



DANDENONG  
**Bible  
Education  
Centre**

# Newsletter

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Those with children will know that term two has started. Even if you have no children you may have noticed that the shops are a little quieter with the school-aged children back at school. For us at the Dandenong Bible Education Centre the time has come to start some new courses, as well as continuing on with the ones already in progress. If you have forgotten what courses we have running at present, please contact us by post, by phone or by visiting our shop. Our current course schedule is available for everyone.

All our arrangements for the future will take place if the Lord lets them.

### **New Life Class: 11.30am-12.30pm each Sunday, followed by lunch**

We would love to have you come to this class which discusses a variety of topics from the Bible.

The following program is planned for the next 2 months:

May	1	Does it matter what I believe?
	8	The devil and sin
	15	Demons, spirits and ghosts
	22	Satan in the Bible
	29	The Jews – who are they?
June	5	The Jews – does God hate them?
	12	The Jews and the Arabs – can there ever be peace?
	19	Jerusalem – future capital of the world
	26	The new life – what is the baptism of the Bible?

### **Bible Explorers: 11.30am-12.30pm each Sunday for 4-12 year old children**

This term we are beginning at the start of the Bible with the creation of the world and Adam and Eve, the first people God made, followed by Noah's ark and the big flood. These are stories that children love! Do you have children or know of friends with children who would enjoy these sessions of stories from the Bible, with singing and craft activities too? Why not bring them along?

For inquiries or enrolments please ring 9729 9229 (Leanne) or the shop on 9791 1699.

### **Did you know?**

About 3,200 years ago in Israel, during the times of the Judges, if you transferred property to somebody else you confirmed the transaction by giving your sandal to the new owner. What would you do with the other sandal? You may like to read an account of this in Ruth 4.

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## Religious freedom

In 1519, six men and a woman were burned at Coventry in England for teaching their children the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer and the Apostle's Creed in English. Aren't you glad that in Australia, we can learn about the Bible in freedom?



## Archaeology

In 2 Kings 3 verses 4-27 we read about a revolt by a king of Moab called Mesha. Israel had ruled Moab for some time, but after the death of King Ahab of Israel, Mesha saw an opportunity. He stopped paying the tribute of lambs and wool he had been required to pay and the passage in 2 Kings 3 tells what happened.

In 1868, an engraved stone (stele) was found in modern-day Jordan. It was a very ancient inscription written for Mesha, king of Moab, praising his achievements. Most of the events it describes are not mentioned in the Bible, and the campaign described in 2 Kings 3 is not mentioned by Mesha – kings have never been eager to describe the defeat of their armies! However, it is very interesting that his inscription even mentions sheep!

The stone, called the 'Moabite stone' or the 'Mesha stele' is 1.15 metres high with 34 or 35 lines of writing. It is now kept in the Louvre in Paris.

## Questions to think about

We all know different amounts about the Bible. At the Dandenong Bible Education Centre we run various courses to help you read the Bible and learn more about it. The Bible itself tells us that we need to talk about these things often and apply them in our life. Here are some questions from different parts of the Bible, from the Old Testament and the New Testament, to help get you thinking. See if you can answer them all – Bible references are included for six of the questions.

1. Who were the first man and woman God made? (Genesis 2:15-22 and 3:20)
2. Who built a temple in Israel for God? (1 Kings 6:1-2)
3. Filling in the missing words: John the Baptist and Jesus both preached the same message; " \_\_\_\_\_, for the kingdom of heaven is near." (Matthew 3:2 and 4:17)
4. Who climbed up a tree because he was eager to see Jesus? (Luke 19:1-9)
5. After Jesus was crucified, how long was he dead before God raised him from the dead? (Matthew 12:12:40 and Matthew 28:6)
6. Fill in the missing words: When people asked Peter what they should do to be saved, he told them they should repent and \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 2:38)
7. Who was saved from the great flood in a big boat called an ark?
8. How many commandments did God give to Moses on Mount Sinai written on stone tablets for Israel?
9. Who killed a giant warrior with just one stone?
10. Who was swallowed by a big fish and how long did he stay inside the fish?

Look for the answers in the next newsletter.