INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT

This presentation uses
- Segment 3 of the “The Scriptures” DVD
- The workbook (p. 27-34)

The learning objectives in bold should be given greater emphasis and more time.

GOAL: The catechist will understand the Old Testament as revealing God’s saving love for humankind.

OBJECTIVES: By the end of this session the catechist will be able to:

1. Describe the central theme of the Old Testament.
   *CCC# 121-123, 522
   *Echoes of Faith Plus, page 27

2. Describe the themes of covenant and exodus found in Scripture and explain the significance of the following key stories/events of salvation history  *CCC#54-64
   - **Creation and Fall**
     *Genesis 1:1 – 3:21, CCC #280-289, 385-412*
   - **Abraham**
     *Genesis 22:1-18 or Genesis 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18, CCC #59-61, 1080, 145-147*
   - **Exodus**
     *Exodus 14:15 – 15:1, CCC #1081*
   - **Covenant**
     *Exodus 19 – 20:17, CCC #62-63, 2057*
   - **Exile and Prophets**
     *Baruch 3:9-15, 32 – 4:4, CCC #64, 710, 1081
     *Ezekiel 36:16-28*

3. Compare the Exodus and Jesus’ saving event.
   *CCC # 112, 571, 608, 610-611, 2175*

4. Describe how the central theme of the Old Testament speaks to Christians today.
   *Dei Verbum #16, CCC # 121-23, 128-130*

5. Describe the use of the Old Testament in liturgy.
   *CCC # 1093, 1156*

FURTHER READING/REFLECTION:

1. Read pages 33-34, 44-45 in the *Echoes of Faith Plus* workbook.
2. Read the Catholic Update: *Finding Your Way Through the Old Testament (CU 1189)*
3. Answer the questions on the reflection sheet which follows.
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Read pages 33-34, 44-45 in “The Scriptures” workbook.
Read the Catholic Update: “Finding Your Way Through the Old Testament.”

Please respond to the following.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE.

1. Some truths we learn from the stories of creation in Genesis are:
   _________________________________________________________________
   _________________________________________________________________
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2. The Exodus story is the story of _________________________________________________________________
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3. The covenant God made with the Hebrew people was important because _________________________________________________________________
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4. The prophets were people who _________________________________________________________________
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4. What are some reasons that the Old Testament is important for Christians? _________________________________________________________________
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5. Before the next session, take some time to think about what enslaves you? What commitment would be required on your part to free yourself from this spiritual slavery? _________________________________________________________________
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Please turn in your reflection at your next session if possible. Thank you.

BRING YOUR BIBLE TO THE NEXT SESSION.