

LESSON 32

Bible Newspaper Project

Directions: Create a newspaper that reports in a modern way using events from biblical times. The newspaper should include some or all of the following parts:

- the name of the newspaper and a masthead which would naturally reflect the time and place of the Bible newspaper
- a headline which announces the lead story
- drawings or photographs to illustrate the stories
- secondary stories that relate to the lead story
- an editorial giving the your opinion about the issues dealt with in the stories (Or, depending on the context of the newspaper, the editorial could represent another opinion. For instance, if the lead story were on the Exodus and the newspaper was the *Egyptian Times*, its editorial might be written to reflect the Egyptian viewpoint on the Exodus which would be quite different from the Israelite viewpoint.)
- a political cartoon commenting on the events reported
- an advice column using biblical problems and situations (e.g., “Dear Abby, my son wants to marry a Philistine woman who worships idols. Since we are Israelites, do you think I should support his choice?”)
- a weather column or report (the flood or the Exodus could provide some unusual information here)
- an interview with some of the characters in the stories reported to get their insights
- perhaps some comics or cartoons with biblical figures or events
- advertisements for merchandise (for example, see 1 Kgs 10:28-29)
- other columns which, depending on the stories chosen, would relate to the events. For instance, if the lead story is on the Exodus, there could be a cooking column on how and what to prepare for the Passover meal.

The project should stress faithfulness to the stories chosen, imagination, thoroughness in reporting, neatness, and design. The stories should remain close in time. For instance, a lead story about David and Goliath cannot be in the same newspaper as stories about Joshua and the conquest of Canaan.

To get a start, check your daily newspapers and see how an actual newspaper is organized. Look carefully at the type styles, the arrangement of the columns, and placement of photographs to get some ideas. Then use your imagination!