






7.2 Old Testament Role Models

<p style="text-align: center;">Week One</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Abraham</p>	<p><i>Who is Abraham?</i></p>	<p>Abraham is remembered in the Bible for being the father of the Israelites. God promised to multiply Abraham's descendants and make them into a great nation.</p>
	<p><i>How does God test Abraham?</i></p>	<p>One day God tests Abraham's faith by asking him to sacrifice his son, Isaac. Abraham trusts God and does as he asks. At the last minute, God intervenes and spares Isaac's life by providing an animal to sacrifice instead.</p>
	<p><i>What can we learn from Abraham today?</i></p>	<p>Abraham and God had a very special relationship due to the loyalty and obedience he showed.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Week Two</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Moses</p>	<p><i>What happened to Moses as a baby?</i></p>	<p>New-born Israelites were drowned in the River Nile and so Moses' mother placed him in a basket to be rescued and he was found by the Pharaoh's daughter who brought him up as her own son.</p>
	<p><i>What did God ask Moses to do?</i></p>	<p>As an adult, Moses was upset at the unfair treatment of his people by the Egyptians. God spoke to him through a burning bush and asked him to lead his people out of slavery to the Promised Land.</p>
	<p><i>How did God help Moses with this task?</i></p>	<p>The last plague was a killing of all the first-born Egyptian sons; this is the origin of the Jewish festival of Passover.</p>
	<p><i>What can we learn from Moses today?</i></p>	<p>Moses parted the Red Sea and the Israelites managed to escape. Moses showed great patience in his mission.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Week Three</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Ruth</p>	<p><i>What happened to Naomi?</i></p>	<p>There was a great famine so Naomi and her entire family moved to Moab to find food. Naomi's husband and her son unfortunately died. Her son's wife, Ruth, decided to stay with her to look after her.</p>
	<p><i>What did Ruth do to help Naomi?</i></p>	<p>They returned to Naomi's homeland where Ruth worked really hard on the field to get food for them both. She got to know Boaz, the man who owned the field. Naomi encouraged Ruth to lie at Boaz's feet which was a sign that she wanted to marry him.</p>
	<p><i>What can we learn from Ruth today?</i></p>	<p>Ruth showed great loyalty to Naomi in continuing to do all that she could do to look after her.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Week Four</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Esther</p>	<p><i>Who was Esther?</i></p>	<p>Esther was a Jew and was married to the King. The Jews had been persecuted and exiled to Persia. Haman (The King's Advisor) disliked Esther's brother, Mordechai because he would not bow down to him.</p>
	<p><i>What did Esther do to help save the Jews?</i></p>	<p>Esther was afraid but mustered up the courage to go and see the King. She asked that he and Haman join her for dinner to persuade them not to kill the Jews.</p>
	<p><i>What can we learn from Esther today?</i></p>	<p>Esther showed great bravery in begging the King to save her people.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Week Five</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Job</p>	<p><i>Who was Job?</i></p>	<p>Job was a wealthy man who had a large family. He was good and always tried to do the right thing.</p>
	<p><i>What does Satan do to Job?</i></p>	<p>Satan argued that Job was only good because God has blessed him. Therefore, Satan gave Job a horrible skin disease, has his livestock taken away and his children are killed. His friends try to persuade him to turn against God as they believe he is being punished.</p>
	<p><i>What can we learn from Job today?</i></p>	<p>Job wants to complain to God about his injustice but he perseveres and continues to have faith despite his suffering.</p>