

THE WHOLE BIBLE READING PLAN

This Month's Memory Verse

**I have treasured your word in my heart so that I may not sin against you.
Psalm 119:11**

December 1

Title: We Are Part of One Church

Passage: 1 Corinthians 12

Christ Connection:

Paul told the believers in the Corinthian church to come together because of the gospel. He reminded them that Jesus saves sinners. Because of Jesus and what He has done, believers from every nation, tribe, people, and language can humbly come together as one body – the church.

Questions to Discuss:

- What is one thing you remember from this week's Bible story?
- How have you seen your church work together?
- Do we need to be jealous of others or think anyone has a better job in the church? Why or why not?

Family Connection:

As a family talk about how God has given each person a spiritual gift. Go around and tell each member what gifts you think God has given them (creative, good teacher, friendly, etc.) then talk about how they can use these gifts to share Jesus in their daily lives at school and home. Also talk about how they think they could use these gifts at the church to help others. Pray and thank God for the gifts He has given each family member.

Parent Action:

Seek out wisdom from brothers and sisters, or go through the membership process if you haven't done so already, to help you discover your God given spiritual gifts. Use those gifts to build the body of Christ in the church.

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Title: The Good News

Passage: Romans 5-6

Christ Connection:

Because God created everything, He is in charge of everything. Everyone sins, or disobeys God. Our sin separates us from God. The good news of the gospel is that God sent His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment we deserve. Everyone who trusts in Jesus will be saved.

Questions to Discuss:

- What is one thing you remember from this week's Bible story?
- If God forgives all our sin when we have faith in Jesus, why is it necessary to live like Jesus?
- How can you show someone in your life the love of Jesus this week? Who is that person?

Family Connection:

Sit down as a family and tell each other good news from the prior week. Let each person share at least one piece of good news from this week. Call these "Yay God" moments and after each person shares say "Yay God" as a family. Talk about how during this season of Christmas we share the ultimate good news that Jesus is coming! Pray and thank God for the good news of Jesus coming to be our Lord and Savior.

Parent Action:

Seek out opportunities to share the Gospel with people of different backgrounds and ethnicities. Pray for God to provide these opportunities and the courage to faithfully share the truth of Christ.

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Title: Jesus Is Our Perfect King

Passage: Colossians 1

Christ Connection:

Paul encouraged believers by reminding them that Jesus is great. Jesus is God's Son, and He died on the cross to rescue people from sin. Jesus conquered sin and death and reigns as King over all.

Questions to Discuss:

- What is one thing you remember from this week's Bible story?
- What did Jesus do to bring us back to God?
- How can we make Jesus King of our lives?

Family Connection:

To celebrate Jesus is our perfect king, pick one night where dinner will be more like a royal banquet. Use the good plates and silverware. Pull out the tablecloth and make a dinner that is more exciting than the normal. Have everyone in the family dress up nicely. At dinner talk about the characteristics of a king and compare those to Jesus. Help kids to understand that Jesus did not look and act like most kings but the Bible tells us He is the King of Kings. Pray and thank God that Jesus is our perfect king and the best king to follow in our lives.

Parent Action:

Acknowledge the presence of God and His involvement in your life. Seek His will, His wisdom, and the leadership of the Holy Spirit daily in every matter and relationship in your life.

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Title: Jesus Is Better

Passage: Hebrews 1-8

Christ Connection:

Jesus is better than anyone and anything. He is the better Prophet, the better Priest, and the better King. Everyone who trusts in Jesus has salvation from sin through His perfect life, death, and resurrection.

Questions to Discuss:

- What is one thing you remember from this week's Bible story?
- What are things you sometimes value too highly?
- How can we hear from God?

Family Connection:

Collect various household items or pictures of household items to use in a pricing game. Note the cost of each item (box of cereal, candy bar, banana, bagged salad, notebook, printer paper, markers, crayons, and so on). Show two items at a time and invite kids to vote which item they believe costs more. Then reveal the actual price of each item. After finished with the game explain that in each pair of items, one was worth more money than the other. Talk about how Jesus is greater than anyone or anything. Because Jesus is better, we can trust Him. Pray and thank God for being the best Savior we can trust in.

Parent Action:

This Christmas season, use every opportunity to show others the gift that Jesus is in your life.

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December 29

Title: We Will Be Part of the New Heaven and Earth

Passage: Revelation 21-22

Christ Connection:

Jesus promised to come back to earth soon. When Jesus returns, God will undo every bad thing caused by sin – no more death, no more pain, no more tears. Jesus is making all things new.

Questions to Discuss:

- What is one thing you remember from this week's Bible story?
- What does it mean to put your faith in Jesus as Savior and Lord?
- Are you looking forward to Jesus coming back? Why?

Family Connection:

Have a piece of paper for every family member. Have each family member write down or draw events that have happened this past year from the beginning (January) until now. After everyone is done have each family member share what they wrote or draw. Talk about how just like the events of the year make a story the Bible is also one big story and that we have come to the end of the Bible in Revelation but we are not at the end of the story because Jesus is preparing a place for us and we are waiting in anticipation for the day He returns and completes His amazing story.

Parent Action:

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