

8th GRADE BIBLE

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Coach Mitchell

Mission Statement- I pray that we will all grow closer to each other through this study of God's Word. This class is designed to help each of us learn the importance of the study of the Bible and increase our faith in God and grow closer to him through our study.

Course Description-

1st Semester- "Why Should I Believe?"

This semester is designed to ask questions about your faith in God and give valid reasons for believing in God.

Discussion Topics-

- How can I know if God exists?
- What is faith and how does it develop?
- How can Jesus be both man and God?
- Did Christ rise from the dead?
- Is the Bible God's Word?
- Do science and scripture agree?
- Who is the Holy Spirit?
- How can I apply the Bible to my life?

2nd Semester- "That You May Believe"

Our primary focus this term will be a chapter by chapter study of the Gospel of John. The purpose of this study is to get to know Jesus and to understand how his life impacts ours.

Bible Books Quiz- Students will also be required to pass a proficiency quiz on the books of the Bible. You may take it as many times as you like but you must pass it by the end of the first semester.

Daily Bible Reading- We will be reading from the New Testament and sheets will be passed out with required reading assignments each week. Students will be asked to write a short reflection on what they have read and turn this in each week.

Materials-

You should bring the following materials with you to class **every** day:

1. New International Version of the Bible, with reference material.
2. Subject Notebook: Blue binder with dividers for class notes, tests, homework, projects, and Bible reading.
3. Basic supplies: pen or pencil, notebook, and highlighter pen.

Grading-

Grading will be based on a total points scale based on the following:

1. Quizzes- There will be a quiz following each lesson. They will cover our notes and memory verse and will typically be worth 30 points.
2. Homework- Each lesson will include a set of study questions worth 10 points.
3. Daily Bible reading- Reflection sheets should be turned in each week. 10 points will be awarded for each reading.
4. Tests- Tests will be given after every 2-3 lessons and are worth 100 points. These will come primarily from the quizzes but may include discussion questions.

Extra Credit-

You may write reports on Bible stories or memorize scripture for each credit. This may not exceed 50 points total.

Late Work-

Work that is turned in late will receive only 50% credit. No work will be taken after it is one week late.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

TEACHER-

1. I will be respectful toward you and your opinions.
2. I will be prepared for class each day.
3. I will strive to give simple and complete directions.
4. I will listen to you when you talk.
5. I will pray for you.

STUDENTS-

1. Be in your seat and prepared for class when the tardy bell rings.
2. Follow directions the first time.
3. Request permission to speak.
4. Listen when others are talking
5. Show respect to me and your classmates at all times.

CONSEQUENCES-

- 1st Offense: Warning- One per six weeks.
- 2nd Offense: Meet with me after class.
- 3rd Offense: Parent Contact
- 4th Offense: Teacher Discipline
- 5th Offense: School Discipline

HONOR CODE-

In order to maintain honor in my relationships, I agree to do what is right, to speak the truth, and to strive for integrity in all that I do. Therefore, I will not be involved in lying, cheating, or stealing. If I do veer from this path of honor, I will accept the correction from others and the established consequences of this school. Honor is a goal that I seek to attain.

I want this class to be a positive experience for all of us and if you should ever need to talk with me please feel free to do so. My help sessions will be Monday afternoons until 4 pm.

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