



BRING IT HOME

Reading the Great Stories of the Bible

WEEK 26-27 | READINGS 76-81

June 30-July 13

76. THE BOY JESUS IN THE TEMPLE—Luke 2:39-52

WEEK 26 | June 30-July 6

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ What did Jesus and His parents do in Jerusalem?
- ◆ In verse 51, Luke tells us that Jesus was “submissive” to his parents. But Jesus is God’s Son! Why was it important for Jesus to be submissive, listen, and obey his parents?

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank You for learning God’s Word so well and teaching me how important it is for my faith and life. Amen.

77. JOHN PREPARES THE WAY—Mark 1:1-8

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ What kind of job do you want to have when you grow up? Or, what is your dream job?
- ◆ John baptizes with water, what did Jesus baptize with? In our own baptism, what are we baptized with?

Prayer: Lord God, thank You for sending John to prepare the way for Jesus. Open my ears to listen to his message and prepare me for Jesus’ coming, that I may talk to others about their Savior so they’ll be ready for His coming too. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

78. THE BAPTISM OF JESUS—Matthew 3:13-17

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Why did John baptize Jesus? (One reason is to affirm Jesus’ identity with sinners and to provide them with perfect righteousness.)
- ◆ What is so special about being baptized?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Jesus to be baptized and making me Your own child when You baptized me. By Your Holy Spirit within me, remind me, that when I sin, to turn to You in repentance and faith for forgiveness. Jesus’ name. Amen.

79. THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS—Mathew 4:1-11

WEEK 27 | July 7-13

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ What did Jesus use to defeat the temptations of Satan? (Hint: What did Jesus quote from?)
- ◆ How might God’s Word help us when we are tempted to sin?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, the power of Your Word chases away temptation. Keep us strongly tied to Your Word and keep us safe in Your presence. Amen.

80. JESUS CALLS DISCIPLES—Luke 5:1-11

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ If you could go on an adventure, where would you want to go? Who would you go with?
- ◆ Why did the disciples leave everything behind to follow Jesus?

Prayer: Dear Jesus, You called the disciples to follow, and they did. Keep our ears and our hearts attentive to Your Word as You have called us in our baptism. Teach us always to follow You. Amen.

81. JESUS CHANGES WATER INTO WINE—John 2:1-12

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Why did Jesus do miracles? (Hint: What was Jesus revealing by doing miracles?)
- ◆ Why do you think Jesus produced so many gallons of wine that was better than the good wine they first served at the wedding?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, Your miracles show us Your power and reign in this world. Remind us that You care about everything in our lives—no matter how big or how small. Amen.



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July 14-27

82. JESUS TEACHES NICODEMUS—John 3:1-21

WEEK 28 | July 14-20

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ According to Jesus, how are we “born again”? (Hint: Look at verse 5.)
- ◆ John 3:16 is often called “The Gospel in a Nutshell”. Why? How do verses 17 through 21 effect how you read John 3:16?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, You loved us so much You sent Your one and only Son, Jesus, that He might give us His life to pay for our sins. Thank You for Your mercy, which has brought us out of darkness into Your light, and changed our lives forever. Amen.

83. JESUS AND THE SAMARITAN WOMAN—John 4:1-45

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ When the Samaritan woman found out who Jesus was, what was her first reaction?
- ◆ Think of 3 people you know who need the forgiveness of sins offered to them in Jesus. Pray for them by name and ask God to give you an opportunity to invite them to a worship service with you.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, there are people around me who need Your mercy and grace. Give me an opportunity to make a difference in their lives with Your love. Give me the strength of faith to carry through. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

84. JESUS REJECTED AT NAZARETH—Luke 4:16-30

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Re-read the words Jesus spoke from the prophet Isaiah (verses 18-19). How did Jesus fulfill these words in His ministry?
- ◆ Some hearing Jesus were upset that He was including Gentiles (non-Jews) in God’s salvation plan. Who might be some people groups (ethnicities, nationalities, religions, etc.) we might think are outside of God’s salvation plan today? How might we pray?

Prayer: Lord, the entire world needs Your mercy and forgiveness. Please let Your light and forgiveness shine over all those in our community, our state, our nation, and the world. Continue to teach us how all people are included in God’s salvation plan. Amen.

85. JESUS HEALS A PARALYZED MAN—Mark 2:1-12

WEEK 29 | July 21-27

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Why did Jesus make a point of publicly forgiving the paralyzed man’s sins?
- ◆ What do you think people thought when they saw this paralyzed man walk out fully healed after talking to Jesus?

Prayer: Dear Jesus, I believe Your Word. I have faith in the forgiveness of sins You won for me on the cross. Keep my eyes fixed on Your promises. Amen.

86. THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT—Matthew 5-7

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ As Jesus’ lights, what did He command us to do? How can we do that among our family, friends, and neighbors?
- ◆ Jesus also tells us to “love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us”. Think about someone you’re in conflict with. How can you pray for them?

Prayer: God we build our lives on Your mercy. Shine the light of Your love through us that others may know of Your grace. Amen.

87. JESUS CALMS A STORM—Mark 4:35-41

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ What are some things which cause you to be afraid?
- ◆ When the disciples were afraid of the storm, what did Jesus say to change their situation? What did Jesus ultimately do on the cross to change our situation?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, even the wind and the rain obey You. Give us faith to trust in You boldly, knowing that You are in complete control and will always have our backs. Amen.