

Reading the Bible is an essential part of following Jesus because the whole book points to Him. Through the entire Bible, God reveals Himself and His redemptive plan for humanity through His Son, Jesus Christ.

The Bible isn't just a historical record of what people have said and done; it is God's Living Word. This means that God will speak to your heart as you read the Bible and reflect on what it says.

This Bible reading plan will lead you to explore important topics throughout the Bible. Spend two weeks on the first topic, reading one section per day, then work your way through the others.

If you do not have a Bible, please ask us for one!

You can also read the Bible online at Biblegateway.com.

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BIBLE READING PLAN

*Wondering where to begin
reading your Bible?*

1 A GLIMPSE OF JESUS

- Luke 1 Preparing for Jesus' arrival
- Luke 2 The story of Jesus' birth
- Mark 1 The beginning of Jesus' ministry
- Mark 9 A day in the life of Jesus
- Matthew 5 The Sermon on the Mount
- Matthew 6 The Sermon on the Mount
- Luke 15 Parables of Jesus
- John 3 A conversation with Jesus
- John 14 Jesus' final instructions
- John 17 Jesus' prayer for His disciples
- Matthew 26 Jesus' betrayal and arrest
- Matthew 27 Jesus' execution on a cross
- John 20 Resurrection
- Luke 24 Jesus' appearance after His resurrection

2 PAUL SPREADS THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

- Acts 9 The conversion of Saul
- Acts 16 Paul's Macedonian call and jailbreak
- Acts 17 Paul's missionary journey
- Acts 26 Paul tells his story to a king
- Acts 27 Shipwreck on the way to Rome
- Acts 28 Paul's arrival in Rome
- Romans 3 Paul's theology in a nutshell
- Romans 7 Struggle with sin
- Romans 8 Life in the Spirit
- 1 Corinthians 13 Paul's description of love
- 1 Corinthians 15 Afterlife thoughts
- Galatians 5 Freedom in Christ
- Ephesians 3 Paul's mission summary
- Philippians 2 Imitating Christ

3 TIMELESS OLD TESTAMENT STORIES

- Genesis 1 The story of creation
- Genesis 3 The origin of sin
- Genesis 22 Abraham and Isaac
- Exodus 3 Moses' encounter with God
- Exodus 20 The Ten Commandments
- I Samuel 17 David and Goliath
- II Samuel 11 David and Bathsheba
- II Samuel 12 Nathan rebukes the king
- I Kings 18 Elijah & the prophets of Baal
- Job 38 God's answer to Job
- Psalm 51 A classic confession
- Isaiah 40 Words of comfort from God
- Daniel 6 Daniel and lion's den
- Amos 4 A prophet's stern warning

4 GOD'S PLAN FOR RESTORING RELATIONSHIPS

- Genesis 3 The first sin creates a need
- Isaiah 52 Salvation prophesied
- Isaiah 53 The role of the suffering servant
- Luke 15 Three stories about God's love
- John 3 Jesus explains "born again"
- John 10 The good shepherd
- Acts 8 Spread beyond the Jews
- Acts 26 Paul tells his story to a king
- Romans 3 God's provision for sin
- Romans 5 Peace with God
- Galatians 3 Salvation not earned through the law
- Ephesians 2 New life in Christ
- I Peter 1 Future rewards of salvation
- II Peter 1 Making your salvation sure

5 LEARNING TO PRAY BY OTHERS' EXAMPLES

- Genesis 18 Abraham's plea for Sodom
- Exodus 15 Moses' song to the Lord
- Exodus 33 Moses meets with God
- II Samuel 7 David's response to God's promises
- I Kings 8 Solomon's dedication of the temple
- II Chronicles 20 Jehoshaphat prays for victory
- Ezra 9 Ezra's prayer for people's sins
- Psalm 22 A cry to God for help
- Psalm 104 A prayer of praise
- Daniel 9 Daniel's prayer for Jerusalem
- Habakkuk 3 A prophet's prayer of acceptance
- Matthew 6 The Lord's prayer
- John 17 Jesus' prayer for His disciples
- Colossians 1 Paul's prayer of thanksgiving

6 A CLOSER LOOK AT THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Judges 14 The Spirit gives Samson strength
- I Samuel 10 King Saul's experience
- Matthew 3:1-4:10 Role in Jesus' baptism and temptation
- John 14 Jesus promises the Spirit
- John 16 The work of the Spirit
- Acts 2 The Spirit comes at Pentecost
- Acts 10 Spirit accepts the Gentiles
- Romans 8 Christian's victory in the Spirit
- I Corinthians 2 Wisdom from the Spirit
- I Corinthians 12 Gifts of the Spirit
- I Corinthians 14 Gifts of tongues and prophecy
- Galatians 5 Life in the Spirit
- Ephesians 4 Unity and the gifts
- I John 4 Signs of the Spirit