

Unit 1 - Bible: Old Testament

LESSON TITLE	PROBLEM STATEMENT	KEY VERSE
CANON	I don't know why the Bible is so special, why certain parts made the cut, and who had the right to decide.	2 Timothy 3:16
THE HEBREW BIBLE	I don't know why the Hebrew Bible is part of the Christian Bible.	Deuteronomy 6:6
GENESIS	I don't know why Genesis matters when science has already disproven the stories.	Genesis 1:27
EXODUS	I don't understand why (or how) God plays favorites with Moses and the Israelites.	Exodus 33:17
LAW	I don't understand why we observe some parts of the law but not others.	Deuteronomy 5:2
JUDGES	I don't know what judges are at all.	Judges 6:24
RUTH	I don't know why Ruth would willingly become an outsider in a foreign land.	Ruth 1:16
KINGS	I don't know where kings fit into the story of Israel.	1 Samuel 8:7
BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY	I don't get why God would free the people only to let them be captured again.	Jeremiah 25:7
PROPHETS	I don't understand what qualifies someone to be a prophet.	Deuteronomy 18:22
PSALMS	I don't know what purpose the psalms serve.	Psalms 1:2
WISDOM	I don't know what makes wisdom books more wise than the rest of the Bible.	Proverbs 2:6
JOB	I don't know why bad things happen to good people.	Job 1:22
ESTHER	I don't know why Esther's story matters when it doesn't mention God.	Esther 4:14
THE RISE OF ROME	What happened in the world between the Old Testament and New Testament?	Ezra 1:3

Unit 2 - Lutheran History & Catechism

LESSON TITLE	PROBLEM STATEMENT	KEY VERSE
MARTIN LUTHER	If we follow Jesus, why do we call ourselves Lutherans?	Ephesians 2
THE REFORMATION	Since the church is so divided, I don't understand how the Reformation could be a good thing.	Galatians 3:28
THE REFORMERS	I don't know how just one person like Martin Luther could totally change the church.	1 Corinthians 3:11
LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS	I don't know why stuff outside the Bible is important to my faith.	John 11:27
ADIAPHORA	I don't know what we're reforming from/to/for. I thought the Reformation was done. How will I know when we're done reforming?	1 Corinthians 10:23
LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM	I don't know why the Small Catechism matters.	1 Corinthians 15:3
THE TEN COMMANDMENTS	I don't know why I should keep the Ten Commandments.	Exodus 20:2
APOSTLES' CREED, ARTICLE 1	I don't know if I believe in God.	Psalms 8:9
APOSTLES' CREED, ARTICLE 2	I don't see how Jesus has anything to do with me.	Luke 23:46
APOSTLES' CREED, ARTICLE 3	The Holy Spirit seems really ambiguous, undefined, and impersonal. (P.S. Creepy, too.)	Acts 2:2
THE LORD'S PRAYER	The Lord's Prayer is just empty words to me.	Matthew 6:9-13
HOLY BAPTISM	I don't know why people should get baptized.	Romans 6:3-4
HOLY COMMUNION	I don't know what communion is for.	Luke 22:19
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS	I don't understand why we need to confess if we're already forgiven.	1 John 1:8-9
DAILY PRAYERS	I don't see the point in praying prayers that other people wrote; it seems forced, insincere, and awkward.	1 Thessalonians 5:17

Unit 3 - Bible: New Testament

LESSON TITLE	PROBLEM STATEMENT	KEY VERSE
MAPS	I don't know where all this Bible stuff happened.	Acts 14:27
THE NEW TESTAMENT	If the whole Bible is so important, I don't understand why it is split into two parts.	John 12:50
JESUS	I don't understand how Jesus could be fully human and fully divine.	Philippians 2:5-7
MATTHEW	I don't know why Matthew refers to the Old Testament all the time.	Matthew 1:22-23
MARK	I don't get why Mark skips stuff and ends before the story does.	Mark 1:15
LUKE	I'm not sure why Luke is so fixated on the Roman Empire and people on the fringes of society.	Luke 2:49
JOHN	I don't get why John is so different from the other Gospels and changes the order of events.	John 14:10
ACTS	I don't know if church today is supposed to look like the church in Acts.	Acts 1:8
PAUL AND THE EARLY CHURCH	I'm don't know why we hold Paul in such high esteem when he started out as an enemy of Christians.	Acts 9:15
PAUL'S THEOLOGY	I'm not sure why Paul's ideas are so important to Christians.	1 Thessalonians 1:8
ROMANS	I don't know why Paul felt the need to cram so many diverse issues and topics into one letter.	Romans 1:16-17
1ST AND 2ND CORINTHIANS	I don't know why the church in Corinth seemed so messed up and confused.	2 Corinthians 5:17
GALATIANS	I don't know what to do when Christians disagree.	Galatians 1:6
LETTERS	I don't know why so many letters are considered Holy Scripture.	1 Timothy 1:5
REVELATION	I don't understand all the strange and scary images in the book of Revelation.	Revelation 21:3-4

Unit 4 - Lutheran Living

LESSON TITLE	PROBLEM STATEMENT	KEY VERSE
JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH	I don't see why I can't take care of justification on my own.	Romans 3:28
THE CROSS	I don't understand why a symbol of execution is a central image of Christianity.	1 Corinthians 1:18
LAW AND GOSPEL	I don't know why the law still matters when we have the gospel.	Matthew 22:37-39
SAINT AND SINNER	I never feel like I'm a "good enough" Christian, and I don't know what to do about it.	Romans 7:15
THE CHURCH	I don't know why I have to go to church to be a Christian.	Acts 2:42
FREEDOM OF A CHRISTIAN	I thought freedom meant I was free of expectations and requirements.	Galatians 5:1
THE NEIGHBOR	I don't need any neighbors, because I already have enough friends and family.	Luke 10:36-37
GRACE	I don't trust that grace is really a free gift.	John 1:16
THE WORD	I'm not sure if the words in the Bible are the same thing as The Word.	John 1:1
BONDAGE OF THE WILL	I'm not sure what or who is behind the choices I make.	Luke 22:42
TWO KINGDOMS	I thought Jesus only talked about one kingdom.	Matthew 3:2
VOCATION	I don't know what God is calling me to do with my life.	1 Corinthians 12:11
WORSHIP	I don't know how I'm supposed to feel during or after worship.	Psalms 95:2
DEVIL	I don't know what or where the devil is.	Hebrews 2:14
DOUBT	Sometimes I have doubts and I don't know if that's okay.	John 20:29