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# Helpful Tips for Reading the Bible

*Reading the Bible is one of the best ways to learn about God—and what God wants from us. When we read the Bible, we read about a specific people and their relationship to God, but we also can learn about our own relationship with God.*

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## **Set aside time...**

to read the Bible on a regular basis. Be realistic. For some people, this may be a few minutes once a day. For others, it may be a longer time a few times a week. Try to make it about the same time each day, whether in the morning, at lunchtime, or just before going to bed.

## **Find a quiet place...**

so that you can be alone with your thoughts without being disrupted. If you find it helpful, you might want to have a notebook nearby to jot down questions and thoughts you have as you read and reflect on the biblical text.

## **Begin by praying.**

You may want to spend a few minutes in prayer before you begin reading. Ask for an open mind and for God's guidance.

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Here are some suggestions for you to use as a model as you find your preferences for spending time with the Scriptures.

### **1. Select a passage.**

Some people find it helpful to follow a specific Bible reading plan to guide their reading. Many Bibles have reading plans included at the back. American Bible Society provides a Daily Bible Reading plan or a one-year reading plan included here that you might want to consider.

Other people want to read through the Bible on their own. Still others move from one passage to another based on preference, lectionary readings, or Sunday school lessons.

Any of the above ways to select a passage is fine. The important thing is not to spend too much—if any—of your reading time in selecting the passage!

### **2. Read the passage through once.**

Read the passage once without stopping in order to gain an overall sense of the passage. Listen to your initial reactions to the text ... both positive and negative.

### **3. Read the passage a second time.**

As you read, pause from time to time and answer questions about the background (or context) of the passage. You might choose to pause between verses or small groups of verses, between significant events or announcements in the passage, or between any natural break you see as you read. Below are some types of questions about the context of a passage that you might find helpful as you read.

*In what book of the Bible is this passage found? Is this book a prophetic book? A historical book? A book of poetry? A Gospel? A letter?*

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*What happens immediately before and after the passage? What is the literary context of this passage?*

*Who are the main characters in this passage? Do they speak or do others speak for them? What are the relationships between these characters? What is the relationship between God and the characters in this biblical text?*

*Where did these things take place? What are the key places mentioned or assumed in the passage? What has happened before this passage? What is happening during this passage. In other words, what is the specific historical context of the passage?*

*What are key words or phrases that are repeated in the passage? What is the significance of these words?*

*Are there any cause-and-effect relationships established in this passage? Are any comparisons made or similarities pointed out? Are there any contrasts made between people, things, or ideas?*

*What is the intent or purpose of the passage?*

As you ask yourself these questions, answer them in your own words. Be careful to listen to the text. Try to avoid listening to what you want the text to say to you. If you are using a notebook, take a few minutes to write down your answers to these questions. Be prepared to be comforted by the text, but also be aware that you may also be confronted, even challenged.

#### **4. Read the passage a third time.**

Now reflect on your answers to these questions:

*What did I learn about God from this passage?*

*What did I learn about human nature?*

*What did I learn about my own relationship with God? How does this passage apply to me?*

*Is there anything I need to change in my life based on my reading of this passage? How can I be stronger in my faith?*

*What can I do to show God's love to people in my life?*

If there is one verse or part of a verse you would like to remember, you might want to write it down on an index card or scrap of paper and carry it with you throughout the day.

#### **5. Finally, thank God for the time you had to read from Scripture.**

Also ask God to help you make the changes you identified.

# A Year with the Bible

*Here's one example of a Bible reading plan that can help you read highlights throughout one year.*

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| <b>Day 1</b>  | Genesis 1.1—2.4      | A Story of Creation                            |
| <b>Day 2</b>  | Genesis 2.5-25       | The Garden of Eden                             |
| <b>Day 3</b>  | Genesis 3.1-24       | The Trouble with Sin                           |
| <b>Day 4</b>  | Genesis 4.1-16       | The First Murder                               |
| <b>Day 5</b>  | Genesis 6.1-22       | God Warns Noah about a Coming Flood            |
| <b>Day 6</b>  | Genesis 7.1-24       | The Flood Comes                                |
| <b>Day 7</b>  | Genesis 8.1-19       | The Floodwaters Dry Up                         |
| <b>Day 8</b>  | Genesis 9.1-17       | God's Promise to Noah                          |
| <b>Day 9</b>  | Genesis 17.1-27      | A Promise to Abraham and Sarah                 |
| <b>Day 10</b> | Genesis 22.1-19      | The LORD Tests Abraham                         |
| <b>Day 11</b> | Genesis 32.22-32     | Jacob's Name Is Changed to Israel              |
| <b>Day 12</b> | Genesis 37.1-11      | Joseph and His Brothers                        |
| <b>Day 13</b> | Genesis 37.12-36     | Joseph Is Taken to Egypt                       |
| <b>Day 14</b> | Genesis 41.1-36      | Joseph Interprets the King's Dreams            |
| <b>Day 15</b> | Genesis 41.37-57     | Joseph Is Made Governor of Egypt               |
| <b>Day 16</b> | Genesis 42.1-24      | Joseph's Brothers Go to Egypt                  |
| <b>Day 17</b> | Genesis 43.1-34      | Joseph's Brothers Return to Egypt              |
| <b>Day 18</b> | Genesis 45.1-28      | Joseph Sends for Jacob                         |
| <b>Day 19</b> | Genesis 46.1-7,28-34 | Jacob and His Family Go to Egypt               |
| <b>Day 20</b> | Exodus 1.1-22        | The People of Israel Suffer in Egypt           |
| <b>Day 21</b> | Exodus 2.1-25        | Moses Escapes from Egypt                       |
| <b>Day 22</b> | Exodus 3.1-22        | God Speaks to Moses                            |
| <b>Day 23</b> | Exodus 4.1-23,27-31  | Moses Performs Miracles                        |
| <b>Day 24</b> | Exodus 5.1—6.13      | The LORD Promises to Free the People of Israel |
| <b>Day 25</b> | Exodus 12.31-42      | The People of Israel Leave Egypt               |
| <b>Day 26</b> | Exodus 14.1-31       | The Hebrews Cross the Red Sea                  |
| <b>Day 27</b> | Exodus 15.1-21       | Songs of Deliverance                           |
| <b>Day 28</b> | Exodus 16.1-36       | Food from Heaven                               |
| <b>Day 29</b> | Exodus 20.1-17       | The Ten Commandments                           |
| <b>Day 30</b> | Exodus 23.20-33      | A Promise and a Warning                        |
| <b>Day 31</b> | Leviticus 25.8-34    | The Year of Celebration                        |
| <b>Day 32</b> | Leviticus 25.35-43   | Help the Poor                                  |
| <b>Day 33</b> | Numbers 6.22-27      | A Blessing for the People                      |

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| <b>Day 34</b> | Numbers 11.4-15      | The People Grumble about Being Hungry       |
| <b>Day 35</b> | Numbers 13.1-24      | Twelve Men Are Sent to Explore Canaan       |
| <b>Day 36</b> | Numbers 13.25-33     | The Twelve Spies Report Back                |
| <b>Day 37</b> | Numbers 20.1-13      | The LORD Provides Water from a Rock         |
| <b>Day 38</b> | Numbers 22.2-21      | King Balak of Moab and the Prophet Balaam   |
| <b>Day 39</b> | Numbers 22.22-35     | Balaam and His Donkey                       |
| <b>Day 40</b> | Numbers 23.1-26      | Balaam's First Two Messages                 |
| <b>Day 41</b> | Numbers 23.27--24.25 | Balaam's Final Messages                     |
| <b>Day 42</b> | Deuteronomy 6.1-9    | Listen to This                              |
| <b>Day 43</b> | Deuteronomy 6.10-25  | Worship Only the LORD                       |
| <b>Day 44</b> | Deuteronomy 8.1-20   | The LORD Cares                              |
| <b>Day 45</b> | Deuteronomy 16.1-8   | Remembering How God Rescued His People      |
| <b>Day 46</b> | Deuteronomy 26.1-11  | The LORD's Share of Your Harvest            |
| <b>Day 47</b> | Deuteronomy 30.1-20  | Choose Life                                 |
| <b>Day 48</b> | Deuteronomy 32.1-43  | The Song of Moses                           |
| <b>Day 49</b> | Joshua 1.1-9         | Joshua Becomes Israel's Leader              |
| <b>Day 50</b> | Joshua 3.1-17        | The People of Israel Cross the Jordan River |
| <b>Day 51</b> | Joshua 5.13—6.20     | The Capture of Jericho                      |
| <b>Day 52</b> | Joshua 24.1-28       | We Will Worship and Obey the LORD           |
| <b>Day 53</b> | Judges 2.6-19        | Israel's Disobedience                       |
| <b>Day 54</b> | Judges 4.1-24        | Deborah and Barak                           |
| <b>Day 55</b> | Judges 5.1-31        | Deborah's Song                              |
| <b>Day 56</b> | Judges 6.11-24       | Gideon Will Defeat the Midianites           |
| <b>Day 57</b> | Judges 6.33-40       | Gideon Needs Proof from the LORD            |
| <b>Day 58</b> | Judges 16.1-20       | Delilah Tricks Samuelson                    |
| <b>Day 59</b> | Judges 16.21-31      | Samuelson's Strength Returns                |
| <b>Day 60</b> | Ruth 1.1-22          | Ruth and Naomi                              |
| <b>Day 61</b> | Ruth 2.1-23          | Ruth Meets Boaz                             |
| <b>Day 62</b> | Ruth 3.1-18          | Boaz Promises to Take Care of Ruth          |
| <b>Day 63</b> | Ruth 4.12-22         | Ruth and Boaz Are Married                   |
| <b>Day 64</b> | 1 Samuel 1.1-20      | The Prophet Samuel Is Born                  |
| <b>Day 65</b> | 1 Samuel 2.1-10      | Hannah's Song                               |
| <b>Day 66</b> | 1 Samuel 3.1-18      | The LORD Speaks to Samuel                   |
| <b>Day 67</b> | 1 Samuel 4.1-11      | The Philistines Capture the Sacred Chest    |
| <b>Day 68</b> | 1 Samuel 5.1-10      | God Punishes the Philistines                |

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| <b>Day 69</b>  | 1 Samuel 5.11—6.18 | The Sacred Chest Is Returned                      |
| <b>Day 70</b>  | 1 Samuel 8.1-22    | Israel Demands a King                             |
| <b>Day 71</b>  | 1 Samuel 10.17-27  | Saul Is Chosen to Be Israel's First King          |
| <b>Day 72</b>  | 1 Samuel 12.1-25   | Samuel's Farewell Speech                          |
| <b>Day 73</b>  | 1 Samuel 13.1-16   | King Saul Disobeys the LORD                       |
| <b>Day 74</b>  | 1 Samuel 16.1-13   | David Is Chosen to Be King                        |
| <b>Day 75</b>  | 1 Samuel 17.41-54  | David Kills Goliath                               |
| <b>Day 76</b>  | 1 Samuel 18.6-16   | King Saul Tries to Kill David                     |
| <b>Day 77</b>  | 1 Samuel 24.1-22   | David Lets the King Live                          |
| <b>Day 78</b>  | 1 Samuel 31.1-13   | King Saul Dies in Battle                          |
| <b>Day 79</b>  | 2 Samuel 1.17-27   | David Mourns the Death of Saul                    |
| <b>Day 80</b>  | 2 Samuel 5.1-12    | David Makes Jerusalem the Capital of His Kingdom  |
| <b>Day 81</b>  | 2 Samuel 6.1-19    | King David Brings the Sacred Chest to Jerusalem   |
| <b>Day 82</b>  | 2 Samuel 7.1-17    | The LORD's Message for King David                 |
| <b>Day 83</b>  | 2 Samuel 11.1-27   | King David and Bathsheba                          |
| <b>Day 84</b>  | 2 Samuel 12.1-15   | The Prophet Nathan Confronts King David           |
| <b>Day 85</b>  | 1 Kings 3.1-15     | The LORD Gives King Solomon Wisdom                |
| <b>Day 86</b>  | 1 Kings 3.16-28    | King Solomon's Wise Decision                      |
| <b>Day 87</b>  | 1 Kings 8.1-21     | The Sacred Chest Is Brought to the Temple         |
| <b>Day 88</b>  | 1 Kings 9.1-9      | The LORD Warns King Solomon about Disobedience    |
| <b>Day 89</b>  | 1 Kings 11.1-13    | King Solomon Disobeys the LORD                    |
| <b>Day 90</b>  | 1 Kings 12.1-20    | The Northern Tribes Rebel                         |
| <b>Day 91</b>  | 1 Kings 17.8-16    | Elijah Helps a Widow                              |
| <b>Day 92</b>  | 1 Kings 17.17-24   | Elijah Brings a Boy Back to Life                  |
| <b>Day 93</b>  | 1 Kings 19.9-18    | The LORD Speaks to Elijah                         |
| <b>Day 94</b>  | 2 Kings 5.1-19     | Elisha Heals Naaman                               |
| <b>Day 95</b>  | 2 Kings 17.5-23    | Samaria Is Destroyed                              |
| <b>Day 96</b>  | 2 Kings 23.4-20    | Josiah's Religious Reforms                        |
| <b>Day 97</b>  | 2 Kings 25.1-21    | The Babylonians Destroy Jerusalem                 |
| <b>Day 98</b>  | Ezra 1.1-11        | Cyrus of Persia Lets the Jews Return Home         |
| <b>Day 99</b>  | Ezra 3.7-13        | Rebuilding the Jerusalem Temple begins            |
| <b>Day 100</b> | Nehemiah 1.1-11    | Nehemiah Prays for Jerusalem                      |
| <b>Day 101</b> | Nehemiah 2.1-10    | Nehemiah Goes to Jerusalem                        |
| <b>Day 102</b> | Nehemiah 9.6-37    | The People Pray at the Rebuilt Walls of Jerusalem |
| <b>Day 103</b> | Job 1.1-22         | Job Loses Everything                              |

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| <b>Day 104</b> | Job 3.20-26        | Job Curses His Own Life                        |
| <b>Day 105</b> | Job 10.1-22        | Job Complains to God                           |
| <b>Day 106</b> | Job 17.1-16        | Job Asks God for Help                          |
| <b>Day 107</b> | Job 31.16-40       | Job Recalls His Innocence                      |
| <b>Day 108</b> | Job 38.1-30        | The LORD Questions Job                         |
| <b>Day 109</b> | Job 38.31-41       | The LORD Controls All of Nature                |
| <b>Day 110</b> | Job 40.1-14        | Job Answers the LORD All-Powerful              |
| <b>Day 111</b> | Job 41.1-17        | The Mighty Sea Monster                         |
| <b>Day 112</b> | Job 42.1-17        | A Happy Ending for Job                         |
| <b>Day 113</b> | Psalms 1.1-6       | Obey the LORD                                  |
| <b>Day 114</b> | Psalms 8           | The Wonderful Name of the LORD                 |
| <b>Day 115</b> | Psalms 19.1-14     | The Law of the LORD Is Perfect                 |
| <b>Day 116</b> | Psalms 22.1-22     | Suffering and Praise (part 1)                  |
| <b>Day 117</b> | Psalms 22.23-31    | Suffering and Praise (part 2)                  |
| <b>Day 118</b> | Psalms 23.1-6      | God's People Are Never in Need                 |
| <b>Day 119</b> | Psalms 28.1-9      | The LORD Is a Strong Shield                    |
| <b>Day 120</b> | Psalms 39.1-13     | A Prayer for Forgiveness                       |
| <b>Day 121</b> | Psalms 42.1-11     | Facing Discouragement                          |
| <b>Day 122</b> | Psalms 46.1-11     | God Is a Mighty Fortress                       |
| <b>Day 123</b> | Psalms 88.1-18     | A Prayer for Help                              |
| <b>Day 124</b> | Psalms 96.1-13     | Sing a New Song to the LORD                    |
| <b>Day 125</b> | Psalms 119.1-16    | In Praise of the Law of the LORD               |
| <b>Day 126</b> | Psalms 119.97-112  | The LORD's Word Is a Lamp                      |
| <b>Day 127</b> | Psalms 136.1-26    | God's Love Never Fails                         |
| <b>Day 128</b> | Psalms 148.1-14    | All Creation Praises the LORD                  |
| <b>Day 129</b> | Proverbs 9.1-18    | Wisdom and Foolishness                         |
| <b>Day 130</b> | Proverbs 11.1-11   | It's Wise to Be Honest                         |
| <b>Day 131</b> | Proverbs 18.1-19   | Wise sayings about Foolishness                 |
| <b>Day 132</b> | Ecclesiastes 3.1-8 | Everything Has Its Time                        |
| <b>Day 133</b> | Isaiah 3.1-15      | Judgment on Jerusalem and Judah                |
| <b>Day 134</b> | Isaiah 6.1-13      | The LORD Purifies and Calls the Prophet Isaiah |
| <b>Day 135</b> | Isaiah 30.8-17     | Israel's Sin Is Like a Crack in a Wall         |
| <b>Day 136</b> | Isaiah 40.1-11     | Encouragement for God's People                 |
| <b>Day 137</b> | Isaiah 40.21-31    | Trust the LORD                                 |
| <b>Day 138</b> | Isaiah 60.1-9      | Jerusalem's People Are Coming Home             |

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| <b>Day 139</b> | Isaiah 65.17-25        | A New Day for Jerusalem                      |
| <b>Day 140</b> | Jeremiah 2.22-28       | Don't Worship Idols                          |
| <b>Day 141</b> | Jeremiah 3.12-20       | The LORD Is Merciful                         |
| <b>Day 142</b> | Jeremiah 7.1-15        | Jeremiah's Temple Sermon                     |
| <b>Day 143</b> | Jeremiah 23.1-8        | Hope for a Return Home                       |
| <b>Day 144</b> | Jeremiah 29.1-14       | Jeremiah's Letter to the Exiles in Babylonia |
| <b>Day 145</b> | Jeremiah 31.31-37      | A New Agreement with Israel and Judah        |
| <b>Day 146</b> | Lamentations 3.1-24    | There Is Still Hope                          |
| <b>Day 147</b> | Ezekiel 11.1-13        | Ezekiel Condemns Jerusalem's Leaders         |
| <b>Day 148</b> | Ezekiel 34.1-16        | The LORD Is the Good Shepherd                |
| <b>Day 149</b> | Ezekiel 37.1-14        | Dry Bones Live Again                         |
| <b>Day 150</b> | Ezekiel 47.1-12        | The Stream Flowing from the New Temple       |
| <b>Day 151</b> | Daniel 6.1-24          | Daniel in a Pit of Lions                     |
| <b>Day 152</b> | Hosea 11.1-11          | God's Love for Israel                        |
| <b>Day 153</b> | Joel 2.18-23           | The LORD Will Work Wonders                   |
| <b>Day 154</b> | Amos 5.10-15           | Choose Good and Not Evil                     |
| <b>Day 155</b> | Amos 7.1-9             | Visions of Coming Punishment                 |
| <b>Day 156</b> | Jonah 1.1-17           | Jonah Runs from the LORD                     |
| <b>Day 157</b> | Jonah 2.1-10           | Jonah Prays                                  |
| <b>Day 158</b> | Jonah 3.1-10           | Jonah Goes to Nineveh                        |
| <b>Day 159</b> | Jonah 4.1-11           | Jonah Complains to the LORD                  |
| <b>Day 160</b> | Micah 2.1-11           | Powerful Leaders Are Condemned               |
| <b>Day 161</b> | Micah 6.6-8            | See that Justice Is Done                     |
| <b>Day 162</b> | Nahum 1.1-6            | The Fierce Anger of the LORD                 |
| <b>Day 163</b> | Habakkuk 3.1-15        | Habakkuk Praises the LORD's Power            |
| <b>Day 164</b> | Zephaniah 3.8-13       | Nations Will Serve the LORD                  |
| <b>Day 165</b> | Haggai 2.1-9           | A Glorious New Temple                        |
| <b>Day 166</b> | Zechariah 8.1-17       | Jerusalem Will Be at Peace                   |
| <b>Day 167</b> | Malachi 2.1-17         | False Priests Have Disobeyed the LORD        |
| <b>Day 168</b> | Malachi 4.1-6          | The Day of Judgment                          |
| <b>Day 169</b> | Matthew 2.1-12         | Wise Men Come to See Jesus                   |
| <b>Day 170</b> | Matthew 3.13—4.11      | Jesus Is Baptized and Tested                 |
| <b>Day 171</b> | Matthew 5.1-12         | God's Blessings                              |
| <b>Day 172</b> | Matthew 5.13-16        | Salt and Light                               |
| <b>Day 173</b> | Matthew 5.21-26, 38-42 | Jesus Teaches about Anger and Revenge        |

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| <b>Day 174</b> | Matthew 5.43—6.4         | Love and Giving                                   |
| <b>Day 175</b> | Matthew 6.5-15           | Jesus Teaches His Disciples to Pray               |
| <b>Day 176</b> | Matthew 6.19-21, 24-34   | Putting God First                                 |
| <b>Day 177</b> | Matthew 7.1-6            | Jesus Warns about Judging Others                  |
| <b>Day 178</b> | Matthew 7.7-12           | Seeing God's Blessings                            |
| <b>Day 179</b> | Matthew 7.15-23          | Warnings about False Prophets                     |
| <b>Day 180</b> | Matthew 9.9-13; 10.1-4   | Jesus Chooses Twelve to Be His Apostles           |
| <b>Day 181</b> | Matthew 14.22-33         | Jesus Walks on Water                              |
| <b>Day 182</b> | Matthew 15.21-28         | A Canaanite Woman's Faith                         |
| <b>Day 183</b> | Matthew 18.6-9; 19.13-15 | Being a Follower of Jesus                         |
| <b>Day 184</b> | Matthew 22.15-22         | A Question about Paying Taxes                     |
| <b>Day 185</b> | Matthew 22.23-33         | Life in the Future World                          |
| <b>Day 186</b> | Matthew 22.34-40         | The Most Important Commandment                    |
| <b>Day 187</b> | Matthew 24.1-14          | Jesus Warns about the Trouble that Will Come      |
| <b>Day 188</b> | Matthew 24.15-31         | A Time of Suffering before the Son of Man Appears |
| <b>Day 189</b> | Matthew 24.36-44         | No One Knows the Day or Time                      |
| <b>Day 190</b> | Matthew 25.1-13          | A Story about Ten Girls                           |
| <b>Day 191</b> | Matthew 25.14-30         | A Story about Three Servants                      |
| <b>Day 192</b> | Matthew 26.1-16          | Jesus Is Honored and Betrayed                     |
| <b>Day 193</b> | Matthew 26.17-25         | The Last Supper (part 1)                          |
| <b>Day 194</b> | Matthew 26.26-35         | The Last Supper (part 2)                          |
| <b>Day 195</b> | Matthew 26.36-46         | Jesus Prays in Gethsemane                         |
| <b>Day 196</b> | Matthew 26.47-56         | Jesus Is Arrested                                 |
| <b>Day 197</b> | Matthew 26.57-68         | Jesus Is Questioned by the Council                |
| <b>Day 198</b> | Matthew 26.69-75         | Peter Says He Doesn't Know Jesus                  |
| <b>Day 199</b> | Matthew 27.1-14          | Jesus and Pontius Pilate                          |
| <b>Day 200</b> | Matthew 27.15-26         | Jesus Is Sentenced to Die                         |
| <b>Day 201</b> | Matthew 27.27-44         | Jesus Is Nailed to a Cross                        |
| <b>Day 202</b> | Matthew 27.45-56         | The Death of Jesus                                |
| <b>Day 203</b> | Matthew 27.57-66         | Jesus Is Buried                                   |
| <b>Day 204</b> | Matthew 28.1-10          | Jesus Is Alive                                    |
| <b>Day 205</b> | Matthew 28.16-20         | What Jesus' Followers Must Do                     |
| <b>Day 206</b> | Mark 1.1-8               | The Preaching of John the Baptist                 |
| <b>Day 207</b> | Mark 1.21-28             | A Man with Evil Spirits                           |
| <b>Day 208</b> | Mark 2.1-12              | Jesus Heals a Crippled Man                        |



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| <b>Day 209</b> | Mark 3.20-30         | Jesus and the Ruler of Demons                          |
| <b>Day 210</b> | Mark 4.35-41         | A Storm on Lake Galilee                                |
| <b>Day 211</b> | Mark 5.1-20          | Another Man with Evil Spirits                          |
| <b>Day 212</b> | Mark 5.21-43         | Jesus Heals a Dying Girl and a Sick Woman              |
| <b>Day 213</b> | Mark 6.14-29         | The Death of John the Baptist                          |
| <b>Day 214</b> | Mark 7.1-13          | Jesus Challenges the Pharisees and Teachers of the Law |
| <b>Day 215</b> | Mark 7.14-23         | What Really Makes People Unclean                       |
| <b>Day 216</b> | Mark 7.31-37         | Jesus Heals a Deaf Man                                 |
| <b>Day 217</b> | Mark 9.14-29         | Jesus Heals a Boy                                      |
| <b>Day 218</b> | Mark 9.33-41         | Humility and Being a Disciple of Christ                |
| <b>Day 219</b> | Mark 10.35-45        | The Request of James and John                          |
| <b>Day 220</b> | Mark 10.46-52        | Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus                           |
| <b>Day 221</b> | Mark 11.15-19        | Jesus in the Temple                                    |
| <b>Day 222</b> | Mark 11.27-33        | A Question about Jesus' Authority                      |
| <b>Day 223</b> | Mark 12.41-44        | A Widow's Offering                                     |
| <b>Day 224</b> | Luke 1.26-38         | An Angel Tells about the Birth of Jesus                |
| <b>Day 225</b> | Luke 1.39-56         | Mary and Elizabeth Rejoice in God's Goodness           |
| <b>Day 226</b> | Luke 2.1-21          | The Birth of Jesus                                     |
| <b>Day 227</b> | Luke 2.41-52         | The Boy Jesus in the Temple                            |
| <b>Day 228</b> | Luke 4.14-30         | Jesus Begins His Work in Galilee                       |
| <b>Day 229</b> | Luke 7.1-10          | Jesus Heals an Army Officer's Servant                  |
| <b>Day 230</b> | Luke 7.11-17         | Jesus Raises a Widow's Son to Life                     |
| <b>Day 231</b> | Luke 8.1-3; 10.38-42 | Women Who Helped Jesus                                 |
| <b>Day 232</b> | Luke 8.4-15          | A Story about a Farmer                                 |
| <b>Day 233</b> | Luke 9.22-27         | Jesus Speaks about His Suffering and Death             |
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| <b>Day 255</b> | John 4.3-26            | Jesus and the Samaritan Woman                   |
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| <b>Day 258</b> | John 6.1-15            | Jesus Feeds Five Thousand                       |
| <b>Day 259</b> | John 6.28-40           | The Bread that Gives Life                       |
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| <b>Day 261</b> | John 8.12-20; 12.44-50 | Jesus Is the Light of the World                 |
| <b>Day 262</b> | John 11.1-16           | The Death of Jesus' Friend Lazarus              |
| <b>Day 263</b> | John 11.17-44          | Jesus Brings Lazarus to Life                    |
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| <b>Day 265</b> | John 14.1-14           | Jesus Is the Way to the Father                  |
| <b>Day 266</b> | John 14.15-31          | The Holy Spirit Is Promised to Jesus' Disciples |
| <b>Day 267</b> | John 15.1-17           | Jesus Is the True Vine                          |
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| <b>Day 271</b> | John 20.24-29          | Jesus and Thomas                                |
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| <b>Day 273</b> | Acts 1.1-11            | Jesus Is Taken to Heaven                        |
| <b>Day 274</b> | Acts 1.12-26           | Someone to Take the Place of Judas              |
| <b>Day 275</b> | Acts 2.1-13            | The Coming of the Holy Spirit                   |
| <b>Day 276</b> | Acts 2.14-42           | Peter Speaks to the Crowd                       |
| <b>Day 277</b> | Acts 2.43-47; 4.32-37  | Life among the Lord's Followers                 |
| <b>Day 278</b> | Acts 3.1-10            | Peter and John Heal a Lame Man                  |

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| <b>Day 279</b> | Acts 3.11-26     | Peter Speaks in the Temple                         |
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| <b>Day 282</b> | Acts 6.1-7       | Seven Leaders for the Church                       |
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| <b>Day 290</b> | Acts 9.36-43     | Peter Brings Dorcas Back to Life                   |
| <b>Day 291</b> | Acts 10.1-24     | Peter and Cornelius (part 1)                       |
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| <b>Day 294</b> | Acts 12.6-19     | Peter Is Rescued                                   |
| <b>Day 295</b> | Acts 14.8-20     | Paul and Barnabas in Lystra                        |
| <b>Day 296</b> | Acts 15.3-21     | The Church Leaders Meet in Jerusalem               |
| <b>Day 297</b> | Acts 16.11-15    | Lydia Becomes a Follower of the Lord               |
| <b>Day 298</b> | Acts 16.16-26    | Paul and Silas Are Put in Jail (part 1)            |
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| <b>Day 300</b> | Acts 17.16-34    | Paul in Athens                                     |
| <b>Day 301</b> | Acts 19.21-41    | Trouble for Paul in Ephesus                        |
| <b>Day 302</b> | Acts 20.17-38    | Paul Says Good-By to the Church Leaders of Ephesus |
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| <b>Day 304</b> | Acts 22.30—23.11 | Paul Is Tried by the Council                       |
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| <b>Day 308</b> | Acts 27.13-38    | Paul Faces a Storm at Sea                          |
| <b>Day 309</b> | Acts 27.39—28.10 | Paul Is Shipwrecked near Malta                     |
| <b>Day 310</b> | Acts 28.16-31    | Paul in Rome                                       |
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| <b>Day 312</b> | Romans 8.1-17    | Living by the Power of the Holy Spirit             |
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| <b>Day 314</b> | Romans 8.31-39             | God's Love Is Sure                              |
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| <b>Day 318</b> | 1 Corinthians 1.18-31      | Christ Is God's Power and Wisdom                |
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| <b>Day 330</b> | Galatians 6.1-10           | Help Each Other                                 |
| <b>Day 331</b> | Ephesians 1.3-14           | Christ Brings Spiritual Blessings               |
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| <b>Day 347</b> | Titus 2.11-15              | God's Kindness and the New Life                 |
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