

# BIBLE READING PLAN

## Wondering where to begin reading the Bible?

Starting to read the Bible can seem pretty intimidating. Unlike most books you read, you don't have to begin reading the Bible on page one. In fact, we recommend that you start by getting familiar with the life and teachings of Jesus Christ through the chapters listed in this booklet (Topic 1), to give you a basic foundation of your faith.

The following reading courses take you quickly into passages of the Bible every Christian will want to know. Spend two weeks on the first topic, then work your way through the others.

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### 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 resurrection

### 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's 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 the lion's den
- Amos 4: A prophet's stern warning

### 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

### PAUL SPREADS THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

- Acts 9: The conversion of Saul
- Acts 16: Paul's Macedonian call and a 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
- I Corinthians 13: Paul's description of love
- I Corinthians 15: Afterlife thoughts
- Galatians 5: Freedom in Christ
- Ephesians 3: Paul's mission summary
- Philippians 2: Imitating Christ

### 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

### 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