

# Fall Quarter 2018

## *Adults and Teens*

### Beginnings

#### The Beginning of the World

September 2	<b>The First Days of Creation</b> . . . . .	<i>Genesis 1:1-13</i>
September 9	<b>Creations in Sky, Sea, and Land</b> . . . . .	<i>Genesis 1:14-25</i>
September 16	<b>The First Man</b> . . . . .	<i>Genesis 1:26—2:3</i>

#### The Beginning of Human History

September 23	<b>Man's First Home</b> . . . . .	<i>Genesis 2:4-14</i>
September 30	<b>A Suitable Helper for Adam</b> . . . . .	<i>Genesis 2:15-25</i>
October 7	<b>A Reckless Choice</b> . . . . .	<i>Genesis 3:1-13</i>
October 14	<b>Dreadful Consequences</b> . . . . .	<i>Genesis 3:14-24</i>
October 21	<b>The First Murder</b> . . . . .	<i>Genesis 4:1-16</i>

#### Cataclysm and a New Beginning

October 28	<b>Worldwide Wickedness</b> . . . . .	<i>Genesis 6:1-10</i>
November 4	<b>Preparation for Deliverance</b> . . . . .	<i>Genesis 6:11-22</i>
November 11	<b>Safety in the Ark</b> . . . . .	<i>Genesis 7:1-10</i>
November 18	<b>The Great Flood</b> . . . . .	<i>Genesis 7:11-24</i>
November 25	<b>Thanksgiving and a Promise</b> . . . . .	<i>Genesis 8:15-22</i>

Critics often begin their attacks on the Bible with the book of Genesis. In their minds, if this book can be discredited, the rest of the Bible is undermined. This quarter's studies are in Genesis and are important to us because of this attitude. We begin at the beginning of the world in the first unit. Lesson 1 describes the first three days of Creation. This includes light, day and night, the firmament, the appearance of dry land, and vegetation.

Lesson 2 covers the creation of sun, moon, and stars; fish and fowl; and land creatures on days four through six. Lesson 3 is a study of the creation of people and the establishment of the seventh day as a day of rest. Lesson 4 is the first lesson in the second unit, which details the beginning of human history. This lesson focuses on the preparation of the Garden of Eden as Adam's dwelling place. Lesson 5 describes Adam's placement in that garden and the creation of Eve to be his helper. It also establishes the beginning of marriage.

A major turning point in mankind's history is studied in lesson 6, where the tempter shows up and Eve listens to him and follows his tempting thoughts. Adam follows her lead, and both of them disobey God's command about the tree of knowledge of good and evil. In lesson 7, we learn the severe consequences of their disobedience, with the serpent, Eve, and Adam being addressed by God and thoroughly chastened. This introduction of sin into God's creation leads to the murder of Abel by Cain in lesson 8.

The third unit takes us to a cataclysmic climax of the growth of the sinfulness that followed, but it leads to a new beginning with Noah. This unit reveals to us the greatness of God in His dealings with mankind. Lesson 9 is a description of the sinfulness that spread throughout the entire creation, along with an introduction to Noah, who remained righteous in a wicked world. In lesson 10, we see how God prepared a special way of preserving Noah in the coming judgment.

Lesson 11 details the entrance of Noah, his sons, his wife, his sons' wives, and the animals into the ark he had built. The Flood occurs in lesson 12 and is described as the means of the destruction of every living thing on earth. This was not the end, however, and lesson 13 is a study of the new beginning after Noah exited the ark.

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## *Beginners, Primaries, and Juniors*

### Elijah and Elisha: Mighty Prophets of God

#### Elijah's Godly Boldness

September 2	<b>Evil King, Hidden Prophet</b> . . . . .	<i>I Kings 16:29—17:7</i>
September 9	<b>A Widow Risks Everything</b> . . . . .	<i>I Kings 17:8-16</i>
September 16	<b>Raised to Life!</b> . . . . .	<i>I Kings 17:17-24</i>
September 23	<b>False Prophet Showdown</b> . . . . .	<i>I Kings 18:17-29</i>
September 30	<b>Only One True God</b> . . . . .	<i>I Kings 18:30-40</i>

#### Prophets Under God's Control

October 7	<b>The Running Prophet</b> . . . . .	<i>I Kings 18:41—19:8</i>
October 14	<b>Elijah Set Straight</b> . . . . .	<i>I Kings 19:9-19</i>
October 21	<b>A Heavenly Whirlwind</b> . . . . .	<i>II Kings 2:1-12</i>
October 28	<b>The Start of Elisha's Ministry</b> . . . . .	<i>II Kings 2:13-25</i>

#### Elisha and God's Power

November 4	<b>God's Plentiful Supply</b> . . . . .	<i>II Kings 4:1-7</i>
November 11	<b>Naaman's Need for Healing</b> . . . . .	<i>II Kings 5:1-8</i>
November 18	<b>Naaman Healed of Leprosy</b> . . . . .	<i>II Kings 5:9-19</i>
November 25	<b>Faith Without Fear</b> . . . . .	<i>II Kings 6:8-23</i>

This fall quarter, we will follow the lives of these two mighty prophets of God: Elijah and Elisha. Through their stories we will share God's power and love with our students.

In preparation for teaching the lessons, consider the source of Elijah's bold spirit and faith. Ask God to give you a godly boldness beyond imagination. Become immersed in the power of the one true God who was in control of the prophets' lives and who is in control of ours as well.

Our personal experiences with God and our excitement about the power and love of God will be passed along to the children we teach. They will hear the enthusiasm in our voices and will see the heartfelt expression on our faces as we teach these Bible truths. They will know how much God means to us, and that is something they will remember, even if they forget the details of the lessons.

The first five lessons of the first unit, titled "Elijah's Godly Boldness," show God's power and love as He used and protected the Prophet Elijah. In each lesson, Elijah took bold action for God, living out his faith. He stood up to the ungodly King Ahab and gave him a hard message (lesson 1); as a stranger, he asked a widow to house him and give of the little she had (lesson 2); he called on God to do the seemingly impossible—to revive a dead boy (lesson 3); and he challenged King Ahab and his false gods to a showdown (lessons 4 and 5).

The next four lessons of the second unit, titled "Prophets Under God's Control," show God's power and love as He guides and instructs His prophets. Elijah became overwhelmed by his circumstances, and God drew him back to Himself (lessons 6 and 7); when it was time for Elijah's work to end, God took him in a whirlwind and placed Elisha in his place (lesson 8); and when Elisha's ministry as a prophet began, God worked a miracle through him (lesson 9).

The final four lessons of the third unit, titled "Elisha and God's Power," continue to show God's love and power as demonstrated in Elisha's ministry as a prophet. The power of God worked through Elisha to perform a miracle of provision (lesson 10) and a miracle of physical and spiritual healing (lessons 11 and 12). The power of God's protection came in the form of horses and chariots of fire unseen by the enemy (lesson 13).

As we live in the loving power of God and trust His control, let us encourage our students to do the same.