brainstorming/To-Do List:**



## Lesson 9

**Date: April 1**

Service project –

Bible lesson -

**Books/Supplies needed:**

**HW assigned:**

Lesson 9  
Journaling Page

**Things that were successful:**

**What I would change:**

**Concerns about specific students:**

Lesson 9  
Journaling Page

**Brainstorming/To-Do List:**

## Lesson 10

**Date: April 8**

Service project –

Bible lesson -

**Books/Supplies needed:**

**HW assigned:**

Lesson 10  
Journaling Page

**Things that were successful:**

**What I would change:**

**Concerns about specific students:**

Lesson 10  
Journaling Page

**Brainstorming/To-Do List:**

## Lesson 11

**Date: April 15**

Service project –

Bible lesson -

**Books/Supplies needed:**

**HW assigned:**

Lesson 11  
Journaling Page

**Things that were successful:**

**What I would change:**

**Concerns about specific students:**



Lesson 11  
Journaling Page

**Brainstorming/To-Do List:**

## Lesson 12

**Date: April 22**

Service project –

Bible lesson -

**Books/Supplies needed:**

**HW assigned:**

Lesson 12  
Journaling Page

**Things that were successful:**

**What I would change:**

**Concerns about specific students:**

Lesson 12  
Journaling Page

**Brainstorming/To-Do List:**

## Lesson 13

**Date: April 29**

Service project –

Bible lesson -

**Books/Supplies needed:**

**HW assigned:**

Lesson 13  
Journaling Page

**Things that were successful:**

**What I would change:**

**Concerns about specific students:**

Lesson 13  
Journaling Page

**Brainstorming/To-Do List:**

## Lesson 14

**Date: May 6**

Service project –

Bible lesson -

**Books/Supplies needed:**

**HW assigned:**



Lesson 14  
Journaling Page

**Things that were successful:**

**What I would change:**

**Concerns about specific students:**

Lesson 14  
Journaling Page

**Brainstorming/To-Do List:**

## Lesson 15

**Date: May 13**

Service project –

Bible lesson -

**Books/Supplies needed:**

**HW assigned:**

Lesson 15  
Journaling Page

**Things that were successful:**

**What I would change:**

**Concerns about specific students:**

Lesson 15  
Journaling Page

**Brainstorming/To-Do List:**

## Lesson 16

**Date: May 20**

Service project –

Bible lesson -

**Books/Supplies needed:**

**HW assigned:**

Lesson 16  
Journaling Page

**Things that were successful:**

**What I would change:**

**Concerns about specific students:**

Lesson 16  
Journaling Page

**Brainstorming/To-Do List:**



## Lesson 17

**Date: May 22**

Service project –

Bible lesson -

**Books/Supplies needed:**

**HW assigned:**

Lesson 17  
Journaling Page

**Things that were successful:**

**What I would change:**

**Concerns about specific students:**

Lesson 17  
Journaling Page

**Brainstorming/To-Do List:**