

HANDS-ON BIBLE

Weekly Bible Reading Plan for Your Family

One way to get your family into the Bible is to get a flavor of what the whole Bible is about by reading parts from it each week during the year. That's what this reading plan is all about—to get your family into some of the best-known stories and important lessons from Genesis to Revelation—and to get your family talking about it with simple questions/reflections for every reading. Whether you start this in January or some other time of the year, this plan will help your family read, enjoy, and apply what you read.

Here's how it works:

- Commit to spending 15-30 minutes each week** as a family. Maybe it's every Sunday before bed or every Monday at the dinner table. Just pick a time that's going to work for your family and do your best to keep up the routine. And even if you miss a week—**don't give up!** Just pick up where you left off and keep going.
- Hang this reading plan somewhere prominent in your house**—making it visible helps everyone to remember!
- Before reading the Scripture verses each week, **say a prayer** asking God to speak to your family and help you apply his Word to your lives.
- Dig in!** Have someone read the passage out loud. Then, have everyone answer the question.
- Check off the box** so you can keep track of where you're at.

P.S. Grown-ups! The questions aren't just for the kids—the best way to learn more about each other and grow as a family is when everyone takes a turn sharing.

OLD TESTAMENT

Week 1

Genesis 1:1–2:3: How It All Started
What's your favorite thing God created and why?

Week 2

Genesis 2:15–3:24: Adam and Eve
Tell about a time someone showed love and grace to you, even after you made a wrong choice.

Week 3

Genesis 6:9–22: Noah Gets to Build a Boat
What is the hardest thing that God has asked you to do?

Week 4

Genesis 12:1–9; 17:1–8: God's Promises to Abraham
How does your friendship with God affect the way you make decisions?

Week 5

Genesis 22:1–19: Abraham's Painful Decision
What do you have trouble giving up to God?

Week 6

Genesis 25:19–34: Jacob and Esau
How do you feel that you treat your brothers or sisters?

Week 7

Genesis 37:1–36: Jacob's Children
How do we settle disagreements in our family?

Week 8

Genesis 42:1–38: Joseph Sees His Brothers Again
Tell about a time someone was kind instead of mean back to you.

Week 9

Exodus 3:1–22: God's Burning Bush
How has God made himself known to you?

Week 10

Exodus 13:17–14:31: A Narrow Escape
When has God protected you?

Week 11

Exodus 20:1–22: The Ten Commandments
How do these rules show God's love?

Week 12

Exodus 32:1–29: The Gold Calf
What distracts you from obeying God?

Week 13

Numbers 22:5–38: Balaam and His Donkey
What happens when you do what you know you shouldn't?

Week 14

Joshua 5:13–6:27: The Battle of Jericho
How would you respond if God asked you to do something that didn't really make sense?

Week 15

Judges 6:1–40: Gideon Becomes a Judge
What examples of obedience can be found in your life?

Week 16

Ruth 1:1–22: Ruth and Naomi—A Friendship
How do difficulties affect your friendships?

Week 17

1 Samuel 1:1–28: A Serious Prayer
What promises have you made to God lately that you have kept?

Week 18

1 Samuel 16:1–13: Samuel Appoints David
What people do you appreciate for something other than how they look?

Week 19

1 Samuel 17:32–58: David Kills Goliath
What "giants" do you need God to help you face in your life right now?

Week 20

1 Kings 3:16–28: Solomon Solves a Problem
Tell about a time you needed God's help with a problem you faced.

Week 21

1 Kings 18:16–46: Elijah Versus the Priests of Baal
What does this passage tell you about God?

Week 22

2 Kings 2:13–25: Elisha's Miracles
How would someone else know that our family has a deep respect for God?

Week 23

2 Kings 22:1–23:3: Discovery of the Lost Book
How does reading the Bible affect your day?

Week 24

Ezra 3:7–13: Rebuilding the Temple
How do you feel when you're working on a large, important project?

Week 25

Nehemiah 5:1–19: Nehemiah's Concern for the Poor
What's one thing we can do as a family to help someone in need?

Week 26

Esther 2:1–23: A Strange Way to Become Queen
When have difficult or confusing events in your life actually prepared you for something you experienced later?

Week 27

Esther 4:1–17: The Queen Decides to Help
In what ways have you shown your faith?

Week 28

Job 38:1–41: God Speaks to Job
What things around you remind you of God's greatness?

Week 29

Psalms 23:1–6: A Sheep's Song
What is the most comforting phrase to you in this psalm?

Week 30

Jeremiah 1:1–9: God Calls a Prophet
How does it feel to know God wants to work through your life?

Week 31

Ezekiel 37:1–14: A Valley of Dry Bones
In what ways does God breathe life into you?

Week 32

Daniel 3:1–30: Three Friends in a Furnace
What examples can you give of God's protection in your life?

Week 33

Daniel 6:1–28: Daniel and the Lions
Tell about a time God answered one of your prayers.

Week 34

Jonah 1:1–2:10: Bending God's Directions
When did you last try to avoid doing what you knew God wanted you to do?

NEW TESTAMENT

Week 35

Luke 2:1–20: Jesus Is Born!
What does Christmas mean to you?

Week 36

John 1:19–34: John the Baptist and Jesus
Who can we talk to about Jesus?

Week 37

John 2:1–25: Jesus and Surprises
How has Jesus surprised you in your life?

Week 38

John 4:43–54: Jesus Preaching and Healing
Why do you believe in Jesus?

Week 39

John 5:1–47: Jesus Demonstrates He Is God's Son
What is special to you about Jesus?

Week 40

John 8:1–20: Jesus: Forgiveness and Light
Tell about a time it was difficult to forgive someone. How did God help you?

Week 41

Luke 11:1–13: Jesus Teaches About Prayer
What's one thing you'd like to pray and talk with Jesus about right now? (After everyone shares, pray as a family.)

Week 42

John 10:1–18: Jesus Is the Good Shepherd
How have you experienced God's guidance in your life?

Week 43

Mark 10:17–31: Jesus and the Rich Man
What's the hardest thing Jesus could ask you to give up?

Week 44

John 12:37–50: Jesus and His Message
What kinds of pressures make it hard for you to share your faith in Jesus?

Week 45

John 13:1–20: Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet
What's the greatest service someone has done for you? How do you serve others?

Week 46

Luke 23:26–49: Jesus Crucified
What do you feel when you read about the Crucifixion?

Week 47

John 20:1–18: Jesus Is Alive!
What makes Easter an important celebration in your life?

Week 48

Acts 9:1–19: Paul Meets Jesus
What unusual events has God used to catch your attention?

Week 49

Acts 16:16–40: Adventures in Jail
How would you react to God using a difficult situation of yours to help another person learn more about him?

Week 50

Romans 5:1–11: Faith Brings Joy
What do you thank God for today? (Say a prayer of thanks as a family.)

Week 51

Galatians 5:13–26: Two Radically Different Lives
How can you show love to someone this week?

Week 52

2 Thessalonians 1:1–12: Encouragement
Who can you encourage this week? How will you encourage that person?

Bonus Week

Revelation 21:1–27: Everything Made New
What difference do you think you will most notice between the new world and the old?



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