

## 7th & 8th Grade Religion

## “Basic Bible History & Teaching—New Testament Cycle”

Semesters 1-2, 2024-2025 Teacher: Pastor John Henry

### Goals

- To help students understand that Holy Scripture is one, single story, centered on Jesus Christ and his saving work for us.
- To guide students to see that, while the Bible is long, complicated collection of books, its basic teachings can be clearly and accurately summarized and applied directly to our lives today through God’s Commandments, Promises, Instructions, and Means of Grace.
- To equip students to begin to apply the stories of the Bible, the single Story of Scripture, and the specific Commandments, Promises, Instructions, and Means of Grace therein to their daily lives in family, church, school, and world.

### Class Structure

- Daily readings from Concordia’s Bible History (2015), with brief written exercises.
- Daily class discussion of readings from Concordia’s Bible History, with amplification from the Bible and the Small Catechism.
- Unit tests for each of the 5 units below.
- Catechism memory work for those students who are using this class as their preparation for Confirmation.

### Materials

- Each student will use:
- *Concordia’s Bible History (2015)*
- ESV Bible, Pew Edition (CPH), with Small Catechism in the Back
- (Students are welcome to bring and use their own Bibles or Catechisms, but the above books are the textbooks for the class)

### Class Outline from Concordia’s Bible History (2015)

1. The Childhood of Jesus (amplified with Scripture and Catechism)
2. The Public Ministry of Christ (amplified with Scripture and Catechism)
3. The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ (amplified with Scripture and Catechism)
4. The Glorified God (amplified with Scripture and Catechism)

*Excursis: Review of the Small Catechism, amplified with stories from the life of Christ and other Scripture*

5. The Founding and Early Growth of the Christian Church (amplified with Scripture and Catechism.)