Lesson 1

Online Bible Study “Covenant”

Lessons 1-7 “Creating”

Lesson 1: “Torah-Genesis”

Our longing for Relationship: We get into trouble—hurting ourselves, those we love, and the world—when we forget who we are and to whom we belong.

Readings:

Day 1: Genesis 1-3 Creation and the human role within it

Day 2: Genesis 6:5-9:17; 11:1-9 End of the old world—beginning of the new world

Day 3: Genesis 12; 15; 17; 22 Abraham and nationhood

Day 4: Genesis 27-28; 32-33 Jacob and the biblical family

Day 5: Genesis 37; 41; 43; 45; 50 Joseph and his brothers in Egypt

**God’s covenant with Abraham at Mount Sinai**

**Genesis 9:7-17**

* Q: With whom does God enter into relationship in this covenant?
* Q: What does this covenant claim about God’s relationship to the world as a whole?
* Q: In the Bible’s first covenant, how might God’s relation to the world, to all its forms of life, and to all its people inform our own understanding of our place and role in the world?

Meditation on Genesis 1:26-31