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We want to encourage each other to be on mission to our non-Christian friends, family and contacts.

Who are you on mission to?

Make a list and start praying for them (and yourself).

Pray for three friends, once a week, for one minute (3-1-1).

List the names of your family and friends here:

TERM 1 – 2021

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK:

1. Personal reading

- Use this guide to help you read your Bible every day.
- Scribble down your thoughts and questions each day, and remember to pray and ask God to speak to you by His Spirit, through His word.

2. Growth Groups

- Take this guide with you to your Growth Group each week so you can write down prayer points that come from the study that week and prayer requests from the members of your group.
- Let your group know who you are on mission to.

3. Church

- Keep this guide with your Bible and bring it with you to church.
- Scribble down sermon notes in the space provided.

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READ THE BIBLE IN TWO YEARS:

Something you might like to use to extend your daily Bible reading.

The Bible is truly an extraordinary book, unique among all other books. It consists of 66 individual books, written by 40 different authors, in three different languages across 1,500 years of history. Yet for all of this diversity it contains a unified message that focuses on the coming of Jesus and the amazing salvation He offers through His death and resurrection!

The Bible contains words written by men in all the richness of literary types making it fun, challenging and enjoyable to dig into. Yet, at the same time, the Bible is also the very words of God given to us by His Spirit (1 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16-17). These are not just words spoken in times past, but words that are alive for us to read today (Hebrews 4:12-13). The God of the universe actually addresses us today clearly in the pages of the Bible – amazing!

Jesus says the entire Bible points us to Him, that He is the focal point of it all. Listen to what He says, “He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” (Luke 24:44). Or, again Jesus says, “You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.” (John 5:39-40).

Knowing this is helpful in motivating us to read the Bible regularly, to keep building a bigger understanding of God’s purposes and how they are being fulfilled in Jesus. To help with this, the Daily Reading Notes now include an extra challenge: to read the whole Bible in two years. It’s totally optional, are you up for it?

There is a list of around 15 chapters of additional reading for each week of the term that will help you achieve this challenge. These readings can be done on whatever days work best and in whatever order you prefer to read them. At the end of each term you have a chance to catch up before the next term’s suggested readings begin again. You can also track your readings across the two years right here. Enjoy!

YEAR 1: TERM 1

Week 1	Genesis 1-5; Psalms 1-4; Genesis 5-10; Matthew 1-2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 2	Genesis 11-15; Psalms 5-7; Genesis 16-20; Matthew 3-4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 3	Genesis 21-25; Psalms 8-10; Genesis 26-30; Matthew 5-6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 4	Genesis 31-35; Psalms 11-16; Genesis 36-40; Matthew 7-9	<input type="checkbox"/>

Week 5	Genesis 41-45; Psalms 17-19; Genesis 46-50; Matthew 10-11	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 6	Exodus 1-5; Psalms 20-24; Exodus 6-10; Matthew 12-13	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 7	Exodus 11-15, Psalms 25-27; Exodus 16-20; Matthew 14-15	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 8	Exodus 21-25; Psalms 28-31; Exodus 26-30; Matthew 16-17	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 9	Exodus 31-35; Psalms 32-34; Exodus 36-40; Matthew 18-19	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 10	Leviticus 1-5; Psalms 35-37; Leviticus 6-10; Matthew 20-21	<input type="checkbox"/>

YEAR 1: TERM 2

Week 1	Leviticus 11-15; Psalms 38-41; Leviticus 16-20; Matthew 22-24	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 2	Leviticus 21-27; Numbers 1-3; Proverbs 1-3; Matthew 25-26	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 3	Numbers 4-13; Proverbs 4-6; Matthew 27-28	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 4	Numbers 14-23; Proverbs 7-9; Acts 1-2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 5	Numbers 24-33; Psalms 42-44; Acts 3-4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 6	Numbers 34-36; Psalms 45-48; Acts 5-6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 7	Deuteronomy 1-7; Psalms 49-51; Acts 7-8	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 8	Deuteronomy 8-17; Psalms 52-54; Acts 9-10	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 9	Deuteronomy 18-27; Psalms 55-57; Acts 11-12	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 10	Deuteronomy 28-34; Joshua 1-3; Psalms 58-61; Acts 13-14	<input type="checkbox"/>

YEAR 1: TERM 3

Week 1	Joshua 4-13; Psalms 62-65; Acts 15-16	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 2	Joshua 14-23; Psalms 66-68; Acts 17-18	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 3	Joshua 24; Judges 1-9; Psalms 69-71; Acts 19-20	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 4	Judges 10-19; Psalms 72; Proverbs 10-11; Acts 21-22	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 5	Judges 20-21; Ruth 1-4; 1 Samuel 1-4; Proverbs 12-14; Acts 23-24	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 6	1 Samuel 5-14; Proverbs 15-17; Acts 25-26	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 7	1 Samuel 15-24; Proverbs 18-20; Acts 27-28	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 8	1 Samuel 25-31; 2 Samuel 1-3; Proverbs 21-22; Mark 1-2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 9	2 Samuel 4-13; Psalms 73-75; Mark 3-4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 10	2 Samuel 14-24; Psalms 76-77; Mark 5-6	<input type="checkbox"/>

READ THE BIBLE IN TWO YEARS

YEAR 1: TERM 4

- Week 1 1 Kings 1-5; Psalms 78-80; 1 Kings 6-10; Mark 7-8
- Week 2 1 Kings 11-15; Psalms 81-83; 1 Kings 16-20; Mark 9-10
- Week 3 1 Kings 21-22; 2 Kings 1-8; Psalms 84-86; Mark 11-12
- Week 4 2 Kings 9-13; Psalms 87-89; 2 Kings 14-18; Mark 13-14
- Week 5 2 Kings 19-25; 1 Chronicles 1-3; Psalms 90-93; Mark 15-16
- Week 6 1 Chronicles 4-8; Psalms 94-96; 1 Chronicles 9-13; Romans 1-2
- Week 7 1 Chronicles 14-18; Psalms 97-101; 1 Chronicles 19-23; Romans 3-4
- Week 8 1 Chronicles 24-29; Psalms 102-104; Romans 5-6
- Week 9 2 Chronicles 1-5; Psalms 105-106; 2 Chronicles 6-10; Romans 7-8
- Week 10 2 Chronicles 11-15; Proverbs 23-25; 2 Chronicles 16-20; Romans 9-10

YEAR 2: TERM 1

- Week 1 2 Chronicles 21-25; Proverbs 26-28; 2 Chronicles 26-30; Romans 11-12
- Week 2 2 Chronicles 31-36; Ezra 1-4; Proverbs 29-31; Romans 13-14
- Week 3 Ezra 5-10; Nehemiah 1-4; Psalms 107-109; Romans 15-16
- Week 4 Nehemiah 5-13; Psalms 110-113; 1 Corinthians 1-2
- Week 5 Esther 1-10; Psalms 114-117; 1 Corinthians 3-4
- Week 6 Job 1-5; Psalms 118; Job 6-10; 1 Corinthians 5-6
- Week 7 Job 11-15; Psalms 119:1-48; Job 16-20; 1 Corinthians 7-8
- Week 8 Job 21-25; Psalms 119:49-96; Job 26-30; 1 Corinthians 9-10
- Week 9 Job 31-35; Psalms 119:97-144; Job 36-40; 1 Corinthians 11-12
- Week 10 Job 41-42; Ecclesiastes 1-8; Psalms 119:145-176; 1 Corinthians 13-14

YEAR 2: TERM 2

- Week 1 Ecclesiastes 9-12; Song of Songs 1-5; Psalms 120-122; 1 Cor 15-16
- Week 2 Songs of Songs 6-8; Isaiah 1-7; Psalms 123-125; Luke 1-2
- Week 3 Isaiah 8-12; Psalms 126-130; Isaiah 13-17; Luke 3-4
- Week 4 Isaiah 18-22; Psalms 131-135; Isaiah 23-27; Luke 5-6
- Week 5 Isaiah 28-32; Psalms 136-138; Isaiah 33-37; Luke 7-8

- Week 6 Isaiah 38-42; Psalms 139-142; Isaiah 43-47; Luke 9-10
- Week 7 Isaiah 48-52; Psalms 143-145; Isaiah 53-57; Luke 11-12
- Week 8 Isaiah 58-62; Psalms 146-147; Isaiah 63-66; Luke 13-14
- Week 9 Jeremiah 1-5; Psalms 148-150; Jeremiah 6-10; Luke 15-16
- Week 10 Jeremiah 11-15; Luke 17-21; Jeremiah 16-20

YEAR 2: TERM 3

- Week 1 Jeremiah 21-25; Luke 21-24; Jeremiah 26-30; 2 Corinthians 1
- Week 2 Jeremiah 31-35; 2 Corinthians 2-7; Jeremiah 36-40
- Week 3 Jeremiah 41-45; 2 Corinthians 8-13; Jeremiah 46-50
- Week 4 Jeremiah 51-52; Lamentations 1-5; Galatians 1-6
- Week 5 Ezekiel 1-5; Ephesians 1-6; Ezekiel 6-10
- Week 6 Ezekiel 11-15; Philippians 1-4; Ezekiel 16-20
- Week 7 Ezekiel 21-25; Colossians 1-4; Ezekiel 26-30
- Week 8 Ezekiel 31-35; 1 Thessalonians 1-5; Ezekiel 36-40; 2 Thessalonians 1-3
- Week 9 Ezekiel 41-48; 1 Timothy 1-6; 2 Timothy 1-4
- Week 10 Daniel 1-10; Titus 1-3, Philemon

YEAR 2: TERM 4

- Week 1 Daniel 11-12; Hosea 1-8; Hebrews 1-7
- Week 2 Hosea 9-14; Joel 1-3; Hebrews 8-13
- Week 3 Amos 1-9; James 1-5; 1 Peter 1-5
- Week 4 Obadiah; Jonah 1-4; 2 Peter 1-3; 1 John; 2 John; 3 John
- Week 5 Micah 1-7; Nahum 1-3; Jude; Revelation 1-5
- Week 6 Habakkuk 1-3; Revelation 6-19:10
- Week 7 Zephaniah 1-3; Revelation 19:11-22:21
- Week 8 Haggai 1-2; John 1-12
- Week 9 Zechariah 1-14; John 13-17
- Week 10 Malachi 1-4; John 18-21

INTRODUCTION: JOHN 1-4

John is the last of the four gospels to be written. Although the book itself does not say who wrote it, external evidence tells us it was written by John, the son of Zebedee within the last two decades of the first century.

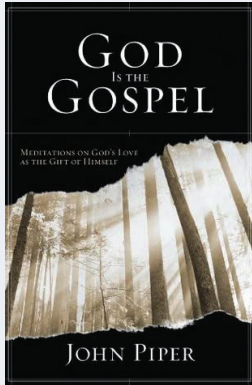
John is unique among the four gospels in its structure, content and style. Most commentators identify four major sections in John's gospel: a prologue (1:1-18), an epilogue (21:1-25), and two major central sections: the book of signs (1:19-12:50) and the book of glory (13:1-20:31). John calls the miracles of Jesus 'signs' that point to the identity of the one performing them. Up to chapter 13 there are seven major signs recorded. These signs are chosen deliberately as pointers to the identity of Jesus.

The gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke are known as the Synoptic Gospels because they share a similar structure and content to each other. Much of the content of the Synoptic Gospels is not found in John. There are no narrative parables, account of the transfiguration, record of the institution of the Lord's supper, casting out of demons, or account of Jesus' baptism. John records very little of Jesus' ministry in the north, in Galilee, but focuses on the south, particularly around Jerusalem.

John's style is also very different. He makes more of the spiritual significance or symbolism surrounding events, such as the symbolism of light and dark as seen in events involving Nicodemus and Judas (3:19, 20; 13:30). While the other gospels record the miracles of Jesus and only occasionally make their significance explicit, John reviews the facts in light of their interpretation.

Despite these differences, John has the same aim as the other gospels. He did not write to give us lessons for life but to help us understand that Jesus is the Christ who came in fulfilment of Old Testament expectations that we might have life in his name (1:12,13; 20:30, 31).

Prayerfully reflecting on John's gospel will deepen your faith and enable you to appreciate more fully the implications of the truth about Jesus so you experience in fuller measure the life of the kingdom now and the certainty of its fullness in the age to come.



Book recommendation:

God is the gospel by John Piper

Jesus died and rose from the dead to save us from our sins. This is incredible news! Watching the greatest story of them all unfold in John's Gospel is a privilege and a delight. But the incredible news that this terrific book from John Piper shares is that forgiveness of our sins is not ultimately what makes the good news 'good'. Forgiveness is good because it opens the way to enjoying God himself. What do we get through Jesus' sacrifice? We get God.

This book will challenge, encourage and inspire you to view the Gospel with new eyes: 'to enthrall us with what is most deeply and durably satisfying - namely, himself'.

WEEK 2: JOHN 1:1-5

DAY 1

Read John 1:1-18

The first 18 verses of John's gospel are called the prologue. It functions to give an overview of the whole sweep of Jesus' ministry: His pre-existence His nature, His arrival, His achievement, the response He found. This prologue is worth careful study because it contains most of the key themes of John's gospel.

1. Try to list five (5) key ideas raised about Jesus in the prologue:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.

2. In his opening words John deliberately reminds you of Genesis. What do you think his point might be?

Prayer: God Himself, came in the flesh to cast a great light on a darkened world and to make it new. Give thanks to Him for His kindness!

WEEK 2: JOHN 1:1-5

DAY 5

Read John 1:1-5

1. Repetition provides a clue to a writer's key idea. What are three repeated words or themes in this passage?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
2. Consider the words "testify" or "witness" (verses 7, 8, 15). This will be an important theme in John's gospel. What is John seeking to establish through the use of this language?
3. What is suggested by the fact that God gives us witnesses to the ministry of Jesus?

Prayer: Thank God for the provision of so much written testimony about Jesus.

THE WORD OF LIFE

PRAYER POINTS AND NOTES

THE WORD BECOMES FLESH

DAY 2

Read John 1:6-13

BIBLE IN 2 YEARS

Genesis 11-15; Psalms 5-7;
Genesis 16-20; Matthew 3-4

"If anyone tries to talk about what God is like and does not refer to Jesus Christ then they can be ignored as not really knowing what they are talking about. Their observations may be interesting but ultimately they are futile." Anon.

1. In what sense does Jesus (the true light) give light to everybody? (verse 9)
2. What are the implications for the claims of other religions and philosophies that claim to give us insight into God.
3. How do you respond to the quote at the top of this page?

Prayer: Pray that we will be increasingly captured by the authority of Jesus.

WEEK 3: JOHN 1:6-18

DAY 3

Read John 1:6-13

1. How do verses 10-13 illustrate the results of Jesus' ministry?
2. Who do you think the 'we' are that are mentioned in verse 14 ?
3. Is God the father of all human beings? What is the significance of verse 12 for this question?

Prayer: Thank God for the privilege of being adopted into His family.

THE WORD BECOMES FLESH

DAY 4

Read John 1:1-18

1. John's gospel will constantly allude to Old Testament ideas. Can you see any here in these first 18 verses? (Hint: use the cross references in your Bible.)
2. Genesis 1 is clearly in John's mind in his introduction. Compare Genesis 1 with Psalm 33:6. What are the similarities and differences? (The word "breath" in Hebrew is the same as the word "spirit".)
3. "The Law was given by Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." (1:17) How is the revelation of Jesus superior to that which came through Moses?

Prayer: Ask God to give us a deepening understanding of the grace that is ours in Jesus.

THE WORD BECOMES FLESH

PRAYER POINTS AND NOTES

THE LAMB OF GOD

DAY 2

Read John 1:19-28

BIBLE IN 2 YEARS

Genesis 21-25; Psalms 8-10;
Genesis 26-30; Matthew 5-6

1. From verses 19-28, what do you learn about John, his ministry and message?
2. What is John's explanation of his purpose in coming to Israel?
3. How is our role similar but different to John's role?

Prayer: Give thanks for those who have pointed us to Jesus, and pray that we may also be bearers of this good news.

WEEK 4: JOHN 1:19-34

DAY 3

Read Isaiah 40:1-5

1. John is “the voice of one calling in the wilderness” (John 1:23). What more can you find out about his role from Isaiah 40?
2. In what ways is it significant that John quotes Isaiah 40 in explaining his role in John 1?
3. Isaiah 40 prophesies Israel’s return from the wilderness. How does Jesus fulfil that return?

Prayer: Many of our friends are in the spiritual wilderness. Pray that God will call many to come home in Jesus.

WEEK 4: JOHN 1:19-34

DAY 5

Read John 1:29-34

1. John explains a little more about the purpose of his Baptism in verses 29-31. What is it?
2. How did John know that Jesus was the one he was to announce? (See verse 32 and Isaiah 42:1-3)
3. What are the results of Jesus' "baptism with the Holy Spirit"? (Hint: read Ezekiel 36:24-27)

Prayer: Thank God for the work of the Spirit that Jesus brings.

THE LAMB OF GOD

PRAYER POINTS AND NOTES

WEEK 5: JOHN 1:35-51

DAY 1

Read John 1:35-42

1. What is the consequence of John's testimony to Jesus in this passage?
2. Jesus' answer to their question is "Come and see" (verse 39). How can we invite our friends to "come and see"?
3. If someone asked you why they should consider following Jesus, what would you say

Prayer: Pray for someone you love, asking that God would move them to "come and see."

WEEK 5: JOHN 1:35-51

DAY 3

Read John 1:43-51

1. After being called to follow, what does Phillip do which illustrates his convictions about Jesus?
2. Nathanael has a reasonable objection (verse 46): the Messiah should come from Bethlehem. How does Phillip meet this objection?
3. It's easy to be silenced by tough questions. How are you encouraged by Phillip's example in this passage?

Prayer: Ask God for the confidence and conviction to bring friends to Jesus.

FOLLOWING THE LAMB

DAY 4

Read John 1:43-51

1. Despite his initial scepticism, Nathanael comes to believe in Jesus. Does Jesus think his reasons are good, bad, or something else?
2. What are the “greater things” that Nathanael will see? (See Genesis 28:12)
3. Imagine you’re reading this passage with an unconverted friend. How would you explain why we need Jesus as the stairway to heaven?

Prayer: Ask God to help you grow in your ability to clearly explain the gospel.

WEEK 5: JOHN 2:1-22

DAY 5

Read John 1:43-51

1. What titles or roles are ascribed to Jesus in this section?
2. John has gone into considerable detail in his account of Jesus and Nathaniel. Why is there so much emphasis on this interaction?
3. Testimony to Jesus is a powerful theme in this passage. In a sentence or two, how would you summarise your testimony to Jesus?

Prayer: Sceptics like Nathaniel are no problem for God. Pray that you won't be discouraged or daunted by scepticism.

FOLLOWING THE LAMB

PRAYER POINTS AND NOTES

GLORY REVEALED

DAY 2

Read John 2:1-12

BIBLE IN 2 YEARS

Genesis 41-45; Psalms 17-19;
Genesis 46-50; Matthew 10-11

1. John doesn't express detail unless the point is significant. What does he tell us about the water jars? (verses 6 and 7)
2. What is the significance of Jesus replacing the old covenant water of purification with an abundance of wine (Isaiah 25:6-8)?
3. John calls this a "sign". How does this sign point to Jesus' glory?

Prayer: Jesus' picture of the future for Christian life is a wedding feast. Pray that we will have a clearer and clearer appreciation of His glory?

WEEK 6: JOHN 2:1-22

DAY 3

Read John 2:13-25

1. What does Jesus encounter upon arriving at the temple?
2. The sale of sacrificial animals to be used in the temple was a necessary service. Why does Jesus respond so strongly?
3. Jesus' anger is confronting but are there occasions in Christian life when we ought to be angry but we're not? Why is that?

Prayer: Pray that we won't be people who look religious but have no authentic faith.

GLORY REVEALED

DAY 4

Read John 2:12-25

1. How does Jesus explain His actions in verse 16?
2. Looking back on this event the disciples remember Psalm 69:9. From the context of this verse why would they make this connection?
3. Suffering for the sake of God is common in Christian life. In what ways can we wrongly seek to avoid it?

Prayer: Pray that we will recognise the significance and importance of our relationship with God and live to His glory.

WEEK 6: JOHN 2:1-22

DAY 5

Read John 2:12-25

1. What sign does Jesus offer to demonstrate His authority to do what He does in the temple?
2. What were the responses to what Jesus said and did in this passage?
3. Jesus body is our temple (verse 21)! What does this mean for us in practice? Is church the temple?

Prayer: Praise God that the old temple has been replaced and perfected in Jesus so that we always have access to the Father.

GLORY REVEALED

PRAYER POINTS AND NOTES

WEEK 7: JOHN 2:23-3:16

DAY 1

Read John 2:23-25

1. What assessment does Jesus make about the faith of some in Jerusalem?
2. What do you learn about true and false belief in verses 23-25?
3. What do you think the marks of true faith might be?

Ponder: We are often given Jesus with the women at the well as a model of evangelism. That is, we should start where someone is at and move on (which is good advice).

Prayer: Pray that we would be people with all the marks of true and living faith.

THE TEMPLE OF GOD

DAY 2

Read **John 3:1-15**

BIBLE IN 2 YEARS

Exodus 1-5; Psalms 20-24; Exodus 6-10;
Matthew 12-13

1. What do we find out about Nicodemus in today's reading?
2. Nicodemus comes to Jesus at night. Given John's constant use of light-dark imagery, what significance does this hold?
3. Jesus sums up Nicodemus in an instant and stuns him with the necessity of being "born again". What does it mean to be born again?

Prayer: Pray for those you know who need to be born again and for a great many in our area.

WEEK 7: JOHN 2:23-3:16

DAY 3

Read John 3:1-8

1. What do you learn here about what it means to be born again? (Hint: pay careful attention to verse 8.)
2. “Born of water and the Spirit...” (verse 5)... What does this expression mean? (Ezekiel 36:24-27)
3. The “wind” in verse 8 is likened to the Holy Spirit. According to verse 8, why is prayer essential to our evangelism?

Prayer: If you've come to Christ give thanks to God for the gracious work of His Holy Spirit.

THE TEMPLE OF GOD

PRAYER POINTS AND NOTES

WEEK 8: JOHN 3:16-21

DAY 1

Read 3:16-21

1. Try to summarise today's reading in one sentence.
2. Pick three truths in this paragraph that you would most want your non-Christian friends to hear.
3. What would our non-Christian friends learn about God in these verses that might take them by surprise?

Prayer: Pray that both we, and our friends, would more deeply appreciate the love of God for us.

BEING BORN AGAIN

DAY 4

Read John 3:16 - 21

1. If people love darkness instead of light (verse 19), and if all who do evil hate the light (verse 20), how will anyone ever come to believe (verse 16)?

2. How do the following passages help answer the above (John 3:3-8; 16:8-11)?

3. Is faith our work, or God's gift? (See Philippians 1:29; Ephesians 2:8)

Prayer: Give thanks to God for the gift of faith which brought you to Himself.

BEING BORN AGAIN

PRAYER POINTS AND NOTES

WEEK 9: JOHN 3:22-36

DAY 1

Read John 3:22-26

1. Both Jesus' disciples and John baptised people. What was the point of John's baptism? (See Matthew 3:11)
2. Baptism is a frequent topic of disagreement amongst Christians and yet surprisingly Jesus didn't baptise (4:1-2)! What should we conclude from this fact?
3. Neither Jesus nor John, only their disciples, were willing to create dissension over matters of popularity. What are some needless matters we can divide over?

Prayer: Pray for wisdom to know how to stand for the truth without dividing over trivial matters with our Christian brothers and sisters.

DEALING WITH THE WRATH OF GOD

DAY 2

Read **John 3:27-30**

BIBLE IN 2 YEARS

Exodus 21-25; Psalms 28-31;
Exodus 26-30; Matthew 16-17

1. What is John's attitude to his God-given role in announcing Jesus?
2. John is not only clear about his role but about the kind of emotions it ought to stir. How does a person come to this point?
3. In what situations do you find it difficult to be humble?

Prayer: Ask God to humble us so that we can see ourselves rightly in relationship to God and to other people.

WEEK 9: JOHN 3:22-36

DAY 3

Read John 3:22-36

1. "The bride belongs to the bridegroom". How does this answer the objection of John's disciples in verse 26?
2. What Old Testament allusions do we find in his use of this image? (Read Jeremiah 2:2, Hosea 2:16-20)
3. John understands his role and has fulfilled it. What are the consequences for him? What can we learn from this?

Prayer: Ask God for a clear understanding of our role in Christian life so we can please God rejoice in it.

WEEK 9: JOHN 3:22-36

DAY 5

Read John 3:31-36

1. According to verse 34, what reason is given as to why Jesus speaks the words of God? (See also Isaiah 61:1). What does this imply about the work of the Spirit?
2. What ideas does Jesus have in mind when He speaks of “eternal life”? (See John 5:21; 10:10; 11:25,26;17:3.)
3. Imagine a friend asks you, “How can I have eternal life?” What would you tell them?

Prayer: Ask that we would have a deeper appreciation and conviction about the gift of eternal life and the tragedy of remaining under God’s wrath.

DEALING WITH THE WRATH OF GOD

PRAYER POINTS AND NOTES

WEEK 10: JOHN 4:1-45

DAY 1

Read John 4:1-26

1. Jesus offers the woman 'living water'. How do the following Scriptures help you to understand what might have been on His mind?
 - a. John 4:10, 4:14; 7:37-39;

 - b. Exodus 17:1-6;

 - c. Isaiah 41:17,18; 44:3

 - d. Jeremiah 2:13;

2. Imagine you knew this woman. She has no husband and is in her sixth relationship. Would you have thought she would have been interested in Jesus and His 'living water'? Why? Why not?

3. What sort of people do you think are "interested" in the gospel? What does your answer to the previous question about the woman reveal about you?

Prayer: Pray for more opportunities to tell people of the life we have in Jesus.

LIVING WATER

DAY 2

Read John 4:1-26

BIBLE IN 2 YEARS

Leviticus 1-5; Psalms 35-37;
Leviticus 6-10; Matthew 20-21

1. How does the rest of the New Testament speak of this new character of worship? (The language of sacrifice is synonymous with the Bible's notion of worship.) See;
 - a. Romans 12:1,2;
 - b. Hebrews 13:15,16;
 - c. Philippians 4:14-18;
 - d. Romans 15:14-16 (where Paul sees his ministry of evangelism in terms of sacrifice and offering)
2. In this light, consider 1 Peter 2:9.
3. Work through Jesus' reply to the woman. What does He mean? Jesus declares Himself to be the Messiah of whom the woman had spoken!

Prayer: Pray that we would give Jesus the glory that He is due in our lives.

WEEK 10: JOHN 4:1-45

DAY 3

Read John 4:27-42

1. The disciples are surprised (that Jesus was talking with the woman), though no one questioned Him. He was full of surprises!
He was tired in 4:4 and expected to be hungry in 4:33. What does this reveal about Jesus?
2. Read Philippians 2:5-11. What exactly has God the Son done for us in becoming man?
3. What do you think is the significance that Jesus is both man and God?

Prayer: Pray that we would grasp hold of the true identity of Jesus.

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DAY 4

Read John 4:39-42

1. The Samaritans, having heard the woman's testimony, now hear Jesus for themselves... and declare Him to be the Saviour of the world!

How is this expression significant in the big picture of who Jesus is and what He does, and for whom He does it? Consider

- Genesis 3:15; 12:2,3;
 - John 3:16;
 - Isaiah 49:6;
 - Luke 2:29-32;
 - Revelation 7:9
2. Describe your own status before God if this good news had not been revealed to you.

Prayer: Give thanks that through the death and resurrection of Jesus you can stand forgiven before God.

WEEK 10: JOHN 4:1-45

DAY 5

Read John 4:39-42

1. In what way or ways are you part of this big picture God has for the world/nations?
2. How are you challenged by the witness of John the Baptist, Andrew, Phillip and the woman?
3. Do you have anything worth sharing? See 1 Thessalonians 1:8-10.

Prayer: Pray for boldness and passion to share the good news you have received.

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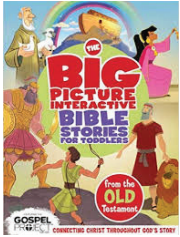
PRAYER POINTS AND NOTES

EV KIDS RESOURCES

Bible Time

One Big Story – Bible Stories for Toddlers

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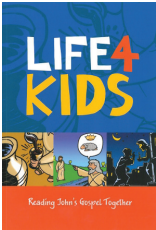
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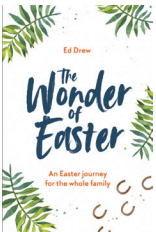


Life for Kids - Reading John's Gospel Together



47 devotions that take Primary age kids through the Book of John with the intention of getting to know Jesus better. Each devotion contains a Bible passage, a comment, a question and a prayer suggestion.

The Wonder of Easter - Ed Drew

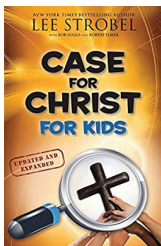


This has 34 family devotions that can be used to read the Bible as a family before Easter (and after Easter if you don't get them all finished!!!!) They are designed to take 10 minutes and have a variety of questions for all age groups, Preschool, school age and Youth.

Apologetics for Kids

Case for Christ – For Kids

Recommended age 7-12 years



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