

## CLASS - 3

# UNIT I: OLD TESTAMENT

### Lesson 1 – Noah

#### Questions & Answers

1. Why did God want to destroy the earth with a flood?  
Earth was full of violence and corruption because of bad people. Seeing this God decided to destroy the earth with a flood.
2. What did Noah do when he came out of the ark after the flood?  
When Noah came out of the ark he built an altar and made sacrifice to thank God.
3. Why did God save Noah and his family from the flood?  
God saved Noah and his family from the flood because they obeyed God without having any doubt.

#### Name the following:

1. Father of Noah – Lamech
2. Sons of Noah – Shem, Ham & Japheth
3. Mountain where Noah's ark rested after the floodwater receded – Mount Ararat

#### Fill in the blanks:

1. Noah's ark was made of cypress wood.
2. The rain continued for 40 days and 40 nights.
3. God established a rainbow as a sign of His promise to Noah.
4. The ark was 450 ft long, 75 ft wide and 45 ft high.

### Lesson 2 – Tower of Babel

#### Questions & Answers

1. Why did God punish the people?  
The people started building a tower for self-glorification and to become independent of God. So God punished them.
2. Why could the people not complete the work of the tower?  
The people could not complete the work of the tower because God confused their language and they could not communicate with each other.
3. What will happen if our actions are against the will of God?  
If our actions are against the will of God we will fail in our activities.

#### Who said to whom:

1. "Come let us build a city, with a tower that reaches the sky, so that we can make a name for ourselves."  
The people living in Shinar said among themselves.

**Fill in the blanks:**

1. The meaning of the word 'Babel' is confusion.
2. Our activities should be based on God's will and not for challenging God.

### Lesson 3 – Abraham

**Questions & Answers**

1. What are the good qualities we find in Abraham?
  - i. Hospitality
  - ii. Whole-heartedness
  - iii. Compassion
  - iv. Obedience
  - v. Faith in God
2. Give two examples of Abraham's obedience to God.
  - i. When God asked Abraham to leave his place and go to the land God would show him, he obeyed.
  - ii. When God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac, he obeyed and took his son to Mount Moriah to sacrifice.

**Name the following:**

1. Wife of Abraham – Sarah
2. Father of Abraham – Terah
3. Nephew of Abraham - Lot
4. Earlier name of Abraham – Abram

**Fill in the blanks:**

1. Abraham was the son of Terah and Isaac was Abraham's son.
2. God asked Abraham to leave Haran and go to Canaan.
3. Abraham took Isaac to a mountain at Moriah for sacrifice.

### Lesson 4 – Isaac

**Questions & Answers**

1. Describe an incident which shows the obedience of Isaac.

God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac. Isaac came to know this only when the preparations for the sacrifice began. Still he did not oppose his father. This shows his obedience.

**Name the following:**

1. Meaning of "Isaac" – laughter
2. Step brother of Isaac – Ishmael
3. Mother of Ishmael – Hagar
4. Servant of Abraham – Eliezar
5. Wife of Isaac – Rebecca
6. Brother of Rebecca – Laban
7. Father of Rebecca – Bethuel

**Who said to whom:**

1. "Take your son Isaac, whom you love so much, and go to the land of Moriah. There on a mountain that I will show you, offer him as a sacrifice to me"  
God said to Abraham

**Fill in the blanks:**

1. Isaac was born when Abraham was 100 years and his wife Sarah was 90.
2. When Isaac was 40 years old, God directed Abraham's servant to Mesopotamia and found a partner, Rebekah for Isaac.
3. Isaac died at the age of 180 at Hebron.

## Lesson 5 – Jacob

**Questions & Answers**

1. What was the vision of Jacob?  
Jacob saw a ladder reaching from earth to heaven. Angels were ascending and descending upon it and the Lord was above it.
2. Why did Jacob flee to Laban's house?  
Jacob acted as if he was Esau and received his father's blessings. Esau became angry and wanted to take revenge. So Rebecca sent him to Laban's house to escape from Esau's anger.
3. How did the twelve tribes of Israel come into existence?  
God changed Jacob's name to Israel. He had twelve sons and the twelve tribes of Israel are known after them.

**Name the following:**

1. Father of twelve tribes – Jacob

**Fill in the blanks:**

1. Meaning of the word 'Bethel' is house of God.
2. Jacob married Laban's daughters Leah and Rachel.
3. God changed Jacob's name to Israel.

## Lesson 6 – Joseph and his brothers

**Questions & Answers**

1. What were the dreams of Joseph?
  - In his first dream, Joseph and his brothers were binding bundles of grains in the field and his bundle stood up. Then his brothers' bundles came around and bowed before his bundle.
  - In his second dream, Joseph saw the sun, the moon and eleven stars bowing down to him.
2. Why were his brothers angry at Joseph?  
Joseph's brothers were angry because his dreams meant that his parents and brothers would bow down before him.

3. What happened to Joseph when his father sent him to his brothers to know their welfare?  
Joseph's brothers removed his coat and threw him into an empty pit. Later they took him out of the pit and sold him to some Midianite merchants. These merchants sold him to Potiphar in Egypt.
4. Name the sons of Jacob.  
Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Joseph & Benjamin.

**Name the following:**

1. Brother of Joseph who wanted to save him – Reuben
2. Egyptian official to whom Joseph was sold – Potiphar

**Fill in the blanks:**

1. Joseph grew up in love and loyalty to God.
2. The Midianite merchants sold Joseph in Egypt to Potiphar.
3. In ancient times, the kings of Egypt were known as Pharaoh.

## Lesson 7 – Joseph the Prime Minister

**Questions & Answers**

1. What was Pharaoh's dreams?
  - In his first dream, Pharaoh was standing near the River Nile. Seven fat cows came out of the river and grazed among the reeds. Then seven thin cows came out of the river and ate the fat cows.
  - In his second dream, he saw seven healthy heads of grain growing on a stalk. Then seven thin heads of grains grew up and swallowed the healthy heads.
2. What was the idea Joseph suggested to Pharaoh to face the severe famine?  
Joseph suggested to store enough food during the seven years of abundance so that they would have plenty during the seven years of famine.
3. How did Joseph become the Prime Minister of Egypt?  
Joseph explained the meaning of Pharaoh's dreams and let him know of the famine. He also suggested a plan to overcome the famine. So the Pharaoh was happy and made him the Prime Minister of Egypt.

**Who said to whom:**

1. "Is my father alive?"  
Joseph asked his brothers.

**Fill in the blanks:**

1. The present capital of Egypt is Cairo.
2. Joseph relied on God and God protected him from all dangers.
3. The name of Joseph's wife was Asenath and their sons were Manasseh and Ephraim.

# UNIT II: NEW TESTAMENT

## LESSON 8 – Jesus, the Saviour of the world

### Questions & Answers

1. Why is Jesus the Saviour of the world?

Jesus is the Saviour of the world because He was sent by God to die on the cross and save everybody from their sins.

2. How did the wise men from the east come to know about the birth of Jesus?

The wise men saw a special star and came to know about the birth of Jesus.

### Name the following:

1. The gifts brought by the wise men – gold, myrrh and frankincense.
2. Prophets who foretold the birth of Jesus – Isaiah and Micah

### Who said to whom:

1. “Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people.”  
Angel said to the shepherds.

### Fill in the blanks:

1. Jesus was born in the city of Bethlehem.
4. We celebrate Christmas on 25<sup>th</sup> December.
5. Jesus is the Saviour of mankind.

## LESSON 9 – Jesus, the one who heals all sickness

### Questions & Answers

1. How did Jesus give sight to the blind man?

Jesus spat on the ground, made some mud with saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. He told the man to wash it in the pool of Siloam. The man washed and came back seeing.

2. How can we become helpers and co-workers of Jesus in His ministry?

We become helpers and co-workers of Jesus in his ministry by helping the helpless and praying for the sick.

### Who said to whom:

1. “Son, your sins are forgiven; get up, take your bed and go home.”  
Jesus said to the paralyzed man.

### Fill in the blanks:

1. Jesus healed the fever of Simon’s mother-in-law with a touch.
2. Jesus asked the blind man to wash his eyes in the pool of Siloam.

## LESSON 10 – Jesus, the Friend of the poor

### Questions & Answers

1. Jesus was a friend of the poor. Give few examples.
  - i. Jesus spent most of His time with poor, sick and outcasts.
  - ii. His disciples were not rich, most of them were fishermen.
  - iii. Most of the miracle cures were for the poor and needy.
  - iv. Jesus praised the offering of the poor widow.
  
2. What should we do to continue the work of Jesus among the poor?  
We should love the poor, visit them and help them in their needs.

### Who said to whom:

1. “I tell you the truth; this poor woman has put more into the treasury than all others.”  
Jesus said to the disciples.
2. “She out of her poverty put in everything she had.”  
Jesus said to the disciples.
3. “The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has chosen me to bring good news to the poor.”  
Jesus said to the people in the synagogue.
4. “He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; to set free those who are oppressed.”  
Jesus said to the people in the synagogue.

### Fill in the blanks:

1. Jesus is a friend who never changes.
2. It is difficult for the poor to enter the kingdom of God.
3. Some of Jesus disciples were poor fishermen.

## LESSON 11 – Jesus, the one who feeds the hungry

### Questions & Answers

1. Who gave the food to Jesus so that He could feed the people? How much food was given?  
A boy gave five loaves of bread and two pieces of fish to Jesus.
  
2. How did Jesus perform the miracle of feeding the thousands?  
Jesus took the five loaves of bread and two pieces of fish, looked up to heaven, gave thanks, blessed and broke them. Then He gave it to the disciples to serve the people.

### Who said to whom:

1. “You give them food.”  
Jesus said to the disciples.

### Fill in the blanks:

1. Jesus spoke to the people about the Kingdom of God.
2. We should share with others whatever we possess.

## LESSON 12 – Jesus, who died for us

### Questions & Answers

1. How did Judas Iscariot betray Jesus?  
Judas took thirty silver coins from the Jewish priests and helped the soldiers to identify Jesus by kissing Him.
2. How was one of the robbers who were crucified along with Jesus saved?  
One of the robbers was saved because he believed that Jesus was God and prayed to Him.

### Name the following:

1. The governor who sentenced Jesus to be crucified – Pontius Pilate
2. Disciple who betrayed Jesus – Judas Iscariot
3. Meaning of “Golgotha” – place of skull

### Who said to whom:

1. “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”  
The robber who believed said to Jesus.
2. “Amen, I say to you, this day you shall be in paradise with me.”  
Jesus said to the robber who believed.

### Fill in the blanks:

1. Jesus went to the garden of Gethsemane and prayed to God the Father.
2. Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus for thirty silver coins.
3. Jesus was crucified at Golgotha.
4. The notice put above Jesus on the cross read “Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews”.
5. All of us get salvation from sins through the death of Jesus.

## LESSON 13 – Jesus, the one who sits in glory

### Questions & Answers

1. Why was the tomb of Jesus sealed?  
The Jewish leaders told Pilate that Jesus would rise again after three days, so they sealed the tomb of Jesus.
2. Why do we Christians believe that Jesus Christ will come again?  
We believe that Jesus will come again because this was the promise given to the disciples of Jesus by the angels who appeared to them on Mount Olive.
3. Why Christians are not afraid of death **OR** What is the Christian concept regarding death?  
Christians, who are believers of Christ, will enter into a new life in the kingdom of God after death.
4. How can we have a blessed life as children of God?  
As children of God we should live in faith, obey all the commands of God and do all our duties according to the will of God.

**Name the following:**

1. The two men who buried the body of Jesus – Joseph of Arimathea & Nicodemus
2. The person who saw that the body of Jesus was not in the tomb – Mary Magdalene
3. The place where Jesus ascended to heaven – Mount Olive

**Who said to whom:**

1. “Men of Galilee, Why do you stand here looking into the sky?”  
The two angels said to the disciples.

**Fill in the blanks:**

1. The first person who came to know that Jesus had risen from the tomb was Mary Magdalene.
2. Jesus rose from the dead on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of His death.
3. Jesus told the disciples to spread the gospel in all nations.

## LESSONS 14 – Jesus is with us

**Questions & Answers**

1. The presence of Jesus was a great comfort and assurance to those who believed in him. Why?  
The presence of Jesus was a great comfort and assurance to those who believed in him because Jesus healed the sick, raised the dead, fed the hungry and was always with them in their difficult times.
2. Give one instance where we see that Jesus was concerned about the safety of his disciples and people around him?  
Once when the disciples faced a big storm while crossing the sea in a boat, Jesus calmed the sea and saved them.
3. What is the promise given by Jesus about His presence with us?  
The promise given by Jesus is “Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

**Name the following:**

1. Meaning of “Immanuel” – God is with us

**Who said to whom:**

1. “When two or three people are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them.”  
Jesus said to his disciples.
2. “Go into the world and preach the good news to all creation.”  
Jesus said to the disciples.

**Fill in the blanks:**

1. Jesus said “When two or three people are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them.”
2. Jesus said “Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
3. We are awaiting the second coming of Jesus.

# UNIT III – CHURCH HISTORY

## Lesson 15 –Founding of the Holy Church-Jesus and His disciple

### Questions & Answers

1. What are the three meanings of the word 'Church'?
  - a) a building used for worship.
  - b) any Christian denomination.
  - c) all the people who believe in Jesus Christ.
2. How has the Church spread all over the world?

The disciples went to different places and spread the good news of Jesus Christ. The believers became part of the Church and the Church spread all over the world.
3. What are the main characteristics of the Church?
  - i. Church has no standing without Christ.
  - ii. Church is God's work and no force can destroy it.
  - iii. Church is holy.
  - iv. Church is for all people of any age, sex, gender, descent or status.

### Name the following:

1. The body of people who believe in Jesus Christ – Church

### Who said to whom:

1. "Go throughout the whole world and preach the gospel to all mankind."  
Jesus said to his disciples

### Fill in the blanks:

1. The Church is founded upon the death, resurrection and ascension of Christ.
2. The Church includes all the faithful who are living, dead and yet to be born.

## Lesson 16 – Founding of the Holy Church-The Pentecost

### Questions & Answers

1. What happened on the day of Pentecost?

The disciples were praying in a room. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of violent wind came from heaven and filled the room. They saw tongues of fire which divided and rested on each of them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and started speaking in tongues.
2. What was the effect of Pentecost on the disciples?

The disciples were strengthened by the Holy Spirit. They became courageous to bear witness to the Lord.

### Name the following:

1. The person whom God sent to redeem the Israelites out of Egypt – Moses
2. The mount where God gave Moses the Ten Commandments – Mount Sinai

**Fill in the blanks:**

1. The meaning of the word Pentecost is fiftieth day.
2. Pentecost is celebrated on the fiftieth day of Passover.
3. Disciples received Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost.
4. Pentecost was originally a Jewish festival.
5. God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai.
6. The Old Testament prophet Joel wrote about the day of new Pentecost.

## Lesson 17 – The Beginning of the Apostolic Church

**Questions & Answers**

1. Name the Apostles of Jesus.  
Simon Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Thomas, Mathew, James the son of Alpheus, Thaddeus, Simon, Matthias and Bartholomew.
2. Where did the early church conduct worship?  
The early church conducted worship in the temples of Jerusalem, synagogues and the homes of believers.

**Name the following:**

1. The period from Pentecost to the death of Apostle John – Apostolic period
2. The apostle who founded the Church in India – St. Thomas
3. The year St. Thomas came to India – AD 52

**Fill in the blanks:**

1. The foundations of the Apostolic church were the prophets and apostles.
2. The early church, on Sundays, observed the act of breaking of bread and sharing of cup as a continuing proclamation of Jesus Christ.
3. During Apostolic period Sunday was observed as Lord's Day.

## Lesson 18 – Our Church

**Name the following:**

1. The present Catholicos of Indian Orthodox Church – *(to filled in according to the present Catholicos)*
2. Diocese to which our parish belongs to – Calcutta
3. The bishop of our diocese - *(to filled in according to the present Bishop)*
4. The year St. Thomas came to India – AD 52

**Fill in the blanks:**

1. The founder of Indian Orthodox Church is St. Thomas.
2. There are 9 dioceses outside Kerala.
3. Parumala Perunnal is celebrated on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

## UNIT IV – FAITH

### Lesson 19 – We are children of God

#### Questions & Answers

1. How should we live if we are God's children?  
We should give up all bad habit, obey and respect our parents, go to church and spend time daily for prayer and reading Bible.
2. How can God's children, who do mistakes come back to God?  
God's children, who do mistakes can come back to God by repenting and asking God's forgiveness.
3. What does God ensure us as our Father?
  - i. God has created us in His own image.
  - ii. God loves us and He knows our every action.
  - iii. God is compassionate. So we can go to Him without fear.
  - iv. If we do wrong, we should ask God for His forgiveness.
4. Which was the prayer taught by Jesus?  
The Lord's Prayer

#### Fill in the blanks:

1. Our relationship with God is like the contact between father and child.
2. We can maintain the relationship with God by reading Bible and praying.
3. God knows our names and He loves us.

## Unit V: WORSHIP

### Lesson 20 –We sing and communicate with God

#### Questions & Answers

1. What are the methods for communicating with God?
  - i. By reading the Bible
  - ii. By praying to God
  - iii. By meditating
  - iv. By singing biblical and devotional songs
  - v. By participating in the worship
2. What are the different types of songs we use? Give examples.
  - i. The Biblical songs – Psalms of the Bible, Song of St. Mary
  - ii. Liturgical songs – Paul the blessed (Paulose sleeha)
  - iii. Devotional songs – All to Jesus I Surrender

#### Name the following :

1. The greatest singer of the Bible – King David.
2. Angel who visited St. Mary – Gabriel.

**Fill in the blanks:**

1. Psalms of the Bible are songs used by the Israelites.
2. Singing spiritual songs is an angelic duty.
3. Music unites people and it gives them faith in the protection of God's power.
4. Our relationship with God is at spiritual level.

## Lesson 21 – Hymns and Prayers

**Hymn** – Paulose Shleeha / Paul, the Lord's apostle

**Prayer** – Moraneesho / O Jesus Christ, our Lord, close not the door of Thy mercy  
Anugrahanga niranjirikunnavane / You who are full of mercy

## Lesson 22 – We receive Jesus through Holy Communion

**Questions & Answers**

1. How can we become Children of God?  
To become children of God we should obey our parents, teachers and all our elders.
2. What is holy communion ?  
Eating of the bread and drinking of the wine by quoting the words of Jesus is the central act of Eucharist.
3. What is the prayer that should be said before receiving the Holy Qurbana?  
"O Lord God , make me worthy that I may be purified by receiving your sacred body and my soul be made sanctified by your blood."

**Name the following :**

1. The festival that the Israelites observed in remembrance of their deliverance from Egypt- Festival of Passover.
2. The supper that Jesus had with the disciples just before crucifixion- The Lord's Supper.

**Fill in the blanks:**

1. Jesus celebrated the Lord's Supper on the day of Passover.
2. During the Lord's Supper, while they were eating Jesus took the bread, broke it and told His disciples: "This is my body".
3. During the last supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, and said: "This is my blood which is poured out for the forgiveness of sins".
4. Before taking Holy Qurbana, we should confess our sins and ask the Lord for forgiveness of sins.

## Lesson 23 – HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

**Questions & Answers****1. What is the bible ?**

The bible contains the word of God, delivered to the men of God.

## 2. What should we do when we take the bible for reading?

Whenever we take the bible for reading , we should make the sign of the cross, kiss it and then start reading it carefully.

### Fill in the blanks:

1. The Bible contains 39 books in the old testament and 27 books in the new testament.
2. The Old Testament was originally written in Hebrew Language and the New Testament was originally written in Greek Language.

## General Informative Questions (Not to be included for exams)

### 1. How many books are there in the bible ?

The Bible contains 66 books, divided among the Old and New Testaments.

### 2. What is the longest book in the Bible?

The book of Psalms.

### 3. What is the shortest book in the Bible?

The book of 2 John.

### 4. What is the longest chapter in the Bible?

Psalm 119

### 5. What is the shortest chapter in the Bible?

Psalm 117

### 6. What is the longest verse in the Bible?

Esther 8:9

### 7. What is the shortest verse in the Bible?

John 11:35

### 8. Which book in the Bible does not mention the word "God"?

The book of Esther.

## Unit VI: PATRISTICS

### Lesson 24 –Who are Saints

#### Questions & Answers

##### 1. Who are saints?

Saints are people who walk with God and have received the crowns of victory in heaven promised by God.

##### 2. Why is intercession of saints important?

Intercession purifies and strengthens us and thus God accepts our faithful prayers to receive eternal life.

3. Name three saints you know?
  - St. Mary
  - St. Thomas
  - Parumala Thirumeni

**Fill in the blanks:**

1. The saints are not in silence but as members of the heavenly family are in permanent communion with God.
2. Saints are the witnesses who encourage us in our pilgrimage of faith.

## Unit VII: CURRENT ISSUES

### Lesson 25 –Obedience to parents and teachers

**Questions & Answers :-**

1. Which is the commandment that God gave regarding obedience to parents ?  
The fifth of the ten commandments says : “Obey your father and mother, so that you may have a long time in the land that I am giving you”.
2. Why should we be obedient to our parents and teachers ?
  - We should be obedient to our parents because this is what God wants from us. God has created us through our parents so that they will always tell us the good and the bad side of life.
  - We should obey our teachers because like our parents, teachers are wise people whom God has appointed to teach us the basics of our life.
3. Being God’s children, what can you do for your parents and teachers ?  
Since parents and teachers are the people who mould our character and outlook, we should always remember them in our daily prayers. We should be good children by obeying our parents and teachers.