

Jigsaw Activity: Categories of Books in the Old Testament

Circle the category your group has been assigned. Read the Scripture passage aloud and respond to the questions for your category only. Each member of the group must write out the group's responses. You may refer to article 29 in the student book to help you answer the questions.

The Books of the Law

- Read and write a short summary of Exodus 16:16–36.
- What does this story tell us about the history, teachings, and laws of the Chosen People of Israel?
- What is the enduring value of this passage?
- Why should Christians read and study this passage and this category of books in the Old Testament?

The Historical Books

- Read and write a short summary of 1 Samuel 17:12–14,32–51.
- What leader is at the center of this story?
- How do we see God's saving action in the life of the individual and the lives of the Israelites in this passage?
- What is the enduring value of this passage?
- Why should Christians read and study this passage and this category of books in the Old Testament?

The Prophetic Books

- Read and write a short summary of Amos 8:1–14.
- With what actions of the Israelites is God most concerned? For what reason are the people being called to repent?
- What is the message of hope and consolation?
- What is the enduring value of this passage?
- Why should Christians read and study this passage and this category of books in the Old Testament?

The Wisdom Books

- Read and write a short summary of Ecclesiastes 3:1–15.
- What practical advice is offered?
- What is the particular theme of this passage?
- What is the enduring value of this passage?
- Why should Christians read and study this passage and this category of books in the Old Testament?

