

7th Grade Religious Studies Syllabus  
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Course Description

This course is designed to introduce students to those stories, characters and themes, which serve as the basis for understanding the New Testament. Special attention is given to the accounts of Jesus' birth, the vivid descriptions of John the Baptist, and the life, ministry and unforgettable lessons and parables of Jesus.

Learning Objectives

Students will gain added understanding of the different interpretations of the Scriptures.  
Students will become more tolerant of opinions and beliefs, which may be different from their own.  
Students will become more familiar with library research.

Teaching methods

Lecture, class discussion and small group projects.

Course Materials

The primary text for the class will be *The Bible*. The video *Jesus of Nazareth* will also be shown and discussed.

Outline of Major Topics

- a. The Gospels of Mark and Luke
  1. The infancy narrative
  2. John the Baptist
  3. Jesus' ministry and teachings
  4. The Passion narrative
  5. Crucifixion/Resurrection
- b. Jesus' story in modern versions
  1. Jesus Christ Superstar
  2. Godspell

Assessments

Grading will consist primarily of tests and quizzes. There will also be one research paper, as well as a few short essay topics. Class behavior, participation and attitude will also play a significant role in the student's final grade.

Projected Course Schedule

This course is a required unit during seventh grade.

Religious Studies meets every other day, for a period of nine weeks.