

## 2007-08 Adult Explore the Bible Focal Passages and Lesson Titles

Week of	Focal Passage(s)	Lesson Title
<b>MATTHEW: ANSWERS TO IMPORTANT QUESTIONS</b>		
<b>Unit 1: Who Is Jesus?</b>		
September	2 Matthew 1:18-25; 2:1-3,7-11	<i>God's Unique Son</i>
September	9 Matthew 3:13-17; 4:1-11	<i>God's Sinless Son</i>
<b>Unit 2: How Should Christians Behave?</b>		
September	16 Matthew 5:20-26,38-48	<i>Strive for Godly Perfection</i>
September	23 Matthew 8:1-3,23-27; 9:1-8	<i>Always Trust Christ</i>
September	30 Matthew 9:35-38; 10:5-14,26-31	<i>Take Part in Missions</i>
October	7 Matthew 12:22-37	<i>Watch Your Words</i>
October	14 Matthew 13:24-30,36-43	<i>Be Patient with Others</i>
October	21 Matthew 15:1-20	<i>Practice Genuine Purity</i>
<b>Unit 3: What Should a Church Be?</b>		
October	28 Matthew 16:13-28	<i>Centered on Christ</i>
November	4 Matthew 18:6-7,10-22	<i>A Caring Community</i>
November	11 Matthew 19:1-15	<i>A Place for All</i>
November	18 Matthew 25:31-46	<i>Involved in Ministry</i>
* November	25 Matthew 27:35-37,45-50; 28:5-10,18-20	<i>On Mission</i>
<b>GENESIS 1-27: FOUNDATIONS FOR UNDERSTANDING LIFE'S MEANING</b>		
<b>Unit 1: Divine Creation and Human Corruption</b>		
December	2 Genesis 1:26-28,31; 2:15-18,21-25	<i>Affirm God's Good Plan</i>
December	9 Genesis 3:1-13,22-23	<i>Admit Your Sin Problem</i>
December	16 Genesis 6:9-18,22	<i>Aspire to Walk with God</i>
(Christmas)* December	23 John 1:1-18	<i>Accept God's Promised Savior</i>
<b>Unit 2: Divine Grace and Human Opportunity</b>		
December	30 Genesis 8:15-17,20-22; 9:1-3,8-13	<i>God Offers New Opportunities</i>
January	6 Genesis 11:1-9,27-32	<i>God's Purposes Trump Human Pride</i>
January	13 Genesis 12:1-9; 13:8-13	<i>God Allows Us to Choose</i>
(SOHL) January	20 Genesis 1:27; 9:6; Matt. 5:21-22; 22:36-40; Mark 10:46-52	<i>God Wants Us to Value Everyone</i>
<b>Unit 3: Divine Purpose and Human Response</b>		

January	27	Genesis 15:1-6; 16:1-3; 17:1-2,17-19
February	3	Genesis 18:20-26; 19:12-16
February	10	Genesis 22:1-6,9-18
February	17	Genesis 24:34-48
February	24	Genesis 25:29-34; 27:6-8,15-19,34-36

*Do You Trust the Lord's Promises?*  
*Do You Care About Others?*  
*Do You Obey in Faith?*  
*Do You Seek the Lord's Guidance?*  
*Do You Help or Exploit?*

## GENESIS 28-50: FOUNDATIONS FOR FAITH

### Unit 1: Growth of Faith

March	2	Genesis 28:1-2,10-22
March	9	Genesis 29:16-17,21-23,26-27; 31:1-3,38-42
March	16	Genesis 32:6-12,24-31
* March	23	John 20:1-9,15-18; 1 Corinthians 15:3-6,20-22
March	30	Genesis 34:30-31; 35:1-7,9-12,14-15

*Responding to God with Faith*  
*Learning About God's Faithfulness*  
*Growing Spiritually Through Crises*  
*Celebrating Easter's Significance*  
*Renewing Commitment*

### Unit 2: Practice of Faith

April	6	Genesis 37:2b-11,17-20,28
April	13	Genesis 39:1-4,6b-15,19-20
April	20	Genesis 39:21; 40:2-3,5-15,20-23
April	27	Genesis 41:1a,12-13,15-16,28-30,32-40

*When Others Hate You*  
*When Tempted to Sin*  
*When All Hope Seems Lost*  
*When Presented with Challenging Tasks*

### Unit 3: Tasks of Faith

May	4	Genesis 42:6-7,9,13-24a
May	11	Genesis 44:1-2,32-34; 45:1-9,14-15
May	18	Genesis 46:1-7,28-30; 47:7-12
May	25	Genesis 48:3-6; 49:8-10; 50:15-21

*Acknowledge Broken Relationships*  
*Work Toward Reconciliation*  
*Make Major Life Adjustments*  
*Remain Faithful*

## ACTS: GOING INTO THE WORLD

### Unit 1: Power to Go

June	1	Acts 1:4-8; 2:1-6,37-41
June	8	Acts 4:5-10,12-13,18-20,31-35

*Empowered to Witness*  
*Empowered to Help*

### Unit 2: People Who Go

June	15	Acts 6:8-15; 7:51-60
June	22	Acts 8:4-13,29-31,35-38
June	29	Acts 9:15-22,26-30
July	6	Acts 11:4-18
July	13	Acts 11:19-30

*Stephen: Boldness*  
*Philip: Consistency*  
*Paul: Total Commitment*  
*Peter: Openness*  
*Barnabas: Encouragement*

### Unit 3: Places We Go

July	20	Acts 14:1-4,11-15a,18-23
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*Galatia: Facing Troubles*

July 27 Acts 15:1-2,6-15,22-23a,27-28  
\* August 3 Acts 17:16-19,22-31  
August 10 Acts 18:24-28; 19:1-10  
August 17 Acts 21:17-29,39  
August 24 Acts 24:22-26; 26:22-31  
August 31 Acts 28:16-25,28-31

*Jerusalem: Facing Conflict*  
*Athens: Facing Questions*  
*Ephesus: Facing Religious People*  
*Jerusalem: Facing Criticism*  
*Caesarea: Facing Secular People*  
*Rome: Facing Limitations*