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The Old Testament: Our Call to Faith & Justice

Directed Reading Worksheet

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Chapter 1, *Preparing for the Journey*

Directions: Read carefully through Chapter 1 and then use the text as a reference to locate answers for the questions. All questions in this *Directed Reading Worksheet* are taken in sequential order from the chapter – first questions from the early sections of the chapter; last questions from the end of the chapter, etc. Answer **True or False** questions by circling the word True or False at the beginning of the question. **Fill-in-the-Blank** questions must often be answered with one than one word per blank. (Refer to your text often!) Write your own **Short Answers** for other questions.

1. In order to successfully complete our journey through the Old Testament, we need to _____.
2. If we don't approach Bible study with the appropriate _____, we may easily get overwhelmed or sidetracked.
3. Since the Bible is the inspired word of God, it "_____".
4. Catholics include _____ books of the Old Testament and _____ books of the New Testament as part of the _____ of Scripture.
5. The Old Testament is really a _____ of books written over the course of a millennium, roughly between _____ and _____.
(year) (year)
6. The books were written predominately in the _____ language.
7. The Church included _____ books in the Old Testament which were not included in the Hebrew Bible.
(number)
8. These books are referred to as _____, meaning "_____", to show that they are not accepted in the Jewish canon.
9. Most Protestant Bibles include these 7 books in the _____ (a word that means hidden), a section found in the back of the Bible.
10. The most common name for God in the Old Testament is _____.
11. This name is usually translated as _____.
12. Some Jewish traditions hold that the name Yahweh is too sacred to pronounce; so they say _____ in its place.
13. Most modern Hebrew Bibles have taken the vowel letters from _____ and overlaid them on the consonants for _____.
14. _____ is actually a mistaken reading of the name Yahweh.
15. To _____ is the fundamental vocation of being human.
16. The living transmission of the message of the Gospel of the Church, accomplished in the Holy Spirit, is called _____.
17. Sacred _____ and Sacred _____ are bound closely together, and communicate with one another.
18. The _____, that is the bishops in communion with the pope, can interpret God's Word for each

generation.

19. In order for us to interpret Scripture correctly, we must pay attention to both what the human author _____ and what the Holy Spirit _____.
20. To find out the human author's intentions, we should take into account the _____ and _____, the literary _____ of the time, and the manner of _____ that was current then.
21. The _____ sense of Scripture refers to what the actual words directly mean, either precisely or metaphorically.
22. The _____ sense of Scripture refers to how the words of Scripture can be signs of something more profound.
23. The Jews traditionally divide the books of the Hebrew Bible into _____ parts or sections:
- _____, in Hebrew *Torah*.
 - _____, in Hebrew *Neviim*.
 - _____, in Hebrew *Ketuvim*.
24. The Law consists of the first five books of the Bible: _____, _____, _____, _____, _____.
25. The Prophets are divided into the _____ prophets and the _____ prophets, and the _____ prophets.
26. The Writings included _____ books.
(number)
27. The Jews refer to their Hebrew Bible by the acronym _____, which comes from the names of the three sections.
28. The Catholic Bible divides the Old Testament into 4 sections. They are:
- _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
29. "_____" is Greek for "Five Books".
30. The Church considers the _____ to be "an indispensable part of the Sacred Scripture" (CCC, 121).
31. Christians read the Old Testament "in the light of _____" (CCC, 128-129).
32. True or False. At the time of the Protestant Reformation, Martin Luther decided to include the seven deuterocanonical books in the Protestant Old Testament.
33. True or False. The Old Testament reveals the story of God's relationship with His people. It was a relationship with both ups and downs.
34. True or False. The Bible was literally penned by God.

35. True or False. The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls helped Biblical scholars confirm previous translations of the Biblical text.
36. True or False. The Pseudepigrapha should be treated and interpreted like the books of the Biblical canon.
37. True or False. Archaeology is important for the understanding and interpretation of the Bible.
38. True or False. The books of the Bible are arranged in chronological order.
39. True or False. The Church holds that the Old Testament was voided by the New Testament.
40. List the names of the 7 deuterocanonical books.
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41. What does the Church teach about the meaning of the name “Yahweh”?
42. What is the central theme of the Old Testament?
43. Explain the Catholic understanding of inspiration.
44. Modern Biblical scholars believe that a large portion of the Old Testament was edited after the Babylonian exile in 587 B.C. Why is editing a good thing?
45. What does critical reading of the Bible mean?