Scripture Reflection Level 6

In your Religious Education Class this year you will be concentrating on the Bible, the Word of God. We want you to become very familiar with the scriptures. So we are asking that you read and meditate on four (4) passages from the scripture this year on your own: two (2) from the Old Testament and two (2) from the New Testament. Spend some time reflecting on them.

On the following pages are questions for you to reflect on and answer as you meditate on these scripture passages. We are also asking you to answer some general questions on the scriptures as part of this project.

This project is due, in its entirety, by **March 1st**.

General Scripture Questions:

You can find the answers to these questions in your Bible.

- 1. What are the 2 main sections of the Bible?
 - a. ______b. _____
- 2. How many books are contained in each section of the Bible?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
- 3. The first five books of the Bible are called the Pentateuch or the Torah. What are the names of these books?
 - a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ e. _____

4.	What is the central theme of the Old Testament?
5.	What is a covenant?
6.	Who was the first person God made a covenant with?
7.	What is the central theme of the New Testament?
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8.	What are the names of the writers of the Gospels?
	a b
	c d
9.	Who fulfills the covenant God made with humanity?

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Genesis 1: 1-31, 2: 1-4 First Story of Creation

In this story of creation we see that after God created something, God said it was "good." What does this tell you about God? What does it say about all that God created? Is this true today?

What is the only thing that God created in the "image and likeness of God?" What does it mean to be created in God's image and likeness?

Why do you think the writer thought it was important to put in the story that God rested after he was done creating all things?

Exodus 20: 1-17 The Ten Commandments

Who did God give the Commandments to?

In your own words, explain what the first three commandments talk about – what do they mean?

Why do you think God gave these commandments to the Israelites?

What are some of the ways that we bend or break the commandments in our own lives?

Do you think it is important in our day and age to have commandments? Why? Why not?

Luke 1: 26-38 The Birth of Jesus Foretold

This passage talks about God choosing Mary to be the mother of his son. It is the story of God's incarnation. What does that mean – "INCARNATION?" What great gift did God give not only to Mary but to all of Humanity?

Did Mary have a choice? Could she have said No to God's request? What do you think would have happened if Mary had said NO? Do you ever say No to God? How does it make you feel when you say NO? How do you think God feels when you say NO?

Mary risked a great deal in order to do what God was asking her to do. What do you think were some of the risks Mary took in order to obey God's will for her? Do you ever have to take risks for God? What are they?

Luke 22: 14-20 The Institution of the Eucharist

When did Jesus give us the sacrament of Communion?

Jesus himself tells us what the bread and wine become. Explain in your own words what it is that you receive when you go to Communion at Mass?

Why do you think Jesus gave us this very special gift?