

Rough Draft

a middle school ministry newsletter



Introducing - The Father

Our theme for this semester is the Old Testament. Contrary to what one may think, Adam and Eve weren't the first "characters" introduced in the Bible. God the Father was. The second was the Holy Spirit. From Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless wasteland, and darkness covered the abyss, while a mighty wind swept over the waters. We recognize the Father as the creator and the Holy Spirit as the wind.



The first thing God does is speak, and we know John 1:1 that Jesus is the Word of God. So, in the first chapter of Genesis, we're introduced to the entire Trinity. That's why, when Adam and Eve are created, God can say: "Let *US* make man in *OUR* image, after *OUR* likeness" (Gen 1:26, emphasis added.)

All of Scripture is a gradual revelation of God. This year we'll study how God is revealed in Scripture and the different ways we can read the Bible and grow spiritually from it. Tonight, we simply introduce the ultimate Author of Scripture - the Triune God.

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Does your family ever read the Bible together? Why not try reading one passage from the Bible each week before dinner?

Did you grow up reading the Bible? Why do you think the Bible is so important?

Up and Coming

- Our next session will be Monday, October 5th, from 6:30-8 pm in St. Joe's School Hall.
- Our annual trip to Frightfest will be on October 9th. The registration deadline is October 6th. There is an additional form on the back of this page.
- Save the Date! St. Joe's Octoberfest is Sunday, October 18th and the Youth Ministry program is in charge of games and we'll need both students and parents help! E-mail Matt if you're interested in signing up!
- Looking for the readings of the day? They are available at the www.usccb.org or on our prayer web site at www.ypray.org.
- Check out our youth ministry web site at www.sjsmym.org



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