

6TH GRADE

FOUNDATIONS

Old Testament: Genesis – Judges

OVERVIEW

The Old Testament is a collection of books written over the course of hundreds of years, by multiple authors, at different times, in different locations communicating the same message of God. We see God begin to reveal Himself throughout the **Torah** as He creates, His creation chooses to worship themselves, He begins a plan to restore His creation to its original design through the Abraham and the nation of Israel. The Torah is the first five books of the Old Testament, Joshua and Judges continue this genealogical movement of the nation of Israel. These books are considered **historical narrative**, meaning these books tell history in a narrative form.

ON YOUR OWN

Write the first five books of the Old Testament:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
6. Joshua
7. Judges

What do you remember from these books? (People, events, places, etc.)

LARGE GROUP

1. **Torah** = “the _____” = the first five books of the Old Testament
 - Creation to the Promised Land (Moses’ death)
 - Series of worshipping God and turning from God.
 - God **PRESERVES** His people through the Law

Watch “The Law” video from Bible Project. Write down 3 or more thoughts from this video to discuss after.

2. **Joshua**
 - Joshua leads people into the Promised Land (Joshua 1:1)
 - Joshua conquers surrounding nations (Joshua 24:17-18)
 - People of Israel worshipped God (Joshua 24:31)
 - God **PRESERVES** His people through war (battle of Jericho)
3. **Judges**
 - After Joshua dies, the nation of Israel conquers the Canaanites
 - People of Israel turned from God (Judges 2:12)
 - God gave the nation Judges to **PRESERVE** the nation of Israel (Judges 2:16)

SMALL GROUPS

Read Matthew 22:34-40, take note of verse 40, what do you think that means considering our conversation?

Why did the people continue to forget God? How did God respond? What does that tell you about His character?