The Bible Story in a Year

JAN 4, 2027 TO JAN 2, 2028 · 52 WEEKS · 4 TO 5 CHAPTERS A DAY, 5 DAYS A WEEK · ALL 1,189 CHAPTERS

The New Testament Story walks through the New Testament in story order. Now let's read the whole Bible that way. You will start in Genesis, sit with Job in the days of the patriarchs, and read David's psalms right alongside his life. The prophets show up next to the kings they preached to. When the last Old Testament voice goes quiet, Matthew opens with the King. Acts carries Paul's letters along with it, and Revelation brings the whole story home. Every chapter, once, in one year.

Monday through Friday, read four or five chapters. Psalm 119 is long, so that day is lighter on everything else. Saturday and Sunday are grace days: catch up, reread, or rest in what you read. At the end of each week, work through the questions on your own or with your small group. Open your Bible and read the verses before you answer, and let the text do the talking. Where Job, the Psalms, and some of the prophets land is our best estimate, so treat the order as a guide.

Grab your Bible. Let's read. ~ Chris Gallagher

The order at a glance: Genesis 1 to 11; Job; Genesis 12 to 50; Exodus to Deuteronomy with Psalm 90; Joshua, Judges, Ruth; 1 Samuel; David's life in 1 and 2 Samuel and 1 Chronicles with the Psalms; Solomon with 2 Chronicles, Proverbs, Song of Solomon, and Ecclesiastes; the divided kingdom in Kings and Chronicles with the prophets placed in their reigns; Ezekiel and Daniel in exile; Ezra, Haggai, Zechariah, Esther, Nehemiah, and Malachi for the return; the four Gospels; Acts with each letter where it fits; Revelation.

Week 1: In the beginning, and a man named Job

JAN 4 TO JAN 10

☐	Mon, Jan 4	Genesis 1-5
☐	Tue, Jan 5	Genesis 6-9
☐	Wed, Jan 6	Genesis 10-11; Job 1-3
☐	Thu, Jan 7	Job 4-7
☐	Fri, Jan 8	Job 8-12
☐	*Sat-Sun, Jan 9-10*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** Genesis 1:26-31. What did God say about the man and woman He made, and how did He describe everything at the end of the sixth day?
2. **UNDERSTAND** Genesis 3:1-6. How did the serpent twist what God had said? What does that teach you about how temptation still works?
3. **UNDERSTAND** Genesis 3:15. Right after the first sin, God made a promise about the woman's offspring. How does the rest of the Bible story point to Jesus as the one who crushes the serpent?
4. **OBSERVE** Genesis 6:5-8 and 6:22. What did God see in the world, and what is said about Noah's obedience?
5. **APPLY** Job 1:20-22 and 2:11-13. Job worshiped in his grief, and his friends sat with him in silence for seven days. Who do you know who is hurting, and how can you simply be there for them this week?

Week 2: When the answers don't come easy

JAN 11 TO JAN 17

☐	Mon, Jan 11	Job 13-17
☐	Tue, Jan 12	Job 18-21
☐	Wed, Jan 13	Job 22-26
☐	Thu, Jan 14	Job 27-30
☐	Fri, Jan 15	Job 31-35
☐	*Sat-Sun, Jan 16-17*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** Job 13:15. What did Job say he would do even if God took his life?
2. **UNDERSTAND** Job 19:25-27. Job was in the dark about his suffering, yet he said, "I know that my Redeemer lives." What did he believe he would one day see?
3. **UNDERSTAND** Job 22:4-11. Eliphaz decided Job must be suffering because of hidden sin. Why was that wrong, and how can we make the same mistake about people today?
4. **OBSERVE** Job 28:28. According to this chapter, what is wisdom, and what is understanding?
5. **APPLY** Job 23:10-12. Job said he treasured God's words more than his daily food. What would it take for you to treasure this daily reading like that?

Week 3: God speaks, and God promises

JAN 18 TO JAN 24

☐	Mon, Jan 18	Job 36-39
☐	Tue, Jan 19	Job 40-42; Genesis 12-13
☐	Wed, Jan 20	Genesis 14-18
☐	Thu, Jan 21	Genesis 19-22
☐	Fri, Jan 22	Genesis 23-27
☐	*Sat-Sun, Jan 23-24*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** Job 38:1-7. When God finally answered Job, what kind of questions did He ask?
2. **UNDERSTAND** Job 42:1-6. God never explained the reason for Job's suffering. Why was Job satisfied anyway, and what changed in him?
3. **OBSERVE** Genesis 12:1-4. What three things did God promise Abram, and how did Abram respond?
4. **UNDERSTAND** Genesis 22:1-14. What did Abraham's faith look like in action? What did he name that place, and why?
5. **APPLY** Genesis 15:5-6. Abram believed God when the promise looked impossible. Which promise of God do you find hardest to take at His word right now?

Week 4: Jacob's family and Joseph's faithfulness

JAN 25 TO JAN 31

☐ Mon, Jan 25	Genesis 28-31
☐ Tue, Jan 26	Genesis 32-36
☐ Wed, Jan 27	Genesis 37-41
☐ Thu, Jan 28	Genesis 42-45
☐ Fri, Jan 29	Genesis 46-50
☐ *Sat-Sun, Jan 30-31*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** Genesis 28:10-22. What did Jacob see at Bethel, and what did God promise him there?
2. **UNDERSTAND** Genesis 32:24-30. Jacob wrestled and would not let go until he was blessed. What changed about him after that night, even his name?
3. **APPLY** Genesis 39:7-12. Joseph called sin what it was, "great wickedness, and sin against God," and then he ran. What temptation do you need to stop arguing with and simply run from?
4. **UNDERSTAND** Genesis 45:4-8. Joseph told his brothers, "God sent me before you." How did he see God at work in years of injustice?
5. **OBSERVE** Genesis 50:15-21. What did Joseph say about what his brothers meant for evil? How did he treat them?

Week 5: Out of Egypt

FEB 1 TO FEB 7

☐ Mon, Feb 1	Exodus 1-4
☐ Tue, Feb 2	Exodus 5-9
☐ Wed, Feb 3	Exodus 10-13
☐ Thu, Feb 4	Exodus 14-18
☐ Fri, Feb 5	Exodus 19-23
☐ *Sat-Sun, Feb 6-7*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** Exodus 3:1-14. Where was Moses when God called him, and what name did God give for Himself?
2. **APPLY** Exodus 4:10-12. Moses had excuses, and God had answers. What excuse have you been giving God about something He wants you to do?
3. **UNDERSTAND** Exodus 12:1-13. Describe the Passover lamb and what was done with its blood. How does this picture point ahead to Jesus, the Lamb of God?
4. **OBSERVE** Exodus 14:13-14 and 14:30-31. What did Moses tell the people at the sea, and what did they do after they saw what the Lord did?
5. **UNDERSTAND** Exodus 20:1-17. How do the Ten Commandments show what it looks like to love God and love your neighbor?

Week 6: God dwells with His people

FEB 8 TO FEB 14

☐	Mon, Feb 8	Exodus 24-27
☐	Tue, Feb 9	Exodus 28-32
☐	Wed, Feb 10	Exodus 33-36
☐	Thu, Feb 11	Exodus 37-40; Leviticus 1
☐	Fri, Feb 12	Leviticus 2-6
☐	*Sat-Sun, Feb 13-14*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** Exodus 25:8-9 and 25:40. Why was the tabernacle built, and how carefully was Moses told to follow the pattern God showed him?
2. **UNDERSTAND** Exodus 32:1-6 and 32:21-24. The people called the golden calf a feast to the Lord. What does that show about trying to worship God our own way?
3. **APPLY** Exodus 32:24. Aaron said he threw in the gold "and out came this calf." When you sin, how quick are you to own it instead of explaining it away?
4. **OBSERVE** Exodus 40:34-38. What happened when the tabernacle was finished, and how did the cloud lead Israel?
5. **UNDERSTAND** Leviticus 1:3-9. The burnt offering had to be without blemish and was given wholly to God. What does this teach about giving God your best and not your leftovers?

Week 7: Be holy, for I am holy

FEB 15 TO FEB 21

☐	Mon, Feb 15	Leviticus 7-10
☐	Tue, Feb 16	Leviticus 11-15
☐	Wed, Feb 17	Leviticus 16-19
☐	Thu, Feb 18	Leviticus 20-24
☐	Fri, Feb 19	Leviticus 25-27; Numbers 1
☐	*Sat-Sun, Feb 20-21*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **UNDERSTAND** Leviticus 10:1-3. Nadab and Abihu offered fire the Lord "had not commanded them." Why was this so serious, and what does it teach about worshiping God the way He asks?
2. **OBSERVE** Leviticus 11:44-45. What reason did God give for His people to be holy?
3. **UNDERSTAND** Leviticus 16:15-22. What happened to the two goats on the Day of Atonement? What does the goat carrying sins away into the wilderness help you see about forgiveness?
4. **APPLY** Leviticus 19:9-18. Find the command Jesus later called the second greatest. Pick one practical instruction in these verses and live it out this week.
5. **OBSERVE** Leviticus 26:11-13. What did God promise to do among His people if they walked in His ways?

Week 8: Grumbling in the wilderness

FEB 22 TO FEB 28

☐	Mon, Feb 22	Numbers 2-6
☐	Tue, Feb 23	Numbers 7-11
☐	Wed, Feb 24	Numbers 12-15
☐	Thu, Feb 25	Numbers 16-20
☐	Fri, Feb 26	Numbers 21-24
☐	*Sat-Sun, Feb 27-28*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** Numbers 6:22-27. Read the blessing Aaron was to speak over Israel. What does God want for His people?
2. **OBSERVE** Numbers 13:30-33 and 14:6-9. Ten spies saw giants. What did Caleb and Joshua see?
3. **UNDERSTAND** Numbers 20:7-12. God told Moses to speak to the rock, but Moses struck it. Why did such a small change cost Moses the promised land?
4. **UNDERSTAND** Numbers 21:4-9. What did the people have to do to live after the snakes bit them? Jesus later pointed back to this bronze serpent to describe His own cross.
5. **APPLY** Numbers 11:1-6. Israel got tired of manna, the bread God sent from heaven every day. What blessing have you started taking for granted, and how can you thank God for it this week?

Week 9: Remember, and do not forget

MAR 1 TO MAR 7

☐	Mon, Mar 1	Numbers 25-29
☐	Tue, Mar 2	Numbers 30-34
☐	Wed, Mar 3	Numbers 35-36; Deuteronomy 1-2
☐	Thu, Mar 4	Deuteronomy 3-7
☐	Fri, Mar 5	Deuteronomy 8-11
☐	*Sat-Sun, Mar 6-7*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** Numbers 27:15-23. What did Moses ask God for, and who was chosen to lead after him?
2. **UNDERSTAND** Numbers 32:23. Moses warned, "Be sure your sin will find you out." Why is hidden sin never really hidden?
3. **UNDERSTAND** Deuteronomy 4:1-2. What did Moses say about adding to or taking away from God's word? Why does that still matter for how we handle the Bible?
4. **APPLY** Deuteronomy 6:4-9. Where and when were parents to talk about God's words with their children? Name one simple way you can do that at home this week.
5. **OBSERVE** Deuteronomy 8:2-3. Why did God let Israel be hungry and then feed them with manna? If man does not live by bread alone, what does he live by?

Week 10: Choose life

MAR 8 TO MAR 14

☐ Mon, Mar 8	Deuteronomy 12-16
☐ Tue, Mar 9	Deuteronomy 17-20
☐ Wed, Mar 10	Deuteronomy 21-25
☐ Thu, Mar 11	Deuteronomy 26-30
☐ Fri, Mar 12	Deuteronomy 31-34
☐ *Sat-Sun, Mar 13-14*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** Deuteronomy 12:32. What two things were God's people told never to do with His commands?
2. **UNDERSTAND** Deuteronomy 18:15-19. God promised a prophet like Moses. Why does the New Testament see Jesus as that Prophet, and what were people to do when He spoke?
3. **UNDERSTAND** Deuteronomy 29:29. What belongs to God, and what belongs to us? How does that help when the Bible does not answer every question we have?
4. **APPLY** Deuteronomy 30:15-20. Moses set life and death before the people and said, "Choose life." What daily choice is in front of you that comes down to obeying God or not?
5. **OBSERVE** Deuteronomy 34:5-12. How is Moses remembered at the end of the book?

Week 11: Be strong and courageous

MAR 15 TO MAR 21

☐ Mon, Mar 15	Psalm 90; Joshua 1-4
☐ Tue, Mar 16	Joshua 5-8
☐ Wed, Mar 17	Joshua 9-13
☐ Thu, Mar 18	Joshua 14-18
☐ Fri, Mar 19	Joshua 19-22
☐ *Sat-Sun, Mar 20-21*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **APPLY** Psalm 90:12. Moses prayed, "Teach us to number our days." If you counted your days honestly, what would you stop putting off?
2. **OBSERVE** Joshua 1:6-9. What did God tell Joshua to do with the Book of the Law, and what did He promise?
3. **UNDERSTAND** Joshua 2:8-14 and 6:22-25. What did Rahab believe, and how did she show it? What happened to her and her family?
4. **UNDERSTAND** Joshua 6:1-5 and 6:20. Marching around a city is a strange battle plan. Why do you think God asked Israel to do it His way?
5. **OBSERVE** Joshua 7:20-21. Achan describes his sin in four steps. What were they, and where do you see that same pattern today?

Week 12: Everyone did what was right in his own eyes

MAR 22 TO MAR 28

☐ Mon, Mar 22	Joshua 23-24; Judges 1-3
☐ Tue, Mar 23	Judges 4-7
☐ Wed, Mar 24	Judges 8-12
☐ Thu, Mar 25	Judges 13-16
☐ Fri, Mar 26	Judges 17-21
☐ *Sat-Sun, Mar 27-28*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **APPLY** Joshua 24:14-15. Joshua said, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." What would that sentence look like if your household lived it out this week?
2. **UNDERSTAND** Judges 2:10-19. Trace the cycle in these verses. Why did each new generation slide back so quickly?
3. **OBSERVE** Judges 6:11-16. Where was Gideon when the angel found him, and how did he see himself?
4. **UNDERSTAND** Judges 16:18-22. Samson "did not know that the Lord had departed from him." How can a person drift from God without even noticing?
5. **OBSERVE** Judges 21:25. How does the book of Judges sum up those years? Where do you see that same attitude in the world today?

Week 13: Loyal love and a giant-killing faith

MAR 29 TO APR 4

☐ Mon, Mar 29	Ruth 1-4; 1 Samuel 1
☐ Tue, Mar 30	1 Samuel 2-5
☐ Wed, Mar 31	1 Samuel 6-10
☐ Thu, Apr 1	1 Samuel 11-14
☐ Fri, Apr 2	1 Samuel 15-17; Psalms 1-2
☐ *Sat-Sun, Apr 3-4*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** Ruth 1:16-17. What did Ruth promise Naomi? What was she giving up to say it?
2. **UNDERSTAND** Ruth 4:13-17. Boaz redeemed Ruth, and their great-grandson was David. What does this little book show about how God works through ordinary faithful people?
3. **OBSERVE** 1 Samuel 3:1-10. How did the boy Samuel finally answer when the Lord called him?
4. **UNDERSTAND** 1 Samuel 15:22-23. Saul obeyed partway and called it obedience. What did Samuel say is better than sacrifice?
5. **APPLY** 1 Samuel 17:45-47. David faced Goliath in the name of the Lord. What giant are you facing, and what would it look like to face it trusting God instead of yourself?

Week 14: Running from Saul, resting in God

APR 5 TO APR 11

☐	Mon, Apr 5	1 Samuel 18; Psalms 4-7
☐	Tue, Apr 6	1 Samuel 19-20; Psalms 59, 8
☐	Wed, Apr 7	1 Samuel 21; Psalms 9-10, 34, 56
☐	Thu, Apr 8	1 Samuel 22; Psalms 11-12, 52
☐	Fri, Apr 9	1 Samuel 23; Psalms 57, 142, 13-14
☐	*Sat-Sun, Apr 10-11*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** 1 Samuel 18:1-4. What did Jonathan do for David, and what does it tell you about true friendship?
2. **UNDERSTAND** 1 Samuel 18:6-9. What did the women sing, and what did it do to Saul? How does jealousy grow if we let it?
3. **OBSERVE** 1 Samuel 21:10-15 and Psalm 34:1-8. David was afraid and pretended to be insane in Gath, yet he wrote this psalm about that time. What did he say the Lord did for him?
4. **UNDERSTAND** Psalm 8:3-6. What makes David wonder that God would think about people at all? What honor has God given us anyway?
5. **APPLY** Psalm 56:3-4 and 56:11. David said, "Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You." Write down one fear you are carrying and pray this verse over it every day this week.

Week 15: The Lord is my shepherd

APR 12 TO APR 18

☐	Mon, Apr 12	1 Samuel 24; Psalms 54, 63, 15-16
☐	Tue, Apr 13	1 Samuel 25; Psalms 17, 19-20
☐	Wed, Apr 14	1 Samuel 26-27; Psalms 21-23
☐	Thu, Apr 15	1 Samuel 28; Psalms 25-27
☐	Fri, Apr 16	1 Samuel 29-30; Psalms 28-29, 31
☐	*Sat-Sun, Apr 17-18*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** 1 Samuel 24:4-7. David had the perfect chance to kill Saul. Why didn't he?
2. **OBSERVE** Psalm 19:1-11. What do the heavens tell us about God? What does David say God's word does for us?
3. **UNDERSTAND** Psalm 22:1 and 22:14-18. Jesus quoted the first line of this psalm from the cross. What details here sound like His crucifixion?
4. **UNDERSTAND** Psalm 23. List what the Shepherd provides in this psalm. Which line means the most to you right now, and why?
5. **APPLY** 1 Samuel 30:1-6. David's men talked of stoning him, "but David strengthened himself in the Lord his God." When you are at your lowest, where do you go first?

Week 16: David becomes king

APR 19 TO APR 25

☐ Mon, Apr 19	1 Samuel 31; 2 Samuel 1; Psalms 33, 35
☐ Tue, Apr 20	2 Samuel 2; Psalms 36-39
☐ Wed, Apr 21	2 Samuel 3-4; Psalms 40-42
☐ Thu, Apr 22	2 Samuel 5; Psalms 43-45
☐ Fri, Apr 23	2 Samuel 6-7; Psalms 24, 46-47
☐ *Sat-Sun, Apr 24-25*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** 2 Samuel 1:17-27. How did David mourn Saul and Jonathan, even though Saul had tried to kill him?
2. **UNDERSTAND** 2 Samuel 6:1-7. The ark was carried on a new cart, not the way God had said. What happened to Uzzah, and what does it teach about doing God's work God's way?
3. **UNDERSTAND** 2 Samuel 7:12-16. God promised David a house and a throne that would last forever. How is that promise fulfilled in Jesus?
4. **OBSERVE** Psalm 46:1-3 and 46:10. What is God called in this psalm, and what does He tell us to do?
5. **APPLY** Psalm 42:1-5. The writer talks to his own soul: "Hope in God." What is weighing your soul down, and what truth do you need to preach to yourself this week?

Week 17: Sin, confession, and mercy

APR 26 TO MAY 2

☐ Mon, Apr 26	2 Samuel 8; Psalms 48, 60, 49
☐ Tue, Apr 27	2 Samuel 9-10; Psalms 50, 53, 55
☐ Wed, Apr 28	2 Samuel 11; Psalms 58, 61-62, 64
☐ Thu, Apr 29	2 Samuel 12; Psalms 51, 32, 65
☐ Fri, Apr 30	2 Samuel 13-14; Psalms 66-68
☐ *Sat-Sun, May 1-2*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** 2 Samuel 9:1-7. Why did David show kindness to Mephibosheth? What did he give him?
2. **UNDERSTAND** 2 Samuel 11:1-4. Trace David's steps toward sin with Bathsheba. Where could he have stopped?
3. **OBSERVE** 2 Samuel 12:1-13. How did Nathan get David to see his sin? What did David say when he finally saw it?
4. **UNDERSTAND** Psalm 51:1-12. David wrote this after Nathan confronted him. What does real repentance sound like, and what did David ask God to create in him?
5. **APPLY** Psalm 32:1-5. David says his bones wasted away while he kept silent about his sin. Is there something you need to confess to God, or make right with someone, this week?

Week 18: Heartbreak at home

MAY 3 TO MAY 9

☐	Mon, May 3	2 Samuel 15; Psalms 69, 3, 70
☐	Tue, May 4	2 Samuel 16-17; Psalms 71, 73, 75
☐	Wed, May 5	2 Samuel 18; Psalms 76-78
☐	Thu, May 6	2 Samuel 19-20; Psalms 80-82
☐	Fri, May 7	2 Samuel 21-22; Psalms 83-85
☐	*Sat-Sun, May 8-9*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** 2 Samuel 15:1-6. How did Absalom steal the hearts of the men of Israel?
2. **OBSERVE** Psalm 3:1-6. David wrote this psalm when he fled from Absalom. How could he lie down and sleep with so many enemies around him?
3. **UNDERSTAND** 2 Samuel 18:31-33. Absalom tried to take his father's throne, yet David wept, "O my son Absalom!" What does David's grief show about a parent's love?
4. **UNDERSTAND** Psalm 73:1-3 and 73:16-17. Asaph envied the wicked until he went into the sanctuary of God. What changed his view?
5. **APPLY** Psalm 78:1-8. The psalmist wants the next generation to know what God has done. Who is one younger person you can encourage in the faith this week?

Week 19: A thousand generations, and a God who remembers

MAY 10 TO MAY 16

☐	Mon, May 10	2 Samuel 23; Psalms 18, 86-87
☐	Tue, May 11	2 Samuel 24; Psalms 88-89, 91-92
☐	Wed, May 12	1 Chronicles 1-2; Psalms 93-94
☐	Thu, May 13	1 Chronicles 3-4; Psalms 95, 97-98
☐	Fri, May 14	1 Chronicles 5; Psalms 99-102
☐	*Sat-Sun, May 15-16*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** Psalm 18:1-3. List the names David gives the Lord in these verses. Which one fits what you need from God today?
2. **UNDERSTAND** 2 Samuel 24:10-17. How did David respond when he realized he had sinned in counting the people? What did he ask God to do?
3. **APPLY** 2 Samuel 24:24. David said he would not offer the Lord something that cost him nothing. What is one way you can give God something that truly costs you this week?
4. **OBSERVE** 1 Chronicles 4:9-10. In the middle of a long list of names, one man prays. What did Jabez ask for, and how did God respond?
5. **UNDERSTAND** Psalm 95:1-8. The psalm calls us to sing, kneel, and worship, then warns, "Do not harden your hearts." How do worship and a soft heart go together?

Week 20: Bless the Lord, O my soul

MAY 17 TO MAY 23

☐	Mon, May 17	1 Chronicles 6-7; Psalms 103-104
☐	Tue, May 18	1 Chronicles 8-9; Psalms 107-109
☐	Wed, May 19	1 Chronicles 10; Psalms 110-112
☐	Thu, May 20	1 Chronicles 11-12; Psalms 113-115
☐	Fri, May 21	1 Chronicles 13; Psalms 116-118
☐	*Sat-Sun, May 22-23*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** Psalm 103:1-12. What benefits of the Lord does David list? How far does God remove our sins from us?
2. **UNDERSTAND** 1 Chronicles 13:7-12. This is the same sad day you read in 2 Samuel. Why do you think God's Spirit made sure it was told twice?
3. **UNDERSTAND** Psalm 110:1-4. Jesus used this psalm to show the Christ is David's Lord. What two roles, king and priest, does this psalm give Him?
4. **OBSERVE** Psalm 118:22-24. What happened to the stone the builders rejected? Who is that stone?
5. **APPLY** Psalm 116:12-14. "What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" Answer that question in one specific way this week.

Week 21: Your word is a lamp

MAY 24 TO MAY 30

☐	Mon, May 24	1 Chronicles 14; Psalm 119
☐	Tue, May 25	1 Chronicles 15-16; Psalms 120-122
☐	Wed, May 26	Psalms 96, 105-106, 123
☐	Thu, May 27	1 Chronicles 17-18; Psalms 124-125, 128
☐	Fri, May 28	1 Chronicles 19; Psalms 129-131
☐	*Sat-Sun, May 29-30*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **APPLY** Psalm 119:9-11. How does a young person keep his way pure? Pick one verse from this week's reading to hide in your heart by memory.
2. **OBSERVE** Psalm 119:105 and 119:97-104. What does God's word do for the person who loves it?
3. **UNDERSTAND** 1 Chronicles 15:11-15. The second time, the Levites carried the ark on their shoulders "as Moses had commanded according to the word of the Lord." What had David learned since the first try?
4. **OBSERVE** 1 Chronicles 16:23-31 and Psalm 96:1-4. What does David call all the earth to do? What reasons does he give?
5. **UNDERSTAND** Psalm 121 and 122:1. These are songs of ascents, sung going up to Jerusalem to worship. What do they teach about where our help comes from and how we should feel about gathering to worship?

Week 22: Preparing for the house of God

MAY 31 TO JUN 6

☐	Mon, May 31	1 Chronicles 20-21; Psalms 132-134
☐	Tue, Jun 1	1 Chronicles 22; Psalms 135, 30, 136, 138
☐	Wed, Jun 2	1 Chronicles 23-24; Psalms 139-140
☐	Thu, Jun 3	1 Chronicles 25-26; Psalms 141, 143-144
☐	Fri, Jun 4	1 Chronicles 27; Psalms 145-147
☐	*Sat-Sun, Jun 5-6*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** 1 Chronicles 22:6-10. Why couldn't David build the temple, and who would?
2. **UNDERSTAND** Psalm 30:4-5 and 30:11-12. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning." How has God turned mourning into joy in your life before?
3. **UNDERSTAND** Psalm 139:1-16. What does David say God knows about him? Does that comfort you, or does it make you nervous?
4. **OBSERVE** Psalm 145:8-9 and 145:18. How does David describe the Lord's character? Who is the Lord near to?
5. **APPLY** Psalm 133:1 and 139:23-24. Unity among brethren is good and pleasant. Ask God to search your heart this week, and ask whether anything in you is hurting the unity of your congregation.

Week 23: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom

JUN 7 TO JUN 13

☐	Mon, Jun 7	1 Chronicles 28-29; Psalms 148-150
☐	Tue, Jun 8	1 Kings 1-4
☐	Wed, Jun 9	2 Chronicles 1; Psalm 72; Proverbs 1-3
☐	Thu, Jun 10	Proverbs 4-8
☐	Fri, Jun 11	Proverbs 9-12
☐	*Sat-Sun, Jun 12-13*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** 1 Chronicles 28:9. What did David tell Solomon about seeking God and about what the Lord searches?
2. **UNDERSTAND** 1 Chronicles 29:14-17. David gave generously and then said, "All things come from You." How does that change the way you look at giving?
3. **OBSERVE** 1 Kings 3:5-14. What did Solomon ask for, and why was God pleased with the request?
4. **UNDERSTAND** Proverbs 4:23-27. Why does Solomon say to guard your heart above everything else? What are some ways to do that?
5. **APPLY** Proverbs 1:7 and 3:5-6. Where are you leaning on your own understanding right now? What would trusting the Lord with all your heart look like there?

Week 24: Wisdom for everyday life

JUN 14 TO JUN 20

☐ Mon, Jun 14	Proverbs 13-17
☐ Tue, Jun 15	Proverbs 18-21
☐ Wed, Jun 16	Proverbs 22-26
☐ Thu, Jun 17	Proverbs 27-31
☐ Fri, Jun 18	1 Kings 5-8
☐ *Sat-Sun, Jun 19-20*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **APPLY** Proverbs 15:1. A soft answer turns away wrath. Where do you need a softer answer this week: at home, at work, or online?
2. **OBSERVE** Proverbs 16:18 and 16:32. What comes before destruction? Who is better than the mighty?
3. **UNDERSTAND** Proverbs 22:6. What does training up a child involve? Why does it start early?
4. **OBSERVE** Proverbs 31:10-31. List what this woman does and why she is praised. Where does her strength come from, according to 31:30?
5. **UNDERSTAND** 1 Kings 8:27-30. Solomon built the temple yet said heaven cannot contain God. What was the temple for, then?

Week 25: A temple, a love song, and a warning

JUN 21 TO JUN 27

☐ Mon, Jun 21	2 Chronicles 2-6
☐ Tue, Jun 22	2 Chronicles 7; Psalm 127; Song of Solomon 1-2
☐ Wed, Jun 23	Song of Solomon 3-7
☐ Thu, Jun 24	Song of Solomon 8; 1 Kings 9-11
☐ Fri, Jun 25	2 Chronicles 8-9; Ecclesiastes 1-3
☐ *Sat-Sun, Jun 26-27*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **UNDERSTAND** 2 Chronicles 7:14. God spoke these words to Israel at the temple dedication. What principle about humility, prayer, and turning from sin is still true for God's people today?
2. **APPLY** Psalm 127:1-2. Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. What are you building right now that you need to hand over to the Lord?
3. **OBSERVE** Song of Solomon 8:6-7. How strong is the love described here? What does this book teach about honoring God's gift of marriage?
4. **UNDERSTAND** 1 Kings 11:1-6. Solomon had more wisdom than anyone, yet his heart turned away. How did it happen, and what does it warn us about?
5. **OBSERVE** Ecclesiastes 3:1-11. List some of the seasons named here. What has God put in our hearts, according to 3:11?

Week 26: A kingdom torn in two

JUN 28 TO JUL 4

☐	Mon, Jun 28	Ecclesiastes 4-8
☐	Tue, Jun 29	Ecclesiastes 9-12
☐	Wed, Jun 30	1 Kings 12-14; 2 Chronicles 10-11
☐	Thu, Jul 1	2 Chronicles 12; 1 Kings 15-16; 2 Chronicles 13
☐	Fri, Jul 2	2 Chronicles 14-16; 1 Kings 17-18
☐	*Sat-Sun, Jul 3-4*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** Ecclesiastes 12:13-14. After all his searching, what does the Preacher say is the whole duty of man?
2. **UNDERSTAND** 1 Kings 12:6-14. Whose advice did Rehoboam take, and what did it cost him?
3. **UNDERSTAND** 1 Kings 12:26-33. Jeroboam changed the place of worship, the priests, and the feast day, all from his own heart. Why does God care about how we worship and not only whether we worship?
4. **OBSERVE** 1 Kings 18:36-39. How did Elijah pray on Mount Carmel, and what did the people say after the fire fell?
5. **APPLY** 1 Kings 18:21. "How long will you falter between two opinions?" Where are you trying to live with one foot on each side?

Week 27: Elijah, Elisha, and the still small voice

JUL 5 TO JUL 11

☐	Mon, Jul 5	1 Kings 19-22; 2 Chronicles 17
☐	Tue, Jul 6	2 Chronicles 18-20; 2 Kings 1
☐	Wed, Jul 7	2 Kings 2-6
☐	Thu, Jul 8	2 Kings 7-8; 2 Chronicles 21; Obadiah
☐	Fri, Jul 9	2 Kings 9-12; 2 Chronicles 22
☐	*Sat-Sun, Jul 10-11*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** 1 Kings 19:9-18. Elijah felt completely alone. How did God speak to him, and what did God tell him about the seven thousand?
2. **APPLY** 1 Kings 22:13-14. Micaiah was pressured to say what the king wanted to hear. Where are you tempted to soften God's word to keep people happy?
3. **OBSERVE** 2 Chronicles 20:12 and 20:15. Jehoshaphat said, "Our eyes are upon You." What did God answer through the prophet?
4. **UNDERSTAND** 2 Kings 5:9-14. Naaman almost went home angry because God's instruction seemed too simple. What does his story teach about doing exactly what God says, the way He says it?
5. **UNDERSTAND** Obadiah 3-4 and 15. What was Edom's sin, and what did God say would come back on their own heads?

Week 28: Prophets who called the nations back

JUL 12 TO JUL 18

☐ Mon, Jul 12	2 Chronicles 23-24; Joel 1-3
☐ Tue, Jul 13	2 Kings 13-14; Jonah 1-2
☐ Wed, Jul 14	Jonah 3-4; 2 Chronicles 25; Amos 1-2
☐ Thu, Jul 15	Amos 3-6
☐ Fri, Jul 16	Amos 7-9; 2 Chronicles 26; 2 Kings 15
☐ *Sat-Sun, Jul 17-18*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** Joel 2:12-13 and 2:28-32. What did God call His people to tear, and what did He promise to pour out? Peter quoted this prophecy on the day of Pentecost.
2. **UNDERSTAND** 2 Chronicles 26:16-21. King Uzziah went into the temple to burn incense, a job God gave only to the priests. Why did his pride lead him there, and what happened?
3. **OBSERVE** Jonah 1:1-3. Where did God send Jonah, and where did Jonah go instead?
4. **UNDERSTAND** Jonah 4:1-11. Why was Jonah angry when God spared Nineveh? What was God teaching him with the plant?
5. **APPLY** Amos 5:21-24. God rejected worship from people who ignored justice. How does the way you treat people during the week line up with the way you worship?

Week 29: Faithful love and a holy God

JUL 19 TO JUL 25

☐ Mon, Jul 19	Hosea 1-4
☐ Tue, Jul 20	Hosea 5-9
☐ Wed, Jul 21	Hosea 10-14
☐ Thu, Jul 22	2 Chronicles 27; Isaiah 1-3
☐ Fri, Jul 23	Isaiah 4-8
☐ *Sat-Sun, Jul 24-25*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** Hosea 1:2-3 and 3:1-3. What did God ask Hosea to do? How was his marriage a picture of God and Israel?
2. **UNDERSTAND** Hosea 4:6. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Why is not knowing God's word so dangerous?
3. **UNDERSTAND** Hosea 6:4-6. God says He desires mercy and the knowledge of God more than offerings. What was wrong with Israel's religion?
4. **OBSERVE** Isaiah 6:1-8. What did Isaiah see, what did he say about himself, and how did he answer God's call?
5. **APPLY** Isaiah 1:16-18. God invites, "Come now, and let us reason together." What does He promise to do with sins like scarlet? Who could you share that invitation with this week?

Week 30: Unto us a Child is born

JUL 26 TO AUG 1

☐ Mon, Jul 26	Isaiah 9-12
☐ Tue, Jul 27	Micah 1-5
☐ Wed, Jul 28	Micah 6-7; 2 Kings 16; 2 Chronicles 28; Isaiah 13
☐ Thu, Jul 29	Isaiah 14-17
☐ Fri, Jul 30	Isaiah 18-22
☐ *Sat-Sun, Jul 31-Aug 1*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** Isaiah 9:6-7. List the names given to the Child. What will there be no end of?
2. **UNDERSTAND** Isaiah 11:1-5. Jesse was David's father. Who is the Branch from Jesse's roots, and what will mark His rule?
3. **OBSERVE** Micah 5:2. Seven hundred years ahead, what town does Micah name, and what does he say about the One who comes from there?
4. **UNDERSTAND** 2 Kings 16:10-16. King Ahaz saw an altar in Damascus and had a copy built for the temple. What does this teach about borrowing worship from the world around us?
5. **APPLY** Micah 6:6-8. What does the Lord require? Pick one of the three, justice, mercy, or walking humbly, and work on it on purpose this week.

Week 31: Hezekiah trusts the Lord

AUG 2 TO AUG 8

☐ Mon, Aug 2	Isaiah 23-26
☐ Tue, Aug 3	Isaiah 27; 2 Kings 17-20
☐ Wed, Aug 4	2 Chronicles 29-32
☐ Thu, Aug 5	Isaiah 28-32
☐ Fri, Aug 6	Isaiah 33-37
☐ *Sat-Sun, Aug 7-8*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **UNDERSTAND** 2 Kings 17:13-18. Why did the northern kingdom fall to Assyria? What did they reject?
2. **OBSERVE** 2 Kings 18:3-7. What did Hezekiah do with the bronze serpent Moses had made, and why? What is said about his trust in the Lord?
3. **APPLY** 2 Kings 19:14-19. Hezekiah took the threatening letter and spread it out before the Lord. What "letter" do you need to lay before God in prayer this week?
4. **UNDERSTAND** Isaiah 28:16. What does God promise to lay in Zion? Why would the person who believes not need to hurry or panic?
5. **OBSERVE** Isaiah 35:3-10. What happens to the weak, the blind, and the lame on the Highway of Holiness? Who walks on it?

Week 32: Comfort My people

AUG 9 TO AUG 15

☐	Mon, Aug 9	Isaiah 38-41
☐	Tue, Aug 10	Isaiah 42-46
☐	Wed, Aug 11	Isaiah 47-50
☐	Thu, Aug 12	Isaiah 51-55
☐	Fri, Aug 13	Isaiah 56-60
☐	*Sat-Sun, Aug 14-15*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** Isaiah 40:28-31. What do we learn about God's strength, and what happens to those who wait on the Lord?
2. **OBSERVE** Isaiah 43:1-3. What does God promise His people when they pass through the waters and the fire?
3. **UNDERSTAND** Isaiah 53:3-7. This was written centuries before the cross. Read it slowly. What did the Servant carry, and why?
4. **UNDERSTAND** Isaiah 59:1-2. God's hand is not too short to save. What, then, separates people from God?
5. **APPLY** Isaiah 55:6-11. "Seek the Lord while He may be found." What does God say His word will do? Who do you know who needs to hear that word?

Week 33: The Book of the Law is found

AUG 16 TO AUG 22

☐	Mon, Aug 16	Isaiah 61-64
☐	Tue, Aug 17	Isaiah 65-66; 2 Kings 21; 2 Chronicles 33; Nahum 1
☐	Wed, Aug 18	Nahum 2-3; 2 Kings 22-23
☐	Thu, Aug 19	2 Chronicles 34-35; Zephaniah 1-3
☐	Fri, Aug 20	Jeremiah 1-4
☐	*Sat-Sun, Aug 21-22*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** 2 Kings 22:8-13. What was found in the temple, and how did King Josiah react when he heard it read?
2. **UNDERSTAND** 2 Chronicles 33:10-16. Manasseh was one of the worst kings in Judah's history. What happened when he humbled himself? What does that say about God's mercy?
3. **UNDERSTAND** Jeremiah 1:4-10. Jeremiah said he was too young. What did God promise him, and what did He put in his mouth?
4. **OBSERVE** Nahum 1:3 and 1:7. How does Nahum describe God's patience and God's goodness, side by side with His justice?
5. **APPLY** Jeremiah 2:13. God's people traded a fountain of living water for broken cisterns. What broken cistern are you tempted to drink from instead of going to God?

Week 34: The potter and the clay

AUG 23 TO AUG 29

☐ Mon, Aug 23	Jeremiah 5-9
☐ Tue, Aug 24	Jeremiah 10-14
☐ Wed, Aug 25	Jeremiah 15-18
☐ Thu, Aug 26	Jeremiah 19-20; Habakkuk 1-3
☐ Fri, Aug 27	2 Kings 24; Jeremiah 21-23
☐ *Sat-Sun, Aug 28-29*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **APPLY** Jeremiah 6:16. "Ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it." What would it look like for you to walk in the old paths this week?
2. **UNDERSTAND** Jeremiah 10:23. "It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps." Why do we need God's word to guide us?
3. **OBSERVE** Jeremiah 17:5-10. Compare the man who trusts in man with the man who trusts in the Lord. What picture does Jeremiah use for each?
4. **UNDERSTAND** Jeremiah 18:1-10. What did Jeremiah see at the potter's house? What does it teach about God's right to shape His people?
5. **APPLY** Habakkuk 3:17-19. Even with no figs, no fruit, and no flocks, Habakkuk would rejoice in the Lord. What would it take for you to say that about your situation?

Week 35: Jerusalem falls, and a new covenant is promised

AUG 30 TO SEP 5

☐ Mon, Aug 30	Jeremiah 24-28
☐ Tue, Aug 31	Jeremiah 29-33
☐ Wed, Sep 1	Jeremiah 34-37
☐ Thu, Sep 2	Jeremiah 38-39; 2 Kings 25; 2 Chronicles 36; Jeremiah 40
☐ Fri, Sep 3	Jeremiah 41-44
☐ *Sat-Sun, Sep 4-5*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **UNDERSTAND** Jeremiah 29:4-7 and 29:10-13. These words went to people already in exile for seventy years. How does that context change the way we read 29:11?
2. **UNDERSTAND** Jeremiah 31:31-34. What would be different about the new covenant God promised? The book of Hebrews later quotes this to describe the covenant we live under in Christ.
3. **OBSERVE** Jeremiah 36:20-26. What did King Jehoiakim do with God's word as it was read to him? What did God have Jeremiah do next?
4. **OBSERVE** 2 Kings 25:8-12. What happened to the temple, the city, and the people?
5. **APPLY** Jeremiah 38:7-13. Ebed-Melech spoke up and pulled Jeremiah out of the pit. Who around you needs someone brave enough to step in and help?

Week 36: Great is Your faithfulness

SEP 6 TO SEP 12

☐ Mon, Sep 6	Jeremiah 45-49
☐ Tue, Sep 7	Jeremiah 50-52; Lamentations 1
☐ Wed, Sep 8	Lamentations 2-5; Psalm 74
☐ Thu, Sep 9	Psalms 79, 137; Ezekiel 1-3
☐ Fri, Sep 10	Ezekiel 4-7
☐ *Sat-Sun, Sep 11-12*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** Lamentations 3:21-26. In the middle of the ruins, what did Jeremiah call to mind? What is new every morning?
2. **APPLY** Lamentations 3:40. "Let us search out and examine our ways, and turn back to the Lord." Take time this week to do exactly that.
3. **OBSERVE** Psalm 137:1-4. Where were God's people, and why couldn't they sing the songs of Zion?
4. **UNDERSTAND** Psalm 79:8-9. What does the psalmist ask God to do, and for whose sake?
5. **UNDERSTAND** Ezekiel 3:16-21. What was the job of a watchman? What does it teach about our responsibility to warn people we love?

Week 37: The soul who sins

SEP 13 TO SEP 19

☐ Mon, Sep 13	Ezekiel 8-12
☐ Tue, Sep 14	Ezekiel 13-16
☐ Wed, Sep 15	Ezekiel 17-21
☐ Thu, Sep 16	Ezekiel 22-26
☐ Fri, Sep 17	Ezekiel 27-30
☐ *Sat-Sun, Sep 18-19*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** Ezekiel 8:5-12. What were the elders of Israel doing in secret, and what did they tell themselves about God?
2. **OBSERVE** Ezekiel 10:18-19. What left the temple, and why is that one of the saddest scenes in the Bible?
3. **UNDERSTAND** Ezekiel 11:19-20. What kind of heart did God promise to give His people? What would they do with it?
4. **UNDERSTAND** Ezekiel 18:20-23. Does a son bear the guilt of his father? What does this chapter teach about each person's own responsibility before God?
5. **APPLY** Ezekiel 22:30. God looked for someone to "stand in the gap." Where could you stand in the gap for someone through prayer or help this week?

Week 38: Dry bones live, and Daniel stands firm

SEP 20 TO SEP 26

☐ Mon, Sep 20	Ezekiel 31-35
☐ Tue, Sep 21	Ezekiel 36-39
☐ Wed, Sep 22	Ezekiel 40-44
☐ Thu, Sep 23	Ezekiel 45-48
☐ Fri, Sep 24	Daniel 1-5
☐ *Sat-Sun, Sep 25-26*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** Ezekiel 34:11-16. What does God promise to do as the Shepherd of His sheep?
2. **UNDERSTAND** Ezekiel 37:1-14. What happened when Ezekiel preached to the dry bones? What hope did this give a people who felt dead?
3. **APPLY** Daniel 1:8. Daniel "purposed in his heart" not to defile himself. What line do you need to settle in your heart before the pressure comes?
4. **OBSERVE** Daniel 3:16-18. What did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego say to the king, even if God did not deliver them?
5. **UNDERSTAND** Daniel 2:44. What kind of kingdom did God promise to set up in the days of those kings? How is that fulfilled in the kingdom of Christ, His church?

Week 39: Going home to rebuild

SEP 27 TO OCT 3

☐ Mon, Sep 27	Daniel 6-10
☐ Tue, Sep 28	Daniel 11-12; Ezra 1-2
☐ Wed, Sep 29	Ezra 3; Psalm 126; Ezra 4; Haggai 1-2
☐ Thu, Sep 30	Zechariah 1-4
☐ Fri, Oct 1	Zechariah 5-9
☐ *Sat-Sun, Oct 2-3*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **APPLY** Daniel 6:10. Daniel prayed three times a day, "as was his custom," even when it was against the law. What would a steady prayer habit look like in your day?
2. **UNDERSTAND** Daniel 9:3-5 and 9:17-19. Daniel confessed the sins of his people as if they were his own. What does he base his request on?
3. **OBSERVE** Ezra 3:10-13. When the temple foundation was laid, some shouted for joy and some wept. Why both?
4. **APPLY** Haggai 1:3-9. The people had nice houses while God's house lay in ruins. Where have your own priorities pushed God's work to the back?
5. **UNDERSTAND** Zechariah 9:9. How does this king arrive? Where do you see this fulfilled in the life of Jesus?

Week 40: For such a time as this

OCT 4 TO OCT 10

☐ Mon, Oct 4	Zechariah 10-14
☐ Tue, Oct 5	Ezra 5-6; Esther 1-2
☐ Wed, Oct 6	Esther 3-7
☐ Thu, Oct 7	Esther 8-10; Ezra 7
☐ Fri, Oct 8	Ezra 8-10; Nehemiah 1-2
☐ *Sat-Sun, Oct 9-10*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** Ezra 6:14-16. Who helped the people finish the temple, and how did they celebrate?
2. **UNDERSTAND** Esther 6:1-11. God is never named in the book of Esther. How do you see His hand in a sleepless night and a forgotten good deed?
3. **APPLY** Esther 4:13-16. Mordecai asked, "Who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Where has God placed you that you could speak up or help?
4. **UNDERSTAND** Zechariah 12:10 and 13:1. What will the people look on, and what fountain will be opened? How does this point to the cross?
5. **APPLY** Ezra 7:10. Ezra set his heart to study the Law, to do it, and to teach it. Which of those three do you most need to grow in?

Week 41: Rebuilding walls, and the King arrives

OCT 11 TO OCT 17

☐ Mon, Oct 11	Nehemiah 3-7
☐ Tue, Oct 12	Nehemiah 8-11
☐ Wed, Oct 13	Nehemiah 12-13; Malachi 1-3
☐ Thu, Oct 14	Malachi 4; Matthew 1-3
☐ Fri, Oct 15	Matthew 4-8
☐ *Sat-Sun, Oct 16-17*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** Nehemiah 4:6 and 4:14-17. How did the people keep building with enemies all around? What did Nehemiah tell them to remember?
2. **UNDERSTAND** Nehemiah 8:1-8. How was the Law read to the people, and what did the Levites do to help them understand it?
3. **UNDERSTAND** Malachi 3:1 and Matthew 3:1-3. The Old Testament closes with a promised messenger. Who shows up four hundred years later to prepare the way?
4. **OBSERVE** Matthew 1:1 and 1:20-23. Matthew opens by calling Jesus the son of David and the son of Abraham. Why is that the perfect way to start after everything you have read this year?
5. **APPLY** Matthew 5:13-16. Jesus calls His followers salt and light. Where can your light shine where it is pretty dark right now?

Week 42: The King and His kingdom

OCT 18 TO OCT 24

☐	Mon, Oct 18	Matthew 9-12
☐	Tue, Oct 19	Matthew 13-17
☐	Wed, Oct 20	Matthew 18-22
☐	Thu, Oct 21	Matthew 23-26
☐	Fri, Oct 22	Matthew 27-28; Mark 1-3
☐	*Sat-Sun, Oct 23-24*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** Matthew 9:35-38. What did Jesus feel when He saw the crowds, and what did He tell His disciples to pray for?
2. **UNDERSTAND** Matthew 13:44-46. What did the men in these two short parables give up, and why were they glad to do it?
3. **APPLY** Matthew 25:14-30. What did the master expect from each servant? What has God entrusted to you, and how are you using it?
4. **OBSERVE** Matthew 27:45-54. What happened when Jesus died? What did the centurion say?
5. **UNDERSTAND** Matthew 28:18-20. On whose authority does Jesus send His disciples? How do making disciples, baptizing, and teaching fit together?

Week 43: Who is this man?

OCT 25 TO OCT 31

☐	Mon, Oct 25	Mark 4-7
☐	Tue, Oct 26	Mark 8-12
☐	Wed, Oct 27	Mark 13-16; Luke 1
☐	Thu, Oct 28	Luke 2-5
☐	Fri, Oct 29	Luke 6-10
☐	*Sat-Sun, Oct 30-31*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** Mark 4:35-41. What did Jesus do in the storm, and what did the disciples ask afterward?
2. **UNDERSTAND** Mark 10:13-16. Why was Jesus displeased with His disciples? What does it mean to receive the kingdom like a little child?
3. **UNDERSTAND** Mark 16:15-16. What did Jesus send the apostles to preach, and what did He connect with being saved?
4. **OBSERVE** Luke 2:41-52. Where did Mary and Joseph find the boy Jesus, and how did He grow?
5. **APPLY** Luke 10:25-37. Who was a neighbor to the man who fell among thieves? Who is the person you would rather walk past, and how can you show them mercy this week?

Week 44: Lost and found

NOV 1 TO NOV 7

☐ Mon, Nov 1	Luke 11-14
☐ Tue, Nov 2	Luke 15-19
☐ Wed, Nov 3	Luke 20-23
☐ Thu, Nov 4	Luke 24; John 1-4
☐ Fri, Nov 5	John 5-9
☐ *Sat-Sun, Nov 6-7*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** Luke 19:1-10. What did Zacchaeus do to see Jesus, and what changed after Jesus came to his house?
2. **UNDERSTAND** Luke 15:11-24. What does the father do when the son is still a long way off? What does it tell you about God?
3. **UNDERSTAND** Luke 24:25-27 and 24:44-47. Jesus explained Himself from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms. After this year of reading, where have you seen Him in those books?
4. **OBSERVE** John 1:1-3 and 1:14. John starts at "In the beginning," just like Genesis. Who was there, and what did He become?
5. **APPLY** Luke 18:9-14. Which man went home justified, and why? Which prayer sounds more like yours?

Week 45: The church begins

NOV 8 TO NOV 14

☐ Mon, Nov 8	John 10-13
☐ Tue, Nov 9	John 14-18
☐ Wed, Nov 10	John 19-21; Acts 1
☐ Thu, Nov 11	Acts 2-6
☐ Fri, Nov 12	Acts 7-11
☐ *Sat-Sun, Nov 13-14*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** John 14:1-6. What is Jesus preparing, and what does He say about the way to the Father?
2. **UNDERSTAND** John 17:20-21. Jesus prayed for everyone who would believe through the apostles' word. What did He ask for, and why does it matter to the world?
3. **OBSERVE** Acts 2:36-41. What did Peter preach, what did the people ask, and what did Peter tell them to do?
4. **UNDERSTAND** Acts 8:35-39. Philip preached Jesus, and the eunuch asked about baptism. What does that tell you about what preaching Jesus includes?
5. **APPLY** Acts 2:42-47. What did the first Christians devote themselves to? Which of these do you need to give more of yourself to?

Week 46: The gospel goes to the nations

NOV 15 TO NOV 21

☐ Mon, Nov 15	Acts 12; James 1-3
☐ Tue, Nov 16	James 4-5; Acts 13-14; Galatians 1
☐ Wed, Nov 17	Galatians 2-5
☐ Thu, Nov 18	Galatians 6; Acts 15-18
☐ Fri, Nov 19	1 Thessalonians 1-4
☐ *Sat-Sun, Nov 20-21*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** Acts 16:25-34. What did the jailer ask, what was he told, and how soon was he baptized?
2. **UNDERSTAND** Galatians 3:26-29. How does a person put on Christ, and what does being in Christ make us?
3. **UNDERSTAND** James 2:14-24. What does James say about faith without works? How do faith and obedience fit together?
4. **OBSERVE** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. What will happen when the Lord comes? Why should this comfort grieving Christians?
5. **APPLY** Acts 17:11 and James 1:22. The Bereans searched the Scriptures daily, and James says to be doers of the word. What is one thing from this week's reading you will check, and then do?

Week 47: One body, many members

NOV 22 TO NOV 28

☐ Mon, Nov 22	1 Thessalonians 5; 2 Thessalonians 1-3; Acts 19
☐ Tue, Nov 23	1 Corinthians 1-5
☐ Wed, Nov 24	1 Corinthians 6-9
☐ Thu, Nov 25	1 Corinthians 10-14
☐ Fri, Nov 26	1 Corinthians 15-16; 2 Corinthians 1-2
☐ *Sat-Sun, Nov 27-28*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **UNDERSTAND** Acts 19:1-7. Why were these disciples baptized again? What does that show about knowing what Bible baptism is?
2. **UNDERSTAND** 1 Corinthians 1:10-13. The Corinthians were dividing up and naming themselves after preachers. What did Paul say to that, and what does it say about religious division today?
3. **OBSERVE** 1 Corinthians 11:23-29. What is the Lord's Supper meant to proclaim? How are we to examine ourselves when we take it?
4. **OBSERVE** 1 Corinthians 15:1-8. What are the facts of the gospel Paul preached? Who saw the risen Lord?
5. **APPLY** 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Put your name in place of the word "love." Which line is hardest to say honestly, and how will you work on it this week?

Week 48: A living sacrifice

NOV 29 TO DEC 5

☐ Mon, Nov 29	2 Corinthians 3-7
☐ Tue, Nov 30	2 Corinthians 8-12
☐ Wed, Dec 1	2 Corinthians 13; Romans 1-3
☐ Thu, Dec 2	Romans 4-8
☐ Fri, Dec 3	Romans 9-12
☐ *Sat-Sun, Dec 4-5*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** Romans 1:16-17. Why was Paul not ashamed of the gospel? What is it, according to these verses?
2. **UNDERSTAND** Romans 6:1-7. What happens to us in baptism, according to Paul? How should that change the way we live?
3. **UNDERSTAND** 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. What does it mean to be a new creation? What ministry has God given us?
4. **APPLY** 2 Corinthians 9:6-8. God loves a cheerful giver. How can you give with purpose and joy when the church gathers on the first day of the week?
5. **APPLY** Romans 12:1-2. Paul calls us to be living sacrifices and not conformed to this world. Where do you feel the most pressure to conform, and what would renewing your mind look like there?

Week 49: Speaking the truth in love

DEC 6 TO DEC 12

☐ Mon, Dec 6	Romans 13-16; Acts 20
☐ Tue, Dec 7	Acts 21-24
☐ Wed, Dec 8	Acts 25-28; Ephesians 1
☐ Thu, Dec 9	Ephesians 2-6
☐ Fri, Dec 10	Colossians 1-4
☐ *Sat-Sun, Dec 11-12*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** Acts 20:7. When did the disciples come together, and why? What does this show about the early church's worship?
2. **UNDERSTAND** Acts 22:16. Ananias told Saul, "Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins." What does this tell you about the purpose of baptism?
3. **UNDERSTAND** Ephesians 4:1-6. How many bodies, faiths, and baptisms are there? Why does Paul tie unity to these?
4. **OBSERVE** Ephesians 5:18-20 and Colossians 3:16-17. What do these verses tell Christians to do when they sing, and where is the melody made?
5. **APPLY** Ephesians 4:29-32. What kind of words should come out of our mouths? Is there someone you need to speak kindly to or forgive this week?

Week 50: Faithful to the end

DEC 13 TO DEC 19

☐	Mon, Dec 13	Philemon; Philippians 1-4
☐	Tue, Dec 14	1 Timothy 1-4
☐	Wed, Dec 15	1 Timothy 5-6; Titus 1-3
☐	Thu, Dec 16	1 Peter 1-5
☐	Fri, Dec 17	2 Timothy 1-4
☐	*Sat-Sun, Dec 18-19*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **UNDERSTAND** Philemon 10-18. What did Paul ask Philemon to do for Onesimus? How does the gospel change the way we treat one another?
2. **APPLY** Philippians 4:4-8. What does Paul say to do instead of being anxious? What will you fill your mind with this week?
3. **OBSERVE** 1 Timothy 3:1-7. List the qualifications for an elder. Why do you think God cares so much about character and home life?
4. **UNDERSTAND** 1 Peter 3:18-21. Peter compares baptism to the flood in Noah's day. What does he say baptism does, and what does it not do?
5. **OBSERVE** 2 Timothy 3:14-17. Where does Scripture come from, and what is it able to do for us?

Week 51: Let us hold fast

DEC 20 TO DEC 26

☐	Mon, Dec 20	2 Peter 1-3; Jude; Hebrews 1
☐	Tue, Dec 21	Hebrews 2-5
☐	Wed, Dec 22	Hebrews 6-10
☐	Thu, Dec 23	Hebrews 11-13; 1 John 1
☐	Fri, Dec 24	1 John 2-5; 2 John
☐	*Sat-Sun, Dec 25-26*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** Hebrews 11:1-6. How is faith described, and what does every person in this chapter do because of it?
2. **UNDERSTAND** Jude 3. What does it mean that the faith was "once for all delivered to the saints"? Why should we contend for it?
3. **UNDERSTAND** Hebrews 5:8-9. Jesus became the author of eternal salvation to whom? Why does obedience matter?
4. **APPLY** Hebrews 10:23-25. Why should we not forsake assembling together? Who can you encourage at the next gathering?
5. **OBSERVE** 1 John 1:7-9. What happens when we walk in the light? What does God promise when we confess our sins?

Week 52: The whole story comes home

DEC 27 TO JAN 2

☐ Mon, Dec 27	3 John; Revelation 1-4
☐ Tue, Dec 28	Revelation 5-8
☐ Wed, Dec 29	Revelation 9-13
☐ Thu, Dec 30	Revelation 14-17
☐ Fri, Dec 31	Revelation 18-22
☐ *Sat-Sun, Jan 1-2*	*Grace days: catch up, reread, or rest*

Talk it over

1. **OBSERVE** Revelation 1:9-18. Where was John, what did he see, and what did Jesus say about Himself?
2. **UNDERSTAND** Revelation 5:9-10. Why is the Lamb worthy? Think back to the Passover lamb in Exodus. How does the whole Bible point to this scene?
3. **APPLY** Revelation 2:10. "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." What does faithfulness look like for you this next year?
4. **UNDERSTAND** Revelation 22:1-5, with Genesis 2:9 and 3:22-24. The tree of life was lost in the garden. Where is it at the end of the story, and what does that tell you about God's plan?
5. **APPLY** Revelation 22:17 and 22:20-21. The Bible ends with an invitation: "Come." You just read the whole Bible in a year! What is the biggest thing God taught you, and what is your next step?