

Sample Lesson Plan – Short Story Writing based on *The Book of God* – grades 9-12

- Objectives:
 - Short story writing
 - Cultural research
 - Use of imagination (realistic)
 - Bring Scripture to life, make it personal and relevant

- Journey to Excellence connections
 - Commitment to God
 - Commitment to the Church
 - Family and Interpersonal Relationships
 - Responsible Citizenship
 - Healthy Balanced Living
 - Intellectual Development
 - Communication Skills
 - Life Skills
 - Aesthetic Appreciation
 - Career and Service

- Materials
 - Bible for each student – KJV or NIV (no paraphrase)
 - Writing tools
 - *The Book of God* (teacher only)

- Advanced preparation
 - Choose example story from *The Book of God*

- Process
 - Teacher directed activities:
 - Teach the elements of the short story
 - Read chosen story from *The Book of God*
 - Discuss/determine elements of the short story in this story
 - Brainstorm list of potential Bible stories to rewrite...enough for one per student
 - Student follow through:
 - read their story from KJV or NIV
 - List out the short story elements of their story
 - Research cultural background of their story
 - Write their story using their brainstorming, research and imagination to bring the Biblical story to life

- Sharing and Evaluation:
 - Peer editing in small groups
 - Revision
 - Teacher evaluation
- Publishing options:
 - Share with whole class
 - Read to an elementary class
 - Use it for Children's Story at church or elementary chapel program
 - Create a book of all the stories
- Curriculum Connections
 - Bible
 - History
 - Technology
 - Possibly math and/or science, depending on their story
 - Art if they illustrate it
 - Possibly home arts and/or music, depending on their story.