

A Beginners' Bible Reading Plan

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Survey the Bible in one year, reading only about 15 verses a day.

What parts of the Bible will I read? *Readings are included from every book of the Bible, with 8 months of Old Testament readings and 4 months in the New Testament. This plan includes about 4,660 key verses out of about 31,100 verses in the whole Bible. That's over 1/7th or nearly 15% of the Bible.*

How were the readings chosen? *Passages were chosen that (1) trace the big story of the whole Bible with many of its central themes, (2) reflect the literary and topical diversity of the Bible, and (3) avoid some adult content that may be less suitable for younger readers. Readings are arranged mostly in chronological order, but also thematically, with descriptions and headings to guide readers.*

Who should use this plan? *I first created this guide for my oldest daughter when she was five years old and already an eager reader. But this plan is equally well-suited for several kinds of adults—those new to the Bible, slower readers, or anyone who wants to survey key passages of the Bible at a pace that gives plenty of time for meditation.*

What is the suggested reading schedule? *Each monthly handout of 25 readings can be completed using one of these suggested schedules: (1) Read 6 days a week until finished; (2) Read 5 days a week plus do one 5-reading day each month. The average length of each reading is only about 15½ verses, so if you fall behind you can easily catch up by finishing several readings per day.*

When can I begin? *Months are unnamed on the 12 handouts, so you can begin any time of the year. Why not start today?*

Can I use this guide to read the Bible online? *Yes! Each Bible reference in this PDF document is a link to the Bible Gateway website, taking you directly to each day's passage(s) in whichever Bible translation you last used when visiting Bible Gateway. Also, some PDF apps have a highlight feature you can use in this document to mark readings as you complete them.*

Which Bible translation should I use? *Use a translation that is trustworthy and that communicates clearly. For most English readers, the best choice may be the NIV (New International Version), which is both exceptionally readable and faithful to the original biblical texts. Similar choices include the CSB (Christian Standard Bible), NASB 2020 (the newest New American Standard Bible), and NET Bible (New English Translation). Beginning readers will find the NLT (New Living Translation) and NIRV (New International Reader's Version) helpful, though they sometimes sacrifice accuracy for readability.*

Readers who prioritize a more word-for-word translation approach also have solid choices. The ESV (English Standard Version) and NKJV (New King James Version) lean in this direction and the NASB 1995—somewhat harder to read—is the most word-for-word of all the translations mentioned here. (The Bible quotations in this guide come from the ESV, which has been a good fit for our family.)

Finally, to gain the greatest benefit from this Bible reading plan, avoid translations that use archaic language or publications that are actually paraphrases rather than genuine translations.

Daily Steps to Get the Most from This Plan

- 1. Pray:** Ask God to help you understand and believe what you are about to read.
- 2. Read and mark:** Read one passage from the list. Then use the highlight feature in your PDF reading app to cross off the reading you just completed.
- 3. Think:** For example—What did I learn? What puzzles me? How does this passage fit into the big story of the whole Bible? What does it teach about God and his plans for his world? Is there a reason to praise God? A promise to claim? An example to follow? A sin to avoid? A command to obey? An idea for loving God or my neighbor? A prayer to pray?
- 4. Pray:** Talk to God about what you read. “Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you” (James 4:8).
- 5. Share:** Talk to a family member or friend, telling one thing you learned or one question you have.



God Creates the World, but Humans Sin

[Genesis 1:1–19](#)

Creation week—Days 1–4

[Genesis 1:20–2:3](#)

Creation week—Days 5–7

[Genesis 2:4–17](#)

The Garden of Eden

[Genesis 2:18–25](#)

Adam, Eve, and God's design for marriage

[Genesis 3:1–13](#)

The Fall—Adam and Eve sin

[Genesis 3:14–24](#)

The Fall—God's response

[Genesis 4:1–16](#)

Cain murders Abel

God Destroys and Recreates the World, but Humans Sin Again

[Genesis 6:5–22](#)

The Flood—God commands Noah to build an ark

[Genesis 7:11–8:1](#)

The Flood—Everything on the dry land dies

[Genesis 9:8–19](#)

The Flood—God makes a covenant with all flesh

[Genesis 11:1–9](#)

The tower of Babel—People try to make a name for themselves

God Chooses a Family to Bless the World

[Genesis 12:1–8](#)

God promises to make Abram's name great, blessing all the earth

[Genesis 15:1–21](#)

God's covenant with Abram, promising descendants and land

[Genesis 17:1–8, 15–17; 21:1–3](#)

God gives Abram and Sarai new names
Isaac is born

[Genesis 22:1–18](#)

God tests Abraham's faith, telling him to sacrifice
Isaac

[Genesis 25:19–34](#)

Isaac and Rebekah have sons
Esau sells his birthright to Jacob

[Genesis 27:1–25](#)

Jacob steals Esau's blessing

[Genesis 27:30–45](#)

Esau plans to kill Jacob

[Genesis 28:10–22](#)

Jacob dreams of a ladder to heaven

[Genesis 29:13–30](#)

Jacob marries Rachel and Leah

[Genesis 32:1–18](#)

Jacob prepares to meet Esau

[Genesis 32:22–32](#)

Jacob wrestles with God and is given the name Israel

[Genesis 33:1–11, 18–20](#)

Jacob meets Esau and returns to Canaan

[Genesis 37:1-14](#)

Jacob's son Joseph dreams about ruling over his brothers

[Genesis 37:18–36](#)

Joseph's brothers sell him to traders going to Egypt



Month 2



[Genesis 41:1, 8–24](#)

Pharaoh dreams about cows and ears of grain

[Genesis 41:25–33, 46–49, 56–57](#)

Joseph rules over the land of Egypt, preparing for famine

Genesis 42:1–17

Joseph's brothers come to Egypt to buy food

Joseph tests them

Genesis 42:18–26, 35–38

Joseph's brothers find money in their sacks of grain

Genesis 45:1–15

Joseph reveals himself to his brothers, inviting them to Egypt

Genesis 46:1–7, 26–30

Jacob and his family of seventy persons move to Egypt

Genesis 48:1–2; 48:17–49:1, 8–10; 50:22–26

Jacob blesses his family

Jacob and Joseph die

God Delivers a Nation to Bless the World

Exodus 1:8–22

Egypt oppresses the Israelites

God blesses the Hebrew midwives

Exodus 2:1–10, 23–25

Moses is born

God remembers his covenant with Abraham

Exodus 3:1–17

God calls Moses to bring the Israelites out of Egypt

Exodus 7:1–13

Moses and Aaron go to Pharaoh, whose heart is hardened

Exodus 7:14–24

God starts sending plagues on Egypt—The Nile turns into blood

Exodus 12:1–14

God commands the Israelites to observe the Passover

Exodus 12:21, 26–42

God kills all the firstborn in Egypt and the Israelites quickly leave

Exodus 14:5–10, 13–16, 21–31

The Israelites go through the Red Sea on dry ground

[Exodus 15:1–21](#)

The song of Moses, Miriam, and the Israelites at the Red Sea

[Exodus 16:2–4, 11–15, 31–35](#)

The hungry Israelites grumble and God sends manna

God Gives His Nation a Covenant

[Exodus 19:1–9, 16–20](#)

The Israelites arrive at Mount Sinai

[Exodus 20:1–20](#)

God speaks the Ten Commandments

[Exodus 25:1–10, 17–22](#)

God commands Moses to build a tabernacle for God to dwell in

[Exodus 32:1–20](#)

The Israelites worship a golden calf

[Exodus 34:1–10, 27–28](#)

God (“The LORD” or “Yahweh”) renews his covenant

[Exodus 40:1–9, 12–16, 34–38](#)

The tabernacle is set up and the glory of the LORD fills it

[Leviticus 4:27–31; 17:10–16](#)

Laws about sin offerings

Laws against eating blood

[Leviticus 11:1–19](#)

Laws about clean and unclean animals (1)



Month 3



[Leviticus 11:20–25, 41–47](#)

Laws about clean and unclean animals (2)

[Leviticus 16:1–19](#)

The Day of Atonement—Inside the Holy Place

[Leviticus 16:20–34](#)

The Day of Atonement—Outside the camp

[Leviticus 19:1–4, 9–18](#)

“Be holy” and “love your neighbor as yourself”

Leviticus 24:10–23

Punishment for blasphemy and the “eye for eye” law

Numbers 1:1–4, 44–54

A census of Israelite warriors and the duties of the tribe of Levi

Numbers 9:15–23; 10:33–36

Israel, led by the cloud of the LORD, leaves Mount Sinai

Numbers 13:1–3, 25–33

Spies are sent into Canaan and bring back a bad report

Numbers 14:1–4, 11–19

Israel refuses to enter Canaan and Moses prays for them

Numbers 14:20–35

God pardons but sends Israel into the wilderness for 40 years

Numbers 20:2–13

Israel grumbles about water and Moses strikes the rock

Numbers 22:1–6; 24:1–9, 17

Balaam's prophecy—Israel is “like a lion” and “a star shall come”

Deuteronomy 6:1–15, 20–25

The greatest commandment—“Love the LORD your God”

Deuteronomy 12:1–12

God will choose a special place of worship in the promised land

Deuteronomy 18:15–22

God promises to raise up another prophet like Moses

Deuteronomy 28:1–14

Covenant blessings for obeying the LORD

Deuteronomy 28:15–19, 45–51, 58–63

Covenant curses for disobeying the LORD

Deuteronomy 30:1–5, 15–20

“God will restore your fortunes”

“Choose life”

Deuteronomy 31:1–8, 23–29

God chooses Joshua

Moses writes the Book of the Law

Deuteronomy 31:30–32:6, 17–20, 39–47

Moses' song of witness, foretelling Israel's future

Deuteronomy 34:1–12

“There has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses”

Psalms 90:1–17

“A prayer of Moses, the man of God”

God Gives His Nation a Land

Joshua 1:1–11

God tells Joshua, “Be strong and courageous”

Joshua 2:1–24

Two Israelite spies go to Jericho, where Rahab rescues them

Joshua 3:7–17

Israel crosses the Jordan River on dry ground



[Joshua 6:1–5, 12–21](#)

Israel marches around Jericho and its walls fall down

[Joshua 7:1–12, 19–26](#)

Israel is defeated at Ai because of Achan's sin

[Joshua 11:10–23](#)

Israel conquers northern Canaan and war ends

[Joshua 24:1–15](#)

Covenant renewal—"Choose this day whom you will serve"

[Joshua 24:16–28](#)

Covenant renewal—"We will serve the LORD"

God Punishes and Delivers His Sinful Nation

[Judges 2:6–23](#)

Joshua dies

Israel repeatedly breaks its covenant with God

Judges 6:1–6, 11–16

God calls Gideon to deliver Israel from the Midianites

Judges 7:1–8, 19–23

God helps Israel defeat the Midianites

Judges 13:1–7, 24–25

God chooses Samson to deliver Israel from the Philistines

Judges 16:4–22

Samson tells Delilah the secret of his strength

Judges 16:23–31

Samson wins a final victory, but it costs him his life

Ruth 1:1–8, 16–22

After famine, Naomi and Ruth the Moabite return to Israel

Ruth 2:1–13; 4:13–17

Ruth meets and marries Boaz, becoming the ancestor of David

God Gives His Nation a King

[1 Samuel 1:1–11, 19–20, 24–28](#)

Hannah prays for Samuel and gives him to the LORD

[1 Samuel 3:1–14, 19–21](#)

God calls Samuel to be his prophet

[1 Samuel 10:17–25; 15:1–9](#)

Saul is proclaimed king, but disobeys God

[1 Samuel 15:10–28](#)

The LORD rejects Saul as king

[1 Samuel 16:1–13; Psalm 23:1–6](#)

Samuel anoints David as king
“The LORD is my shepherd”

[1 Samuel 17:1–11, 32–37](#)

David defeats Goliath in the name of the LORD (1)

[1 Samuel 17:38–51](#)

David defeats Goliath in the name of the LORD (2)

[1 Samuel 18:6–16](#)

Saul tries to kill David

[1 Samuel 24:1–17](#)

David spares Saul's life

[1 Samuel 31:1–9](#)

The Philistine army kills Saul and his sons

[Psalm 34:1–22](#)

A prayer of David, when he was afraid of his enemies

[2 Samuel 5:1–12](#)

David is anointed King over all Israel



Month 5



[2 Samuel 6:1–15](#)

The ark of the covenant is brought into Jerusalem

[1 Chronicles 16:1–18](#)

David's song of thanks after the ark arrives (1)

[1 Chronicles 16:23–37](#)

David's song of thanks after the ark arrives (2)

[2 Samuel 7:1–17](#)

God's covenant with David, promising an eternal kingdom

[Psalm 2:1-12](#)

“I have set my King on Zion”

God Punishes and Delivers His Sinful King

[2 Samuel 11:1–5, 14–17, 26–27](#)

David takes Bathesheba and kills her husband Uriah

[2 Samuel 12:1–15, 24–25](#)

Nathan rebukes David and Solomon is born

[Psalm 51:1–19](#)

David's prayer—“Create in me a clean heart, O God”

[2 Samuel 15:1–6, 13–15, 24–30](#)

Absalom conspires against his father David

[2 Samuel 18:1, 5–15, 21, 31–33](#)

Absalom is killed and David mourns

[2 Samuel 22:1–16](#)

David's song of deliverance (1)

[2 Samuel 22:17–31](#)

David's song of deliverance (2)

[2 Samuel 22:32–51](#)

David's song of deliverance (3)

[1 Chronicles 21:1–8, 14–17, 28–30; 22:1–5](#)

David sins, then chooses a site for the temple

[Psalm 103:1–22](#)

A psalm of David—"Bless the LORD, O my soul!"

[Psalm 139:1–24](#)

A psalm of David—"Search me, O God, and know my heart!"

God Blesses His Nation as He Promised in His Covenant

[1 Kings 1:28–40; 2:10–12](#)

Solomon is crowned king and David dies

[1 Kings 3:3–15](#)

God gives Solomon great wisdom

[1 Kings 3:16–28](#)

Solomon shows his great wisdom

[1 Kings 6:1, 7–22, 38](#)

Solomon builds the temple

[2 Chronicles 5:2–14; 6:12–17](#)

Solomon brings the ark of the covenant into the temple

[2 Chronicles 6:18–21, 36–42; 7:1–6](#)

Solomon prays and the LORD's glory fills the temple

God Gives His Nation Wisdom and Psalms

Proverbs 3:1–18

“Trust in the LORD”

“Blessed is the one who finds wisdom”

Proverbs 6:6–11, 16–22

“Go to the ant”

“Six things that the LORD hates”

Proverbs 15:1–5; 22:1–6

“A soft answer”

“A good name”



Month 6



Ecclesiastes 1:1–14

“All is vanity and a striving after wind”

Ecclesiastes 12:1–14

“Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth”

Song of Solomon 2:8–17; 8:6–7

“The voice of my beloved” • “Love is strong as death”

Job 1:1–22

Satan tests Job—“Does Job fear God for no reason?”

Job 2:11–3:4, 11; 11:1–6

Job wishes he was never born

Zophar accuses Job of sin

Job 38:1–7; 40:1–9

God answers Job—“Dress for action... I will question you”

Job 42:1–17

“The LORD restored the fortunes of Job”

Psalms 1:1–6; 32:1–5

“Blessed is the man” who delights in God’s law and is forgiven

Psalms 19:1–14

“The heavens declare the glory of God”

Psalms 8:1–9; 110:1–7

God’s anointed king is appointed as ruler over all

[Psalm 22:1–2, 7–18; 69:8–9, 21–25](#)

God's anointed king is put to shame

[Psalm 118:14–29](#)

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone”

[Psalm 91:1–16](#)

“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High”

[Psalm 100:1–5; 148:1–14](#)

“Make a joyful noise”

“Praise the LORD!”

God Deals with His Sinful Nation—Part 1: The Northern Kingdom, Israel

[1 Kings 11:1–13, 29–31, 42–43](#)

Solomon heart turns away from the LORD

Solomon dies

[1 Kings 12:1, 16–20, 25–31](#)

The kingdom is divided

Jeroboam builds golden calves

1 Kings 16:29–17:7

Ahab provokes the LORD to anger
Elijah warns rain will stop

1 Kings 18:1–2, 17–29

Elijah says it will rain again and calls for a contest
with Baal

1 Kings 18:30–46

The LORD proves that he is God, sending fire and a
great rain

2 Kings 2:1–14

Elijah is taken to heaven and Elisha takes his place as
prophet

2 Kings 5:1–14

Elisha heals the Syrian commander Naaman of his
leprosy

Jonah 3:1–5, 10; 4:1–11

The LORD spares Nineveh and teaches Jonah about
mercy

[Amos 5:1–3, 14–24](#)

“The day of the LORD”

“Let justice roll down like waters”

[Hosea 11:1–11](#)

“Out of Egypt I called my son”

[2 Kings 17:6–23](#)

Israel is exiled from their own land to Assyria



Month 7



God Deals with His Sinful Nation—Part 2: The Southern Kingdom, Judah

[2 Kings 18:1–8, 13, 28–35](#)

Hezekiah holds fast to the LORD

Assyria attacks Judah

[2 Kings 19:15–20, 32–37](#)

Hezekiah prays and Isaiah prophesies of Assyria's defeat

Isaiah 1:1–4, 10–20

“Sinful nation”

“Come now, let us reason together”

Isaiah 6:1–13

Isaiah sees the LORD on his throne and is sent as a prophet

Isaiah 11:1–9; 40:1–11

“A shoot from the stump of Jesse”

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD”

Isaiah 40:18–31

“To whom then will you liken God?”

Isaiah 42:1–17

“Behold my servant”

Isaiah 44:9–20

“All who fashion idols are nothing”

Isaiah 53:1–12

“He was pierced for our transgressions”

Isaiah 61:1–11

“The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me”

Isaiah 65:17–66:2

“Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth”

Micah 5:1–4; 6:1–8; 7:18–20

A ruler from Bethlehem

“What does the LORD require of you?”

2 Kings 21:1–6; 22:1–13

Manasseh does much evil

Josiah hears the Book of the Law

2 Kings 23:1–6, 21–27

Josiah leads Judah to renew their covenant with the LORD

Psalms 119:89–105

“Oh how I love your law!”

Nahum 1:1–15

“The LORD is a jealous and avenging God”

Obadiah 1:1–4, 10–18

“The day of the LORD is near upon all the nations”

Zephaniah 1:1–6, 12–18

“The great day of the LORD is near” for Judah

Habakkuk 1:1–11; 2:4; 3:16–19

“The righteous shall live by his faith”

Jeremiah 1:4–10; 7:1–2, 8–16

The LORD calls Jeremiah to be a prophet

“Has this house... become a den of robbers?”

Jeremiah 18:1–11; 23:1–6

“Go down to the potter’s house”

“A righteous branch”

Jeremiah 25:1–12

“These nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years”

Jeremiah 31:23–37

“I will make a new covenant with... Israel and... Judah”

[Joel 2:21–32](#)

“I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh”

[2 Kings 24:18–25:15](#)

Judah is taken into exile in Babylon



Month 8



[Psalms 89:1–4, 38–52](#)

“Where is your steadfast love of old, which... you swore to David?”

[Lamentations 3:22–40](#)

“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases”

God Cares for His Exiled Nation

[Ezekiel 1:1–10, 15–19, 26–28](#)

“The appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD”

[Ezekiel 8:1–6, 16–18; 10:18–19; 11:22–25](#)

Abominations in the temple

The LORD’s glory departs

Ezekiel 34:10–24

“I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David”

Ezekiel 36:1–2, 22–28, 33–36

“For the sake of my holy name...I will give you a new heart”

Ezekiel 37:1–14

“O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD”

Ezekiel 43:1–12

The glory of the LORD fills the new temple

Daniel 6:1–13

Daniel’s enemies trick the king and trap Daniel

Daniel 6:14–28

“The living God... has saved Daniel from the power of the lions”

Daniel 7:1–14

Daniel’s vision—Four beasts, the Ancient of Days, the Son of Man

[Daniel 7:15–28](#)

The interpretation of Daniel's vision

[Esther 3:1–6; 4:1–17](#)

Haman seeks to destroy the Jews

Mordecai and Esther respond

[Esther 5:1–5; 7:1–10](#)

The king welcomes Esther, hears of Haman's plot, and hangs him

God Brings His Nation Back from Exile

[Ezra 1:1–11; 3:8–11](#)

The LORD stirs up Cyrus to proclaim that the temple be rebuilt

[Ezra 4:1–4; 5:1–2; Haggai 1:1–11](#)

Enemies oppose the returned exiles but prophets support them

[Ezra 6:14–22](#)

The returned exiles finish rebuilding the temple in Jerusalem

[Zechariah 3:1–10](#)

A vision of Joshua the high priest

[Zechariah 8:1–17](#)

“Thus says the LORD: I have returned to Zion”

[Zechariah 9:9–17](#)

“Behold, your king is coming to you... mounted on a donkey”

[Ezra 7:1–13, 25–28](#)

Ezra, “a scribe skilled in the Law of Moses,” comes to Jerusalem

[Nehemiah 1:1–4; 2:1–6, 11–18](#)

Nehemiah prays and makes plans to rebuild Jerusalem’s walls

[Nehemiah 4:1–14; 6:15–16](#)

Enemies oppose the Jews but God helps them build the walls

[Nehemiah 8:1–12; 13:15–18](#)

Ezra reads from the Law

Ezra warns Jews who break the Sabbath

[Malachi 2:17–3:5; 4:1–6](#)

“Behold, I will send my messenger... I will send you Elijah”



Month 9



The Life of Jesus—

According to Matthew, Mark, and Luke

God sends a new king with a new covenant to gather a new nation—a holy kingdom, chosen from all peoples and languages, that covers the whole earth!

[Luke 1:26–38, 46–55](#)

The birth of Jesus is foretold to Mary
Mary’s song of praise

[Matthew 1:1, 17–25](#)

The birth of Jesus is foretold to Joseph

[Luke 2:1–20](#)

Jesus is born and the shepherds visit

[Matthew 2:1–15](#)

The visit of the magi and the flight into Egypt

[Luke 2:39–52](#)

Jesus visits the temple at age twelve

[Mark 1:1–13](#)

The ministry of John the Baptist and Jesus' baptism

[Matthew 4:1–11, 17–22](#)

The temptation of Jesus

The calling of the first disciples

[Matthew 5:1–16](#)

The Sermon on the Mount—Beatitudes and “Salt of the earth”

[Matthew 5:17–20, 38–48](#)

The Sermon on the Mount—“You therefore must be perfect”

[Matthew 6:1–15](#)

The Sermon on the Mount—“When you give,”
“When you pray”

[Matthew 6:19–34](#)

The Sermon on the Mount—“Seek first the kingdom of God”

[Matthew 7:7–14, 21–29](#)

The Sermon on the Mount—“Enter by the narrow gate”

[Mark 2:1–12](#)

Jesus heals a paralyzed man and forgives his sins

[Matthew 9:27–38](#)

Jesus performs miracles and preaches the gospel of the kingdom

[Matthew 13:1–11, 18–23, 45–50](#)

Parables of the kingdom—Soil, a pearl, and a net of fish

[Matthew 16:13–23](#)

Peter confesses that Jesus is the Christ but then rebukes him

[Luke 9:23–36](#)

Teaching about taking up the cross
Jesus’ transfiguration

[Matthew 18:1–14](#)

Jesus teaches about little ones in the kingdom

[Luke 10:25–37](#)

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

[Luke 15:11–32](#)

The Parable of the Lost Son

[Matthew 19:16–30](#)

The rich young man and the danger of wealth

[Luke 19:1–9, 41–44](#)

Zacchaeus enters the kingdom

Jesus weeps over Jerusalem

[Matthew 21:1–17](#)

Jesus enters Jerusalem and cleanses the temple

[Matthew 21:33–46](#)

The Parable of the Tenants—Judgment on the Jewish leaders

[Matthew 25:31–46](#)

The Son of Man judges the sheep and the goats



The Death and Resurrection of Jesus— According to Matthew, Mark, and Luke

[Matthew 26:1–16](#)

Anointing and selling Jesus—How much is he worth?

[Matthew 26:17–29](#)

Jesus' last Passover and the first Lord's Supper

[Matthew 26:30–46](#)

Jesus prays in Gethsemane while the disciples fall asleep

[Matthew 26:47–56](#)

Jesus is betrayed and arrested

[Matthew 26:57–75](#)

Jesus' trial at the high priest's house and Peter's denial

[Matthew 27:1–2, 11–26](#)

Jesus' trial before the Roman governor Pilate

[Matthew 27:27–44](#)

Jesus is mocked, beat, and crucified

[Matthew 27:45–56](#)

Jesus dies—“Truly this was the Son of God!”

[Matthew 27:57–66](#)

Jesus is buried and the Jewish leaders guard his tomb

[Matthew 28:1–20](#)

Jesus rises from the dead and commissions his disciples

[Luke 24:13–35](#)

Jesus appears to two disciples on the road to Emmaus

[Luke 24:36–53](#)

Jesus comforts his disciples and explains the Scriptures

The Signs and Teachings of Jesus— According to John

[John 1:1–18](#)

“The Word was God... and the Word became flesh”

[John 3:1–18](#)

Nicodemus—“You must be born again”

[John 6:1–15](#)

Jesus feeds 5000 men fish and bread

[John 6:25–35, 48–51](#)

Jesus says, “I am the bread of life”

[John 10:1–18](#)

Jesus says, “I am the good shepherd”

[John 11:1–7, 17–27](#)

Jesus says, “I am the resurrection and the life”

[John 11:38–53](#)

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead

[John 13:1–17](#)

Jesus washes his disciples’ feet

[John 14:1–14](#)

Jesus says, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life”

[John 14:15–27](#)

Jesus promises the Holy Spirit

[John 15:1–17](#)

Jesus says, “I am the true vine”

[John 20:19–31](#)

These signs “are written so that you may believe”

[John 21:15–25](#)

Loving and following Jesus, feeding his sheep



Month 11



The Birth and Growth of Jesus’ Church

[Acts 1:1–14](#)

Jesus promises the Spirit and ascends into heaven

[Acts 2:1–8, 12–24](#)

The Holy Spirit comes and Peter preaches

[Acts 2:32–47](#)

Three thousand people repent and are baptized

Acts 4:1–12, 23–31

Peter and John are arrested

The believers pray for boldness

Acts 6:7–10; 7:51–8:3

Stephen is martyred and a great persecution begins

Acts 8:26–40

Philip and the Ethiopian—The gospel reaches Africa

Acts 9:1–20

Saul (Paul) is converted and appointed as an apostle

Acts 10:1–20

Peter and the Roman centurion Cornelius see visions

Acts 10:34–48

“God shows no partiality”—The gospel is for Gentiles

Acts 16:9–24

“Come over to Macedonia”—The gospel reaches Europe

Acts 16:25–40

Paul, Silas, and the jailer—“What must I do to be saved?”

Acts 27:1, 13–26

Paul, sailing toward Rome, is storm-tossed at sea

Acts 27:39–44; 28:16–17, 23–31

Shipwreck and survival

Paul preaches in Rome

Paul’s Letters to Churches

Romans 3:9–26

All have sinned and all are made right by faith in Jesus, as a gift

Romans 4:3–8; 5:1–11

God made us right by faith, so he will surely finish saving us

Romans 8:1–2, 11–21

The Spirit makes us children of God, promising future glory

Romans 8:28–39

“If God is for us, who can be against us?”

Romans 12:1–21

How we should live, because of God’s mercies to us

1 Corinthians 1:10–25

The cross is the solution for divided churches

1 Corinthians 12:12–31

Christ’s church is one body with many members

1 Corinthians 13:1–13

Love is the solution for divided churches

1 Corinthians 15:12–28

The resurrection of the dead—“In Christ shall all be made alive”

2 Corinthians 4:6–5:5

Suffering and hope—“We have this treasure in jars of clay”

2 Corinthians 9:6–15

“God loves a cheerful giver”

2 Corinthians 11:23–29; 12:1–10

Paul boasts—“When I am weak, then I am strong”



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Galatians 3:1–14

“The righteous shall live by faith”

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

“Christ has set us free”

“Walk by the Spirit”

Ephesians 2:1–10; 3:14–21

“By grace you have been saved”

A prayer for spiritual filling

Philippians 2:1–16

Imitating Christ’s example of humility

Colossians 3:12–4:1

“Put on love” • Rules for Christian households

1 Thessalonians 4:9–18; 2 Thessalonians 3:6–15

The coming of the Lord

Warnings against disorderly living

Paul's Letters to Church Workers

[1 Timothy 2:1–15](#)

How to behave in God's church—Prayer; men and women

[1 Timothy 3:1–16](#)

How to behave in God's church—Overseers and deacons

[2 Timothy 1:1–14; 3:14–17](#)

Timothy's heritage of faith and Scripture

[Titus 2:1–14](#)

God's grace teaches us how to live

[Philemon 1:1, 8–22](#)

Paul's plea to Philemon for the slave Onesimus

More Letters to Churches and a Vision of God Creating a New World

[Hebrews 10:1–18](#)

Christ, the perfect sacrifice and priest of a new covenant

Hebrews 10:19–31, 39

“Let us draw near...in full assurance of faith”

Hebrews 11:1–16

“Without faith it is impossible to please” God

Hebrews 12:1–14

“Looking to Jesus” and enduring God’s discipline

James 2:8–24

“Faith apart from works is useless”

1 Peter 2:11–25

Submission to authority and following Christ in suffering

2 Peter 3:1–13; Jude 1:17–25

“The Day of the Lord will come”

“Keep... in the love of God”

1 John 1:5–10; 4:7–21

Fellowship in the light

“We love because he first loved us”

3 John 1–15; 2 John 1:4–8

Walking in truth and love

Supporting faithful brothers

Revelation 1:9–20; 2:1–7

John sees a vision of the Son of Man

To the church in Ephesus

Revelation 4:1–11

“Behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated”

Revelation 5:1–14

“Worthy is the Lamb” to open the scroll of God’s judgments

Revelation 20:11–21:8

“A great white throne”

“A new heaven and a new earth”

Revelation 22:8–21

“‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!”