

Biblical Allusions

An allusion is when a person or author makes an indirect reference to a (usually past) event or figure. An allusion does not give much detail about the reference or describe things in detail, as the event or figure is typically of momentous-significance historically, culturally, or politically, so the author has a reasonable expectation that people will understand the allusion without explanation. Allusions often make references to the Bible.

DIRECTIONS: Each of the sentences below contains a Biblical allusion. Underline the allusion then explain its meaning.

1. Allen turned the other cheek when his friends went to the amusement park without him.



2. Our classroom was a true Garden of Eden, until Miss. Miller got sick, and the new substitute arrived.



3. We asked my father's opinion, because he can be a real Solomon about these things.



4. It felt as though our problems had been going on for 40 days and 40 nights; meanwhile the trouble we were in got deeper and deeper.

