

Talking Points

Protect Our Kids. Protect our Faith Freedom.

The State Board of Education's reading list is misguided. Submit a public comment to the Texas Education Agency (TEA), contact your state representative, and plan to join us in Austin later in June 2026.

Visit BJCOnline.org/txsboe for the latest information.

Here are some points to keep in mind:

- Under the TEA's direction, the SBOE put together a required reading list of nearly 200 texts for your child that include more than a dozen biblical narratives picked solely by them. Nobody asked you. Nobody asked your pastor. Nobody asked your child's teacher.
- Every biblical text on this list uses a Protestant Christian translation (except one outdated Jewish translation). Not one reflects another faith tradition. Public schools serve children of every faith and no faith. That is not a reading list. That is a Sunday school curriculum.
- The Bible passages selected include misleading and inaccurate translations, with no academic context, from 4th grade through high school.
- The assigned Bible stories leave students and teachers unprepared to address complex theological issues raised by the texts. How can students and teachers answer "What is the author's purpose?" for biblical texts without treading on matters of faith and conscience?
- Show up in Austin June 22 or 23 (date TBA) and tell the Texas Education Agency and the State Board of Education to protect our children, and protect their faith freedom. Tell them to reject the proposed reading list in its current form.
- For detailed analysis of the assigned Bible stories, visit <https://bit.ly/txsboebible>. You can customize your comment or testimony by discussing one or two texts from the list.