

7th/8th Grade Bible Readings and Questions

Prior to each week's class, students are expected to read the assigned chapters from their *Teens in Action Bible* and answer the corresponding reading questions in their notebooks. You must **write the due date** at the top of each reflection. **Make sure to critically respond** to the week's questions with a **few sentences each**.

Due Date	Assigned Reading	Reading Questions
Class 1 (10/5)	NONE	NONE
Class 2 (10/19)	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time: First Reading: • Exodus 17:8-13 Second Reading: • 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 Gospel: • Luke 18:1-8	1.) Who are Amalek and the Amalekites? <i>(look it up, or check the * at the bottom of the page)</i> 2.) What do you believe the shared theme is between these three readings? Explain. 3.) If you were at mass right now after hearing these readings, what do you hope the priest will talk about in his homily? Why?
Class 3 (10/26)	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time: First Reading: • Ben Sira 35:12-14, 16-23 Second Reading: • 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Gospel: • Luke 18:9-14	1.) Saint Paul is about to be executed and is writing to Timothy about it. Who is Timothy, and why is Paul being executed? 2.) What do you believe the shared theme is between these three readings? Explain. 3.) If you were at mass right now after hearing these readings, what do you hope the priest will talk about in his homily? Why?
Class 4 (11/2)	All Souls' Day: First Reading: • Wisdom 3:1-9 (1) Second Reading: • Romans 5:5-11 (1) Gospel: • John 6:37-40 (8)	1.) What is All Souls' Day about? What are some of the things today's readings saw about our lives after we die? 2.) What do you believe the shared theme is between these three readings? Explain. 3.) If you were at mass right now after hearing these readings, what do you hope the priest will talk about in his homily? Why?

Class 5 (11/9)	Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica: First Reading: • <i>Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12</i> Second Reading: • <i>1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17</i> Gospel: • <i>John 2:13-22</i>	1.) What is the Lateran Basilica? Why is it important? Why are places of worship important in general? 2.) What do you believe the shared theme is between these three readings? Explain. 3.) If you were at mass right now after hearing these readings, what do you hope the priest will talk about in his homily? Why?
Class 6 (11/16)	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: First Reading: • <i>Malachi 3:19-20a</i> Second Reading: • <i>2 Thessalonians 3:7-12</i> Gospel: • <i>Luke 21:5-19</i>	1.) What were the Thessalonians beginning to do because they thought the new age of the Lord was already here? What was Paul's response to this? (Check the * at the bottom of the page) 2.) What do you believe the shared theme is between these three readings? Explain. 3.) If you were at mass right now after hearing these readings, what do you hope the priest will talk about in his homily? Why?
Class 7 (11/23)	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: First Reading: • <i>2 Samuel 5:1-3</i> Second Reading: • <i>Colossians 1:12-20</i> Gospel: • <i>Luke 23:35-43</i>	1.) This solemnity is meant to celebrate the true kingship of Jesus Christ. What does this mean exactly? 2.) What do you believe the shared theme is between these three readings? Explain. 3.) If you were at mass right now after hearing these readings, what do you hope the priest will talk about in his homily? Why?
Class 8 (12/7)	2nd Sunday of Advent: First Reading: • <i>Isaiah 11:1-10</i> Second Reading: • <i>Romans 15:4-9</i> Gospel: • <i>Matthew 3:4, 6</i>	1.) What is the "Davidic King"? Who is the Davidic King that Isaiah and John the Baptist speak of in their prophecies? 2.) What do you believe the shared theme is between these three readings? Explain. 3.) If you were at mass right now after hearing these readings, what do you hope the priest will talk about in his homily? Why?
Class 9 (12/14)	3rd Sunday of Advent: First Reading: • <i>Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10</i>	1.) What is "Zion"? 2.) What do you believe the shared theme is between these three readings? Explain.

	Second Reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> James 5:7-10 Gospel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matthew 11:2-11 	3.) If you were at mass right now after hearing these readings, what do you hope the priest will talk about in his homily? Why?
Class 10 (12/21)	4th Sunday of Advent: First Reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isaiah 7:10-14 Second Reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Romans 1:1-7 Gospel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matthew 1:18-24 	1.) Ahaz was the king of Judah. Check the * to find out, why did he say that he "will not tempt the Lord"? 2.) What do you believe the shared theme is between these three readings? Explain. 3.) If you were at mass right now after hearing these readings, what do you hope the priest will talk about in his homily? Why?
Class 11 (1/11)	The Baptism of the Lord: First Reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Second Reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38 Gospel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matthew 3:13-17 	1.) What is the sacrament of Baptism meant for? Why do you think Jesus asked John the Baptist to perform it on him? 2.) What do you believe the shared theme is between these three readings? Explain. 3.) If you were at mass right now after hearing these readings, what do you hope the priest will talk about in his homily? Why?
Class 12 (1/25)	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: First Reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isaiah 8:23-9:3 Second Reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 Gospel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17 	1.) What are the lands of Zebulun and Naphtali? (Check the * in the First Reading) 2.) What do you believe the shared theme is between these three readings? Explain. 3.) If you were at mass right now after hearing these readings, what do you hope the priest will talk about in his homily? Why?
Class 13 (2/1)	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zephaniah 2:3, Zephaniah 3:12-13 Second Reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Gospel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matthew 5:1-12 	1.) What type of prophecies was Zephaniah known for? What are the Beatitudes? 2.) What do you believe the shared theme is between these three readings? Explain. 3.) If you were at mass right now after hearing these readings, what do you hope the priest will talk about in his homily? Why?

Class 14 (2/8)	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time: First Reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Isaiah 58:7-10 Second Reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none">1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Gospel: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Matthew 5:13-16	1.) What is the "mystery of God" according to Paul in the second reading? (Check the *) 2.) What do you believe the shared theme is between these three readings? Explain. 3.) If you were at mass right now after hearing these readings, what do you hope the priest will talk about in his homily? Why?
Class 15 (2/22)	1st Sunday of Lent: First Reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Second Reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 Gospel: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Matthew 4:1-11	1.) What is "original sin"? 2.) What do you believe the shared theme is between these three readings? Explain. 3.) If you were at mass right now after hearing these readings, what do you hope the priest will talk about in his homily? Why?
Class 16 (3/1)	2nd Sunday of Lent: First Reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Genesis 12:1-4a Second Reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none">2 Timothy 1:8b-10 Gospel: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Matthew 17:1-9	1.) Who are Abraham, Moses, and Elijah? Why are they each important to our faith? 2.) What do you believe the shared theme is between these three readings? Explain. 3.) If you were at mass right now after hearing these readings, what do you hope the priest will talk about in his homily? Why?
Class 17 (3/8)	3rd Sunday of Lent: First Reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Exodus 17:3-7 Second Reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Romans 5:1-2, 5-8) Gospel: <ul style="list-style-type: none">John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42	1.) What is a Samaritan? Why were they hated by the Jews? 2.) What do you believe the shared theme is between these three readings? Explain. 3.) If you were at mass right now after hearing these readings, what do you hope the priest will talk about in his homily? Why?
Class 18 (3/15)	4th Sunday of Lent: First Reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none">1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Second Reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ephesians 5:8-14 Gospel: <ul style="list-style-type: none">John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38	1.) Where is the hymn "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light" from? (Check the *) 2.) What do you believe the shared theme is between these three readings? Explain. 3.) If you were at mass right now after hearing these readings, what do you hope the priest will talk about in his homily? Why?

Class 19 (3/22)	5th Sunday of Lent: First Reading: • <i>Ezekiel 37:12-14</i> Second Reading: • <i>Romans 8:8-11</i> Gospel: • <i>John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45</i>	1.) What do Catholics believe happens during the "final resurrection" at the Last Judgement? 2.) What do you believe the shared theme is between these three readings? Explain. 3.) If you were at mass right now after hearing these readings, what do you hope the priest will talk about in his homily? Why?
Class 20 (3/29)	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: First Reading: • <i>Isaiah 50:4-7</i> Second Reading: • <i>Philippians 2:6-11</i> Gospel: • <i>Matthew 21:1-11</i>	1.) What happens on Palm Sunday? Why do you think the people are saying "hosanna" to Jesus on that day? (Hosanna means "save us, we pray!" or "help us!") 2.) What do you believe the shared theme is between these three readings? Explain. 3.) If you were at mass right now after hearing these readings, what do you hope the priest will talk about in his homily? Why?