

Lesson 2-Level 1 Revelation

Purpose: Continuation of the definition of divine Revelation
Sin and alienation/Adam and Eve
Revelation through Covenant in the Old Testament/ Noah and Abraham

Session at a Glance:

- 7:00 p.m. Welcome
- 7:15 p.m. Suggested Opening Prayer/ **A Rainbow of Hope and Peace**
Appendix C-3 of the **Teaching Activities Manual for The Catholic Youth Bible**
- 7:30 p.m. Continuation of definition of divine Revelation/Focus on Tradition
Sin and alienation-Adam and Eve
- 8:00 p.m. Definition of Covenant
God's Covenant with Noah, Abraham
- 8:30 p.m. Closing Blessing

I. Tradition as a source of Revelation

Catechist: Review, that at the last session we learned that through reason we can know God (e.g., creation is a source of knowing God) and that sacred Scripture is a source of divine Revelation. Continue, using the following as a guide...

Catechist:

Tradition is another source of Revelation of God. Tradition is the way by which belief, (the Trinity) customs (care of the poor) stories,(the martyrs of early Christianity beginning with Stephen in Acts of the Apostles 7:54-60) laws, (recognition of natural law e.g., respect for life) religious practices, (ashes to begin Lent) and other customs are handed down from one generation to the next. The Bible itself was first represented through Tradition. Only later was the Bible handed down in written form.

Sacred Tradition and sacred Scripture form one sacred source of Revelation. They are linked and joined together so firmly that one cannot stand without the other. Each in its own way contribute to our life with God under the action of the Holy Spirit and safeguarded by the Church.

II. Sin and Alienation-Adam and Eve

Catechist: Guide the youth in the reading and understanding of:
Catholic Connection-Original Sin Breaks Our Relationship With God
Catholic Youth Bible page 9 (same page in all editions).

For activities on this topic see Teaching Activities Manual for The Catholic Youth Bible , Sin and Alienation p. 24.

III. Definition of Covenant

God's Covenant with Noah and Abraham

Catechist: Discuss contracts which are familiar to the youth using the following as a guide... contracts between employers and employees; those between

singers/bands and a recording studio; those between the State and a driver seeking a license; the contract/vows between a man and woman in matrimony who commit themselves to God and one another. The youth will understand through these examples that agreements are made between two parties each having obligations.

Have the youth read in the *Catholic Youth Bible Live It-Covenant*

p.25 NAB (same page in all editions) or p. 22 NRSV (same page in all editions)

Youth read in the Bible, the familiar story of Noah, Genesis chapters 6:5—9:27

From the *Catholic Youth Bible*:

Read and discuss with the youth: *Live It! Sin Has Social Consequences*

p. 13 NAB (same in all editions) or p. 12 NRSV (same in all editions)

Continue the discussion with *Did You Know? The Flood* p. 14 NAB (same in all editions) or p. 13 NRSV (same in all editions)

To conclude the story of Noah read: *Pray It! The Rainbow* and together pray the prayer p.16 NAB (same in all editions) or p.15 NRSV (same in all editions)

Begin a discussion of Abraham and Sarah. Read *Introducing Abraham and Sarah Catholic Youth Bible* p. 20 NAB (same in all editions) or p.18 NRSV (same in all editions). Emphasize God's Covenant.

In the Teaching Activities Manual for The Catholic Youth Bible, select appropriate activities for the youth from pp. 27-29.

IV. Closing Prayer: Blessing from Genesis chapter 17:1-2

OUTCOMES

Outcome statements denote what the youth will be able to understand and communicate upon completion of Lesson 2.

- Tradition is another source of Revelation of God
- Tradition is the way by which beliefs, customs, stories, laws and religious practices are handed down from one generation to the next
- Sacred Tradition and sacred Scripture form one sacred source of Revelation
- A covenant is an agreement made between two parties each having obligations
- God made a covenant with Noah and Abraham