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Jesus Christ: God's Revelation

Directed Reading Worksheet

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Chapter 2 Introduction to Sacred Scripture

Directions: Read through the chapter and fill in the missing information. All the questions run sequential to the chapter. If a true/false statement is false, correct it.

Pages 26-27 The Game of Life

1. The source of our _____ is the good God who will never let us down and will always _____ us through the tough times. We journey through _____ by being the _____ people we can be.

Look up the following passages and record them in the space provided.

2. Jeremiah 3:14

3. Acts 15:8

Pages 27-28 The Bible Is the Inspired Word of God

4. What three things does the Church teach about Sacred Scripture?
5. True or False? The Bible is like a religion textbook.
6. To say that God _____ the sacred writers of the Bible means that _____ is the author, but he used the human authors as his _____ to commit to writing those _____ that are necessary for our _____.
7. Under the influence of the _____, the human authors drew on their own _____ to write what God intended for people to know. God respected the _____ of the writers but in every instance the Holy Spirit guided the author in the _____.

Pages 28-32 How to Read the Bible

8. How do we discover the human author's intentions in writing the Bible?
9. One of the three ways of interpreting Scripture is to note the content and _____ of the _____ Scripture. It must be remembered that _____ is the center and heart of Sacred Scripture and that the _____ Testament prefigures and illuminates the _____ Testament.
10. Second, Scripture must be read within "the living _____ of the whole Church." Christ left the _____ to interpret Sacred Scripture with the _____ who help us understand the _____ of God's Word and how to apply it to our _____ lives.
11. Third, we must pay attention to the "_____,", which is the unity of the _____ of the faith among themselves and within the whole _____ of Revelation. This means that the truths revealed are in _____ with all of God's Revelation, including the _____ of the Magisterium
12. Paying attention to the _____ of Scripture is vitally important to scriptural _____. The first step involves identifying the literary _____ used by the author which is a type of writing that has a particular _____ or content.
13. What is biblical *exegesis*?

14. What does it mean to discover the *literal sense* of Scriptures?

Match the description to the literary genre described below.

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| 15. ____ A vivid story told to convey religious truth | A. Allegory |
| 16. ____ A deliberately exaggerated saying | B. Biography |
| 17. ____ A standard of behavior | C. Creed |
| 18. ____ A story that gives the cause of something else | D. Etiology |
| 19. ____ A brief story with a moral | E. Fable |
| 20. ____ A record of one's ancestors | F. History |
| 21. ____ A written account of a person's life | G. Law |
| 22. ____ A passage whose purpose is to set up an important saying | H. Prophecy |
| 23. ____ A report of a powerful sign performed by Jesus | I. Genealogy |
| 24. ____ A chronological narrative of events | J. Hyperbole |
| 25. ____ A question that teases the mind | K. Miracle story |
| 26. ____ A formal statement of religious belief | L. Riddle |
| 27. ____ An inspired utterance which expresses God's will | M. Parable |
| 28. ____ An extended comparison of moral qualities | N. Pronouncement story |

Pages 32-35 How to Understand the Bible

29. The _____ sense of understanding Sacred Scripture refers to the realities and _____ that can be _____ by them. It looks to the _____ meaning of various scriptural passages as part of God's overall _____ of Salvation. There are _____ spiritual senses of Scripture.
30. An _____ reading of Scripture looks at the entire Bible, especially the _____ Testament, in light of its fulfillment in _____. For instance, we can understand the waters of the Red Sea as a symbol for Christian _____, a sign of our freedom from sin in Jesus Christ.
31. The _____ sense of Scripture recognizes that God's Word is intended to lead us to live a good life, to act justly on behalf of God and other _____. For instance, the words of the _____ telling the Chosen People to obey God's Commandments also apply to us.
32. The _____ sense of Scripture looks at the earthly events and other realities in the context of leading us to _____. For instance, we can see the Church as a symbol of the heavenly _____ which leads us to our _____ destiny.
33. True or False? The Bible is not a science book or a history book, but a written record of Divine Revelation.
34. True or False? The Catholic Church welcomes the research of historians and scientists because "truth does not contradict truth."
35. True or False? Pope John Paul II's commission which reexamined the famous case against Galileo Galilei reported that the judges who condemned Galileo were correct.

Pages 35-38 Biblical Translation

36. Most of the Old Testament was composed in _____. _____, the language that Jesus spoke, became the spoken language of the Jewish people after the Babylonian _____.

37. The entire New Testament was written in _____ because it had become the spoken language in the _____ Empire of the first century A.D. Later, the common language changed from Greek to _____ and in 390 St. _____ completed the Latin translation of the Bible known as the _____.
38. Why was the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls important to biblical translators?
39. True or False? Catholics are discouraged from reading Protestant translations of the Bible such as the King James Version.
40. What are two very popular and important English translations of the Bible by Catholic scholars?
41. St. Jerome is an important Church _____ who was commissioned by Pope _____ to translate the _____ into Latin. Jerome also completed a _____ of the Bible into Latin and later wrote against various _____.
42. Scripture is the heart of the _____ Office which is the public _____ of the Church that praises and sanctifies the _____. The _____ are featured in a special way in the Liturgy of the _____ which consists of Morning and _____ Prayer.

Pages 39-41 *Modern Approaches for Studying Sacred Scripture*

43. True or False? Catholics take a literalist approach to understanding the meaning of the Bible.
44. The _____, with the help of biblical _____, authentically interprets the Word of God using techniques of biblical _____, taking into account their _____ and _____ contexts.
45. What is the goal of *historical criticism*? What research does it use?
46. The Ark of the _____ was a wooden chest in which the original tablets of the _____ were placed. It traveled with the _____ in the desert and it was placed in the _____ in the Temple built by King _____.
47. What is the goal of *source criticism*?
48. What are the two goals of *form criticism*?
49. True or False? Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan is not the story of an actual historical person, but rather, is a story which makes the point that we must be compassionate and loving to all people, including enemies.
50. What is the goal of *redaction criticism*? What does it seek to know about the biblical author?
51. True or False? Both Luke and Matthew show how Jesus descended from Adam.