

## **Star Trek for Christians Mini-Course: Full Curriculum**

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### **1. “The Enemy Within,” Season 1, Episode 5**

- a. Original broadcast October 6, 1966
  - b. Stardate 1672.1 to 1673.1
    - i. USS Enterprise is on a specimen gathering mission on planet Alpha 177. There is a transporter malfunction that interferes with the recovery of the landing party
    - ii. Featuring Captain Kirk, Technician Fisher, Yeoman Rand, Spock, McCoy, Scotty, Sulu, Lt Farrell, Technician Wilson
    - iii. Story features a Jekyll-Hyde theme
    - iv. Actor Leonard Nimoy created the concept of the Vulcan Nerve Pinch
    - v. First McCoy spoke the famous line, “He’s dead, Jim.”
    - vi. Writer: Richard Matheson, Director: Leo Penn
  - c. **Questions to discuss:**
    - i. How do we die to self?
    - ii. What is our sinful nature? Why is sin so powerful?
    - iii. Can we really balance good with evil, light with darkness or yang with yin?
  - d. **Related Scriptures:** Romans 6:19, Romans 7:5, Colossians 2:20, Galatians 5:5-19, 1 Peter 2:11, Ecclesiastes 3:8
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### **2. “The Naked Time,” Season 1, Episode 7**

- a. Original broadcast September 29, 1966
- b. Stardate 1704.2 to 1704.4
  - i. USS Enterprise arrives at planet Psi 2000 to pick up team of Federation scientist
  - ii. Featuring Captain Kirk, Lt Tormolen, Sulu, Spock, Lt Riley, Scotty, McCoy, Uhura, Nurse Chapel, Dr Harrison, Lt Brent
  - iii. Famous scene of Sulu (George Takei) shirtless and armed with a fencing foil daring other crew to engage in a sword fight
  - iv. Writer: John DF Black, Director: Marc Daniels
- c. **Questions to discuss:**
  - i. Who judges what is right or wrong?
  - ii. Describe the effects of sin.
  - iii. How can we best resist temptation?
  - iv. Why do we fail to resist temptation?
- d. **Related Scriptures:** Isaiah 33:22, Colossians 2:16, James 4:12, Romans 8:7, Matthew 14:28, James 1:13-14, 1 John 2:17

### 3. "Who Mourns for Adonais?," Season 2, Episode 33

- a. Original broadcast September 22, 1967
  - b. Stardate 3468.1 near the region of planet Pollux IV
    - i. USS Enterprise traveling through open space encounters being claiming to be the god Apollo
    - ii. Featuring Captain Kirk, Apollo, Spock, Scotty, Chekov, Lt Palama, Sulu, Ly Kyle
    - iii. Writers: Gilbert Ralston and Gene Coon, (story by Gilbert Ralston)  
Director: Marc Daniels
  - c. **Questions to discuss:**
    - i. Do we still need God today?
    - ii. Why do some people think we have out grown our need for God in our high-tech, modern culture?
    - iii. Why do we worship God? Does God deserve our worship?
    - iv. What is our best motivation for worshipping God?
    - v. What does God offer us that we cannot obtain for ourselves?
  - d. **Related Scriptures:** Hosea 6:6, Jeremiah 5:7, Romans 1:25, Romans 9:16, Acts 17:23, Revelation 14:7
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### 4. "Bread and Circuses," Season 2, Episode 43

- a. Original broadcast March 15, 1968
  - b. Stardate 4040.7 to 4041.7
    - i. Featuring Captain Kirk, Spock, McCoy, Uhura, Scotty, First Citizen Merikus (formerly Captain Merik of the SS Beagle), Proconsul Claudius Marcus, Flight Officer Harrison, Septimus, Flavius, Drusilla, Maximus
    - ii. Guest star actor Rhodes Reason (Flavius) stars on TV show *The Time Tunnel*
    - iii. Writer: Gene Coon and Gene Roddenberry (story by John Kneubuhl),  
Director: Ralph Senesky
  - c. **Questions to discuss:**
    - i. Why do people need entertainment? In what ways can entertainment be abused?
    - ii. Are all men brothers? If so, why?
    - iii. How should we treat others if they are to be considered as brothers or sisters?
    - iv. In what ways can faith and worship affect human behavior and society?
  - d. **Related Scriptures:** Matthew 5:22, Acts 18:27, 1 John 2:11, 1 John 3:16, Hebrews 7:12
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### 5. "The Omega Glory," Season 2, Episode 54

- a. Original broadcast March 1, 1968
- b. Stardate unspecified

- i. USS Enterprise investigates unknown status of USS Exeter in orbit at planet Omega IV
- ii. Featuring Captain Kirk, Captain Tracey, Spock, McCoy, Cloud William
- iii. Writer: Gene Roddenberry, Director: Vincent McEveety

c. **Questions to discuss:**

- i. Are “holy words” to be reserved for specific people that meet certain qualifications?
- ii. Are “holy words” for everyone, if so why?
- iii. What is the concept of “the priesthood of believers”?
- iv. Who are the members of the priesthood of believers?
- v. The concept of “open communion” at the Lord’s Table is based upon what?

d. **Related Scriptures:** Exodus 19:6, 1 Peter 2:5-9, John 3:16, Matthew 26:26-27

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**6. “The Day of the Dove,” Season 3, Episode 66**

- a. Original broadcast November 1, 1968
- b. Stardate unspecified
  - i. USS Enterprise responds to distress call on Federation colony on Planet Beta 12A
  - ii. Featuring Captain Kirk, Scotty, McCoy, Spock, Chekov, Captain Kang, Mara, Unnamed energy type being
  - iii. Writer: Jerome Bixby, Director: Marvin Chomsky

c. **Questions to discuss:**

- i. What influence does evil have over us?
- ii. Why do we give in to temptations?
- iii. How do we say no to ourselves?
- iv. How difficult is it to determine right from wrong?

d. **Related Scriptures:** Isaiah 5:20, Psalm 7:4, 2 Thessalonians 3:2

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**7. “Let That Be Your Last Battlefield,” Season 3, Episode 70**

- a. Original broadcast January 10, 1969
- b. Stardate 5730.2 to 5730.7
  - i. USS Enterprise intercepts stolen Star Fleet shuttle while on the way to Planet Ariannus (mission concludes at Planet Cheron)
  - ii. Featuring Captain Kirk, Spock, McCoy, Lokai, Commissioner Bele, Sulu, Scotty, Guest star actor Frank Gorshin (Bele) played the Riddler in *Batman* TV series
  - iii. Writer: Oliver Crawford (story by Lee Cronin and Gene Coon), Director: Jud Taylor

c. **Questions to discuss:**

- i. What are the flaws of racism?
- ii. Describe the consequences of stereotyping.
- iii. Why do we often focus on our differences instead of our similarities?
- iv. What is most often the end result of hate?
- v. How does the Vulcan concept of IDIC relate to the Disciples of Christ mission?

d. **Related Scriptures:** Romans 2:8, Hebrews 3:12, 1 Corinthians 12:18-22, Romans 12:4-8

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8. **“The Way to Eden,” Season 3, Episode 75**

- a. Original broadcast February 21, 1969
- b. Stardate 5832.3 to 5832.6
  - i. USS Enterprise intercepts the stolen spaceship Aurora (mission concludes at Planet Eden)
  - ii. Featuring Captain Kirk, Spock, McCoy Chekov, Dr. Servin, Lt Palmer, Tongo Rad, Adam, Mavig, Irini Galliulin
  - iii. Writer: Arthur Heinemann (story by Michael Richards and DC Fontana), Director: David Alexander

c. **Questions to discuss:**

- i. What impact did the hippy movement have in America during the 1960s?
- ii. What’s wrong with the slogan, “make love not war”?
- iii. Do we still search for paradise in our modern world?
- iv. How do we get to paradise?
- v. Why do people sometimes think “the end” justifies “the means”?
- vi. Does the entrance to paradise cost anything?
- vii. How does “The Way” describing the original Jesus movement relate to “The One”?
- viii. Do you know Herbert?

d. **Related Scriptures:** Genesis 2:8-15, Luke 23:43, Revelation 2:7, Isaiah 2:4, John 14:6, Proverbs 9:10

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**TV Series Background Notes**

Gene Roddenberry’s first printed publication about Star Trek was a 16 page concept outline booklet dated March 11, 1964. The pilot episode first draft was completed September 8, 1964. Star Trek first aired on TV, September 8, 1966. The three season original series was composed of 79 episodes (not including the pilots). The last original series episode aired June 3, 1969.

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