

# Ocean View Christian Academy Course Syllabus

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<b>Course Title:</b> 8th Grade Bible	<b>Transcript Abbreviation:</b> BIBLE 8
<b>Length of Course:</b> 2 Semesters	<b>Subject Area &amp; Discipline:</b> Bible
<b>Prerequisites:</b> None	<b>Co-Requisites:</b> N/A

## OVCA Course Philosophy:

### Course Goal:

Through these lessons, students will accomplish the following course objectives:

1. To understand Scripture and its primary themes.
2. To lay foundations for future studies; to discover each book's context, especially its relation to the other books.
3. To know where to locate key events and characters in the Bible.
4. To apply basic biblical principles that will enrich their lives.
5. To challenge non-Christian students to examine their lives and make a commitment to Christ.

### List of Key Course Topics:

How to Communicate with God, How to Interpret the Bible, Theology, Bibliology, Christology, Pneumatology, Anthropology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology, Angelology, Eschatology, and Apologetics (Seniors only)

### Course Materials:

Student Materials:

- *Bibles: English Standard Version and/or King James Version*
- *The Story of the Old Testament*, Kevin M. Collins, 2018, BJU Press, Greenville, SC
- Composition Book
- Pens and pencils
- Notebook paper

Websites

- Blue Letter Bible -- <https://www.blueletterbible.org/>
- Bible Hub -- <http://biblehub.com>

### Primary Instructional Methods:

Your pre-journey briefing (Lesson 1) introduces the student to the Bible and its general layout, and it establishes the Scripture's authority as God's Word. Then you're off, surveying Genesis through Malachi, following the Bible's own order and layout. You'll stop long enough to take a snapshot of each major event, character, or book by using key phrases that summarize the books and their themes. When the student finishes, he will have locked in his memory a slide show of the journey that highlights the entire Bible.

The Story of the Old Testament includes a variety of activities to help the student understand key words:

- Fill-in-the-blank notes
- Memory verses
- Unit tests and exams
- Charts
- Maps
- Creative projects
- Definition boxes

**Primary Student Activities:** Reading, Class Discussion, Note-taking, Discussion Groups

**Primary Assessment Methods:** Homework, memory verses, quizzes, tests

**Alignment Notes:**

OVCA Academic Benchmarks: Knowledge, Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Researching, Critical Thinking

Other OVCA Benchmarks: Social and Spiritual Benchmarks

Department Outcomes: Knowledge, Understanding, and Wisdom as defined in the book of Proverbs.

Course Outline

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Reading</b>
1st Quarter	Creation and the Fall God's Covenant with Abraham	Story of the Old Testament: Unit 1 & 2
2nd Quarter	God's Covenant with Israel through Moses The Weakness of the Old Testament	Story of the Old Testament: Unit 3 & 4
3rd Quarter	The Promise of the Line of David The Line of David: Failure and Hope	Story of the Old Testament: Unit 5 & 6
4th Quarter	The Line of David: Doomed to Failure? God's People Protected & Restored to the Land	Story of the Old Testament: Unit 7 & 8