

METROPOLITANATE OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND



SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Orthodoxy A Curriculum

Unit/Topic	Aim of the lesson	Year 1 Outcomes	Year 4 Outcomes
1. The Creation	Presenting an Orthodox understanding of the Biblical account of creation.	Learn that God created the universe and everything in it.	Value that all creation is interconnected through God who created it out of love.
2. Adam and Eve, separation from God	The students will learn how humanity got separated from God through the fall of Adam and Eve.	Know that we obey God because He loves us, not out of fear.	Students will learn that everything we do in life is aimed at our return to God's loving embrace.
3. Cain and Abel	The students will realise that all people are related through Adam and Eve.	Learn how important it is to respect and love family, friends and all others.	Learn what sacrifice is and how important it is for nurturing relationships.
4. Noah's Ark	Students will learn about the Great Flood and Noah's ark.	Learn how God cares about our world and helps us make it better.	Learn about the responsibility of humanity for the environment.
5. The tower of Babel	The students will learn how people attempted to build a tower that would reach the Heavens.	Learn how different languages appeared and divided the world.	Learn that we cannot reach the Heavens on our own, without God. Appreciate other cultures and languages.
6. Abraham and Sarah	The students will learn how God chose one people to make a great nation out of them.	Learn how God rewards those that are loyal to Him and follow His will.	Learn to trust God in all circumstances.

7. Isaac and Rebekah	The students learn the biblical account of the life of Isaac and Rebekah and their two sons.	Learn how the Bible teaches us to uphold family values.	Value that God's will is more important and stronger than folk customs.
8. Jacob and Rachel	The students learn the biblical account of marriage and life of Jacob and Rachel	Learn that husband and wife are joined by God in marriage.	Learn about the Covenant God made with Jacob/Israel.
9. Joseph and his brothers	Learn about Joseph, one of the Old Testament Patriarchs and his jealous brothers.	Identify how lack of love brings about cruel deeds.	Value how mishaps might be just groundwork for God's grace.
10. Joseph and the Pharaoh	The students will learn that in this world good people can encounter problems.	Learn that God never forgets His people.	Remember that there are good and bad people in all countries, but God will never leave the good.
11. Moving to Egypt	The students will learn how the people of Israel moved to Egypt.	Learn that people who harm others can repent and become better.	Remember that a loving and forgiving heart is the greatest treasure in this world.
12. Egyptian captivity	The students will learn how Israelites became slaves and suffered in Egypt.	Learn how some people to this day suffer because of their faith.	Appreciate that no earthly power is greater than God.
13. Moses	The students will learn the biblical story of the life of Moses.	Remember how one should always value his or her ancestry.	Remember how Moses sacrificed his life in the palace in order to help his kinsmen.
14. Moses and the burning bush	The students will learn how God commissioned Moses for a task of liberation of Israel from Egypt.	Learn that God can make miracles, which are supernatural, but not tricks.	Remember that God spoke directly to Moses and revealed that He is the only God.

15.Exodus from Egypt	The students will learn how Moses fought with the Pharaoh to let his people go.	Learn that God's miracles are not magic and are more powerful than any human tricks.	Learn about the blessings of a home and recognise a modern Orthodox practice.
16. Crossing the Red Sea	The students will learn how God led the Jews out of Egypt through the Red Sea.	Learn how we should not worry about things that are in God's care.	Learn that the exit through the waters of the Red Sea is the prefigure of baptism.
17. Crossing the desert	The students will learn how God provided food for His people even in the desert.	Learn that we must be loyal and thankful to God in good and bad times.	Recognise the similarity of "manna" and the bread of the Eucharist.
18. The ten commandments	The students will learn about God's law.	Learn that God gave us rules to make it easier for us to follow His will.	Learn the Ten Commandments.
19. Ark of the Covenant and the Priesthood	The students will learn how God instructed Moses and Aaron to build the ark of the Covenant and how priesthood was established.	Learn that the church building and priesthood are part of God's instructions.	Learn to differentiate between the worship and veneration.
20. The Promised Land	The students will learn about Israel's conquest of the Promised Land	Remember that God always keeps His promise.	Learn how God wants people to be His helpers and how they worked together to prepare the world for the coming of the Saviour.
21. Judges (Deborah, Gideon, Samson)	The students learn how Israel organised itself in order to serve God best.	Learn that men and women are equal in the eyes of God in all things.	Remember that God wants us to respect others and keep our religion.
22. Samuel and Saul	The students will learn how Israel established its Kingdom.	Learn the importance of harmony in the community.	Appreciate how God helps those that serve Him loyally to overcome

			everyday disadvantages.
23. David and Goliath	The students will learn a famous biblical report about David and Goliath.	Learn that size and age are not important to do good deeds.	Value that if you have God on your side, even the biggest problems can be solved.
24. Solomon and the erection of the Temple	The students will learn how the first Jerusalem temple was erected.	Learn how our churches resemble the Temple.	Appreciate that God insisted that people come together for worship in the Temple and compare it to Sunday gatherings.
25. Prophet Elijah and other prophets	The students will learn about the role of the Prophets in the Old Testament.	Learn that God speaks through his servants to the people.	Learn the value of respect for our spiritual leaders.
26. Prophet Daniel	The students will learn how Israel was destroyed and Jews were enslaved again, when they stopped showing respect to God.	Learn how animals, beasts, and entire nature obey the people of God.	Remember that separation from God leaves us unprotected and unity with God saves us from all tribulations.
27. The end of Babylonian captivity.	The students will learn about Jewish captivity in Babylon and their return to Jerusalem.	Learn the importance of respect for other religions without mixing it with yours.	Learn about the power of repentance and returning to God.
28. Annunciation	The students will learn about St Mary and her meeting with Archangel Gabriel who announced to her the birth of Jesus Christ.	Learn that God came to Earth to save His people out of love for them.	Learn that when Jesus Christ was born the Old Testament finished and the New Testament started.