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Making Sense of Old Stories in the Bible

Circle the passage your group has been assigned:

- Exodus 20:1–17
- Luke 10:29–37
- 1 Samuel 3:1–10
- 1 Corinthians 12:12–31

Read your assigned passage. Then work with your group to interpret the passage, making notes regarding each of the steps of biblical interpretation. Your teacher will provide further directions regarding sharing your findings with your classmates.

Step of Biblical Interpretation	Notes
Literal sense: What is the basic message the human author is trying to convey?	
Literary genre (form)	
Society, culture, and historical context	



Findings of biblical archaeologists	
One or more of the spiritual senses: allegorical, moral, and/or anagogical	
Teachings of Church Tradition and the Magisterium	
Prayer/guidance of the Holy Spirit	

