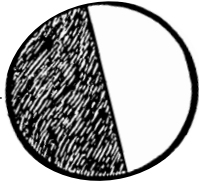


# Daily Words

Words from the Bible for every day

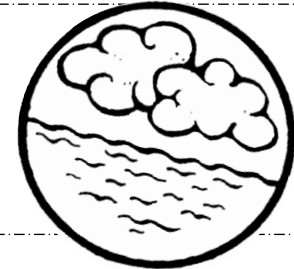
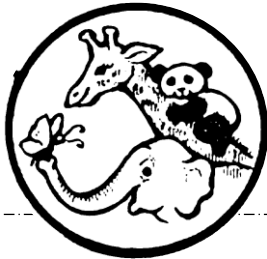


Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path – Psalm 119.105



# God's creation

In the beginning God created the heaven and earth – Genesis 1.1



1 January – God created light

Read Genesis 1.1-5

In the first chapter of the Bible we read that God made everything. Before God created anything, there was nothing: only God Himself. God has always been there and will always be there. He is eternal.

God did not use anything to create. He spoke and it was. He said, 'Let there be light'. And there was light. God can do anything He wants.

**Question: What does it mean to you that God is always there?**



## **2 January – The sky**

Read Genesis 1.6-8

On the second day God created the sky. Above the sky is Heaven, where God lives. Everyone who is His child will be with Him in Heaven forever.

## **3 January – Land, seas, plants and trees**

Read Genesis 1.9-13

God made special places for the water to be: seas, rivers and dams. After doing that, dry land could be seen. God called the dry land earth. He also made plants and trees.

## **4 January – Sun, moon and stars**

Read Genesis 1.14-19

The sun we see during day is created by God. The moon and stars are also created by Him. The Bible tells us that God is like the sun. God is perfectly good.

## **5 January – Animals**

Read Genesis 1.20-23

On the fifth day God created all the animals that live in the sky and water. Everything that God created is so beautiful.

## **6 January – More animals and human being**

Read Genesis 1.24-31

On the sixth day God created all other animals. He also created Adam, the first human being. God used Adam's bone to create Eve. Everything was in perfect harmony: God, humans and the rest of creation.

## **7 January – God rested**

Read Genesis 2.1-3

On the seventh day God did not create anything. He enjoyed His perfect creation. God also gives us one special day a week to have extra time to praise and honour Him. That day is Sunday.

# Adam and Eve in Paradise

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God – Romans 3.23

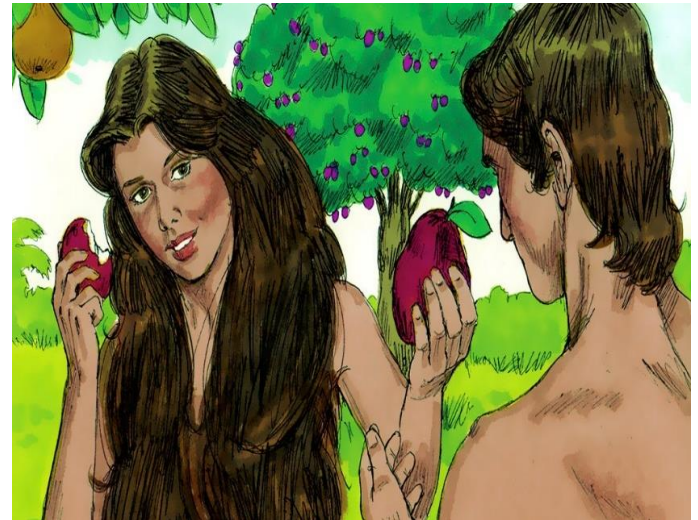
**8 January – After creation**

Read Genesis 3.1-5

God's creation was good. God, Adam and Eve and all animals were happy. They enjoyed being together. There were many trees in Paradise. Adam and Eve ate their fruits. There was one tree they were not allowed to eat from. That tree was a tree of knowledge of good and evil. God told Adam and Eve that if they ate from that tree, they would not be happy anymore. They would not live, but die and be separated from God. God did not want them to be unhappy. God forbade them to eat from that tree.

But Satan wanted Adam and Eve to be unhappy. Satan is God's enemy. Satan lied to Eve. He said they would not die if they ate from the tree, but be like God. Satan still wants to destroy everything and make everyone unhappy.

**Question: Do you listen to God or Satan? How is it seen in your daily life whom you obey?**



### **9 January – Disobedience**

Read Genesis 3.6-8

Eve thought it was true what satan said. She ate from the tree. Adam did the same as his wife. They both disobeyed God. Disobedience is rebellion against God. It is sin. God hates sin.

### **10 January – God looked for Adam and Eve**

Read Genesis 3.9-13

God knew about the disobedience of Adam and Eve. But He still looked for them. God wants disobedient people to come back to Him and repent. He is merciful.

### **11 January – God promised Jesus**

Read Genesis 1.14 and 15

God did not let satan win. In verse 15 He promised to send His Son Jesus Christ. Jesus came to die on the cross. He conquered satan and sin. God is stronger than satan.

### **12 January – The earth is cursed**

Read Genesis 3.16-19

Because of sin, the whole earth is cursed. The problems we face in our daily lives are consequences of the first sin in Paradise. One day we will die.

### **13 January – Sent away**

Read Genesis 3.20-24

Adam and Eve were sent out of Paradise and they could not return. They knew they would die. The only way to have eternal life is through Jesus.

### **14 January – The only Way to be saved**

Read Romans 3.23 and 24

Everyone is disobedient to God. We are sinners. God does not want sinners to be with Him in Heaven. Your sins need to be removed. Jesus is able and willing to remove your sins.

# The Bible is God's Word

I will delight myself in Thy statutes: I will not forget Thy Word – Psalm 119.16

**15 January – God's message**

Read 2 Peter 1.20 and 21

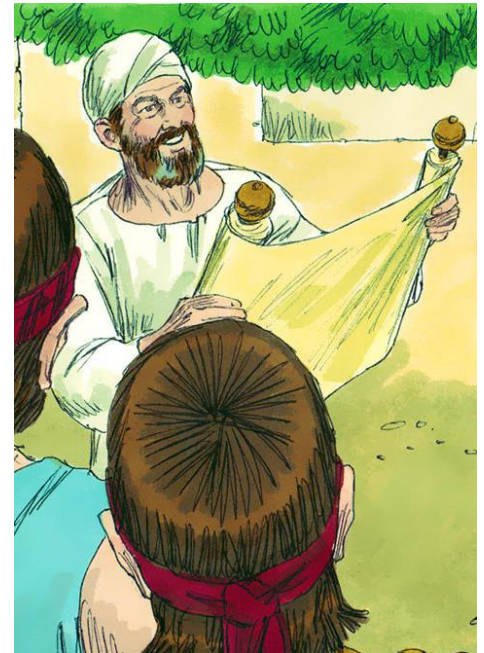
In our daily lives we like to hear from our families and friends. We like to receive messages. The Bible also is a message. It is a message from God. When we read the Bible, God speaks to us.

In the Bible we read who God is. There is only one God. God exists of three Persons: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus) and God the Holy Spirit. This is called God's Trinity.

The Bible has two parts. The first part is called the Old Testament. In the Old Testament we read what happened before Jesus was born. In the New Testament we read about Jesus' birth and what happened after that.

God used different people to write down His words, like Moses, Isaiah, Luke and Paul. Some books in the Bible tell us about people's lives. Other books are songs or letters that were written to Christians, the people who belong to Jesus Christ. There is a lot to learn!

**Question: What does the Bible mean to you?**



### **16 January – A light**

Read Psalm 119.105

If we go outside in the night, we need a light. Without light it is dangerous. The Bible is like a light. It tells us about God and about sin. It tells us about Jesus. Living without a Bible is dangerous.

### **17 January – The Bible is important**

Read 2 Timothy 3.16 and 17

The Bible teaches us everything we need to know. If you want to be a true Christian, you cannot live without the Bible.

### **18 January – Jesus**

Read John 5.39

The Bible helps us to find Jesus. We need to know Jesus to be saved from our sins. If we have found Jesus, we have eternal life. Pray to God to help you understand what the Bible says.

### **19 January – A guide**

Read Psalm 119.9

The Bible tells us what is right and wrong. We cannot compromise on what God says about something being right or wrong (Exodus 20). Do you do what the Bible teaches you?

### **20 January – Remember God's words**

Read Deuteronomy 11.18-21

God wanted the Israelites to remember what He said. We should also remember what God says in the Bible. What can you do to remember what God says in the Bible?

### **21 January – Defeating satan and sin**

Read Matthew 4.1-11

Satan wanted Jesus to sin. Jesus refused to disobey God. Jesus used God's words to defeat satan. If we want to defeat satan and sin, we need to know what the Bible says.

# Noah's Ark

For the LORD God is a Sun and Shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly – Psalm 84.11



**22 January – What God saw**

Read Genesis 6.5-10

God lives in Heaven, but He sees what happens on earth. He knows what we do, say and think.

When God looked at the offspring of Adam and Eve, He was not happy. The people were focused on themselves and not on God (Matthew 24.38). God was disappointed. He said it would be better if everybody died. That would be their punishment.

There was one man who was God's friend. That man was Noah. God decided to rescue Noah and his family.

**Question: What does God see when He looks at your life?**



### **23 January – Noah built an ark**

Read Genesis 6.11-14

God told Noah to build a big boat. Inside the ark it would be safe for Noah's family and many animals. Noah did what God told him to do. He warned others to stop sinning and to repent, but they laughed at him.

### **24 January – Too late**

Read Genesis 7.11-16

The heavy rains fell. The animals and Noah's family were safe in the ark. For the other people it was too late to repent and find safety. Repent from your sins today before it is too late.

### **25 January – No safety outside**

Read Genesis 7.17-24

Everyone outside of the ark drowned. That was God's punishment. We also need to be punished. Because of our sins, we deserve to be in hell when we die. Hell is the worst place; it is where satan lives. The only way to escape is Jesus.

### **26 January – Dry again**

Read Genesis 8.6-14

The waters gradually disappeared. After some time, Noah sent birds out to find out if all the water had disappeared. At a certain moment he knew that all the water had gone. The earth was dry again.

### **27 January – Out of the ark**

Read Genesis 8.15-22

God's punishment was over. God told Noah to leave the ark and start a new life on earth. Noah built an altar to thank God. Noah was grateful to God that He had protected them.

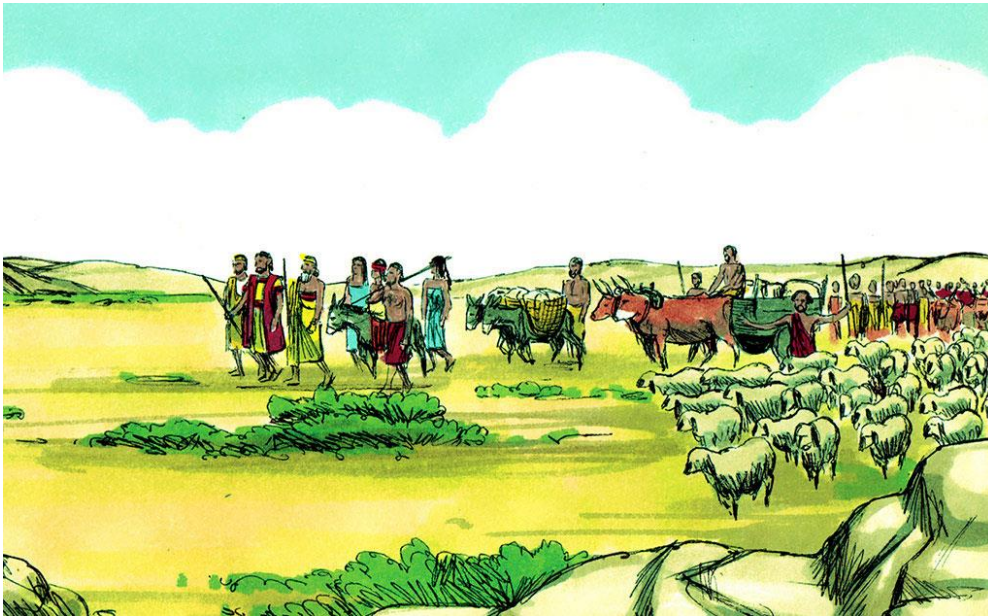
### **28 January – The rainbow**

Read Genesis 9.8-16

God promised Noah that He would never again destroy the earth through a flood. The rainbow is a sign of God's promise. Whenever we see the rainbow, we are reminded of the story of Noah and God's mercy.

# Abraham's life

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should receive for an inheritance, obeyed – Hebrews 11.8a



**29 January – God called Abram**

Read Genesis 12.1-5

God told Abram to leave his family and land. Abram had to depend on God alone. God promised Abram he would have many children, despite his age. Abram had to learn that God keeps His promises. Abram obeyed God. He left everything, and with a few people he started his journey. They reached a land called Canaan.

**Question: How do you obey  
God in your life?**

### **30 January – Counting the stars**

Read Genesis 15.1-5

A lot had happened since Abram started his journey. He still had no child and worried. God told him his family would be as many as the stars. Abram believed: he trusted he would surely have a child, although it seemed to be impossible.

### **31 January – A plan**

Read Genesis 16.1-4 and 16.15

Abram and Sara still had no child. They decided it would be better if Abram had a child with their maid. The child's name was Ishmael. That caused a lot of problems. They should have waited for God. Do you wait for God?

### **1 February – God's promise**

Read Genesis 18.1-15

God had called Abram Abraham and Sarah Sarai. He reassured them of having a child. After some time, God visited them. He promised again that they would have a child. Sarah could not believe that to be true.

### **2 February – The birth of Isaac**

Read Genesis 21.1-7

After many years God fulfilled His promise. Abraham and Sarah received a son. They called him Isaac. It might take long, but God always does what He says.

### **3 February – Ishmael sent away**

Read Genesis 21.8-13

Ishmael was not kind to Isaac. God wanted Abraham to send Ishmael and his mother Hagar away. Ishmael was not the promised child. Abraham obeyed God although at first he did not want to send them away.

### **4 February – The sacrifice**

Read Genesis 22.1-14

God tested Abraham's obedience. God gave him a ram that died in the place of Isaac. This teaches us about Jesus Christ. He died on the cross for the sins of His people to forgive them.

# Lot, Abram's nephew

And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly – 2 Peter 2.6



**5 February – Choosing where to live**

Read Genesis 13.5-13

Lot was Abram's nephew. Together they had many animals. There was not enough place for them all. They decided to separate. Lot chose the most fertile part of the country. Many wicked people lived in the part that Lot had chosen. Abram went to the less fertile part.

**Question: Would you have chosen a fertile area or an area where people obeyed God?**

### **6 February – Taken captive**

Read Genesis 14.8-12

There was war. Lot and his family were taken captive.

### **7 February – Freed**

Read Genesis 14.13-16

Abram heard that Lot and his family were taken captive. He took some people with him. They freed Lot's family and all their belongings. God cared for Lot.

### **8 February – Two angels**

Read Genesis 19.1-3

One night two angels came to Lot. He wanted them to stay with him. Lot cared for them. Do you care for visitors?

### **9 February – The men of Sodom**

Read Genesis 19.4-11

That night the men of Sodom came to Lot. They wanted the two visitors to come outside. They wanted to sin. Lot refused. The people of Sodom were very angry. The angels cared for Lot.

### **10 February – Fleeing**

Read Genesis 19.12-23

God had to punish Sodom. He wanted to save Lot and his family. They had to flee. It was hard for Lot to leave. The angels helped him. Lot had to hurry to be safe. We need to hurry to find safety in Jesus.

### **11 February – Destroyed**

Read Genesis 19.24-26

God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. Lot's wife was disobedient. She was punished. We are in danger because of our sins. If we repent from our sins and believe in Jesus, we are safe.

# God is just and right

A God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He  
Deuteronomy 32.4b

**12 February – Only God is right**

Read Romans 3.10-18

In the story of Lot, God showed that He is right and just. God punishes what is bad and rewards what is good in His eyes. What God does is always right. God alone is perfectly right.

The Bible says that no one is good in God's eyes. We all fail to reach God's standard. We all fail because our hearts are sinful. We are all unrighteous. The righteous God hates unrighteousness.

If we repent from sin and believe in Jesus as our personal Saviour, Jesus cleanses us from our sin and from our unrighteousness. Through Jesus we can become right in God's eyes.



### **13 February – Result**

Read Romans 1.18

The Bible says that God is angry about unrighteousness. We need Jesus to take away our sin and God's wrath against sin. If your sins are not forgiven by Jesus when you die, God will not allow you in Heaven.

### **14 February – Repent**

Read Ezekiel 33.18 and 19

If you repent from doing wrong, God will forgive you. Repentance means feeling sorry about everything you have done against God's will. It also means confessing it to God and that you will stop doing it.

### **15 February – Right in Jesus**

Read 2 Corinthians 5.20 and 21

By dying on the cross, Jesus bore the sin (which is unrighteousness) of His people. Those who depend on Him for salvation from their sin are good in God's eyes. They are right because of what Jesus has done for them.

### **16 February – Social justice**

Read Psalm 11.4-7

God wants everyone to do what is right. God teaches us in the Bible what is right and what is wrong. Jesus is our great example.

### **17 February – Longing for righteousness**

Read Matthew 5.1 and 2 and Matthew 5.6

Are you longing for righteousness in your daily life?  
Are you longing to be right in God's eyes?

### **18 February – God cares**

Read 1 Peter 3.8-12

If you are good in God's eyes, God cares for you. If you are not right in God's eyes, God is not with you. He knows everything that happens on earth. One day He will come to judge everyone.

# Isaac obeyed God

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another;  
as I have loved you, that ye also love one another – John 13.34

**19 February – A wife for Isaac**

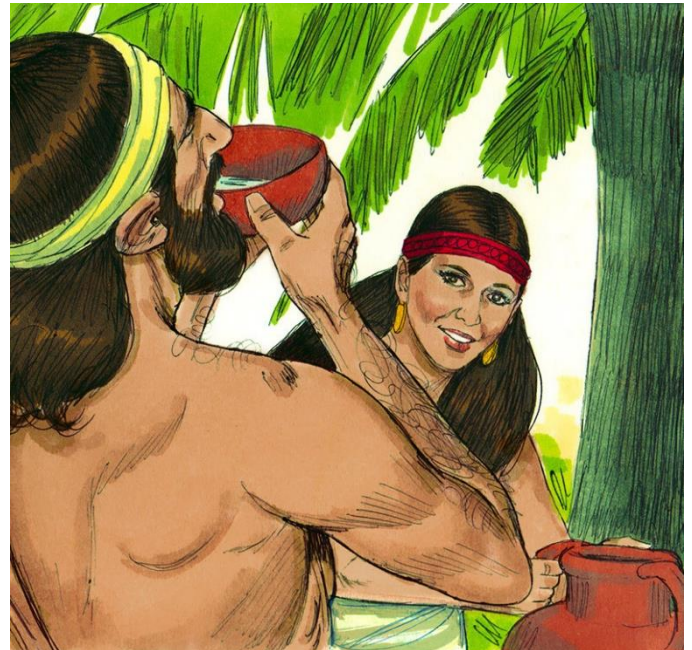
Read Genesis 24.1-9

Abraham's wife Sarah had died. Abraham himself was old. Isaac was God's special gift to Abraham and his wife. Many years later the Lord Jesus would be born from the family of Abraham and Isaac.

Abraham wanted his son Isaac to get married. He did not want Isaac to marry a Canaanite woman. Canaanites did not serve God. Isaac had to marry someone who loved God. We must be very careful whom we marry (or be married to). To marry someone who is not a Christian causes problems.

Abraham sent his servant to find a wife for Isaac. He trusted that God would help him to find the right person.

**Question: What is important to you with regards to marriage?**





### **20 February – Prayer**

Read Genesis 24.10-14

The first thing the servant did was pray. Prayer is important if you look for someone to marry or to be married to. Once you are married, you should continue praying to God for each other.

### **21 February – The prayer answered**

Read Genesis 24.15-27

God immediately answered the prayer. God hears our prayers. He answers them in the way He thinks is best for us. The servant praised God for His answer.

### **22 February – At Laban's house**

Read Genesis 24.28-33 and 24.50-53

Laban, Rebecca's brother, invited the servant to come to his house. There the servant explained how God had answered his prayer.

### **23 February – Rebecca**

Read Genesis 24.54-61

Rebecca understood that God wanted her to be Isaac's wife. She wanted to obey God and do His will.

### **24 February – Married**

Read Genesis 24.62-67

Isaac and Rebecca married. They received each other as a gift from God. Do you look at your husband/wife as being a gift from God?

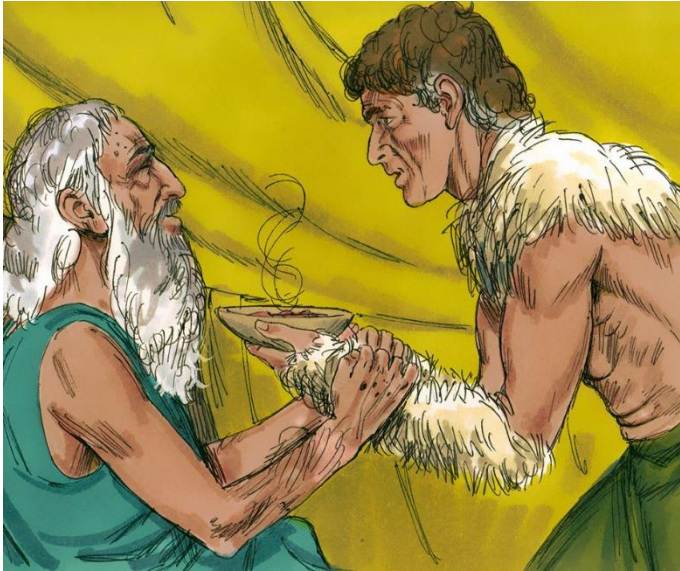
### **25 February – An example**

Read Ephesians 5.22-28

Marriage must be an image of the relation between God and His people. A wife must submit herself to her husband like God's children submit themselves to God. A husband must do what is best for his wife like God does what is best for His people.

# Jacob deceived his father

Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel – Proverbs 20.17



**26 February – Jacob and Esau**

Read Genesis 25.19-28

Isaac and Rebecca were married. They did not have a child. That was very sad. Isaac prayed to God for a child. We may ask God everything we need.

God answered Isaac's prayer. Rebecca became pregnant of twins. The boys were already troubling each other before they were born. Rebecca wondered about it. She asked God about it. God said that they would be fighting a lot. Even their descendants would hate each other. They would be two separate nations.

The firstborn was Esau. The second born was Jacob. Father Isaac loved Esau most. Mother Rebecca loved Jacob most.

**Question: What do you do when you need something?**

### **27 February – The great blessing**

Read Genesis 25.29-34

Esau asked Jacob for food. Jacob said he would give him food if Esau gave him his great blessing. That blessing was for the firstborns. Esau did not care about God's blessing.

### **28 February – Isaac wanted to bless Esau**

Read Genesis 27.1-5

Father Isaac knew he would die. He wanted to bless his son Esau with the great blessing. He told him to go to the field, find an animal and prepare a meal for him. Thereafter he would bless him.

### **29 February – Rebecca's plan**

Read Genesis 27.6-17

Rebecca heard what Isaac had said. She knew Jacob had to be blessed. She made a plan to deceive Isaac. That was wrong. Rebecca should have waited for God's time.

### **1 March – Jacob blessed by Isaac**

Read Genesis 27.18-29

Jacob went to his father Isaac and pretended he was Esau. Isaac blessed Jacob. Lying is sin. God wants us to be honest. Are you honest?

### **2 March – Esau wanted a blessing too**

Read Genesis 27.30-40

Esau came from the field. Isaac had already blessed Jacob. Esau also wanted a blessing. He cried. He was very sad and bitter about what had happened.

### **3 March – Jacob had to flee**

Read Genesis 27.41-46

Esau was very angry. Jacob had to flee for his life. Sin always causes problems between people. Which sin in your life causes problems for you?

# God cared for Jacob

Withhold not Thou Thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: let Thy lovingkindness and Thy truth continually preserve me – Psalm 40.11

**4 March – God is merciful**

Read Genesis 28.10-22

Jacob had to flee because of his sin. He had deceived his father. His brother was very angry with him. Jacob was alone.

One night, God revealed Himself to Jacob. God promised to care for him, despite his sin. Jacob was not alone. God was with him.

When Jacob woke up, he was surprised. He did not expect that God would be with him. He was surprised that God was so merciful.

Jacob thanked and loved God. He called that place Beth-el. He promised to come back to Beth-el if God would continue to care for him.

**Question: How do you respond to God's mercy?**



### **5 March – Jacob married Leah**

Read Genesis 29.13-24

Jacob had reached Laban's house. He agreed with Laban to marry Laban's daughter Rachel after working for seven years. Laban gave him his other daughter, Leah, instead. Jacob was deceived by Laban.

### **6 March – Jacob married Rachel**

Read Genesis 29.25-30

Jacob worked another seven years to marry Rachel. He loved Rachel more than Leah.

### **7 March – Jacob returned**

Read Genesis 31.3, 17 and 18

God told Jacob to go back to the land of his father Isaac. That land was called Canaan. Jacob went with his wives, children and belongings. God promised to be with him. Is God also with you?

### **8 March – God strengthened Jacob**

Read Genesis 32.3-8 and 32.24-32

Jacob feared his brother Esau. He prayed to God for help. He sent a gift to Esau. During the night the Lord visited Jacob to strengthen him. God gave him a new name: Israel. Jacob's descendants are the Israelites.

### **9 March – Jacob met Esau**

Read Genesis 33.1-4

God answered Jacob's prayer. Esau was not angry anymore. If we have a problem with someone, we should always look for reconciliation.

### **10 March – Back to Beth-el**

Read Genesis 35.1-5

God told Jacob to go back to Beth-el. He took his family with him. They threw away all the idols. They wanted to obey God alone. Do you have idols?

# Joseph in trouble

Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you – 1 Peter 5.7



**11 March – Joseph hated by his brothers**

Read Genesis 37.1-11

It can happen that parents favour one of their children. It often causes problems: children start to hate each other. That happened in Joseph's life.

Joseph's father Jacob was married to Rachel and Leah. Jacob had twelve sons and one daughter. Rachel was the mother of Joseph and Benjamin. Jacob loved them more than his other children who were born from Leah. Therefore, Joseph was hated by his brothers.

Joseph told his brothers what he dreamt. He had seen them bowing for him as if he was a king. His brothers hated him even more. Life was hard for Joseph. But God cared for him.

**Question: What do you do when other people trouble you?**

### **12 March – Joseph in the pit**

Read Genesis 37.18-28

Joseph's brothers wanted to kill him. Reuben, the oldest, did not want that. So they threw Joseph in a pit. Later on, he was sold and taken to Egypt. We should always help others like Reuben did.

### **13 March – The brothers lied**

Read Genesis 37.29-36

Joseph's brothers told their father Jacob that Joseph was killed by an animal. That was a lie. We can deceive others, but God always knows the truth. Do you deceive others?

### **14 March – Joseph in Egypt**

Read Genesis 39.1-20

Joseph refused to sin. He ended up in prison for something he had not done. Even if we obey God, we can get into trouble. We should tell God everything that troubles us.

### **15 March – Joseph in prison**

Read Genesis 39.21-23

Joseph did not despair in prison, because God looked after him. Joseph was allowed to help the prison keeper. The keeper saw that Joseph was different from the other prisoners.

### **16 March – Joseph asked for help**

Read Genesis 40.1-15

With God's help Joseph explained the dream of the cupbearer. He asked the cupbearer to plead for him when the cupbearer would be released.

### **17 March – Joseph forgotten**

Read Genesis 40.16-23

Joseph also explained the meaning of the baker's dream. It happened as Joseph had told them. The cupbearer did not do what he promised. He forgot Joseph. God did not forget Joseph.

# Joseph and his brothers reconciled

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you – Ephesians 4.32

**18 March – Pharaoh's dream**

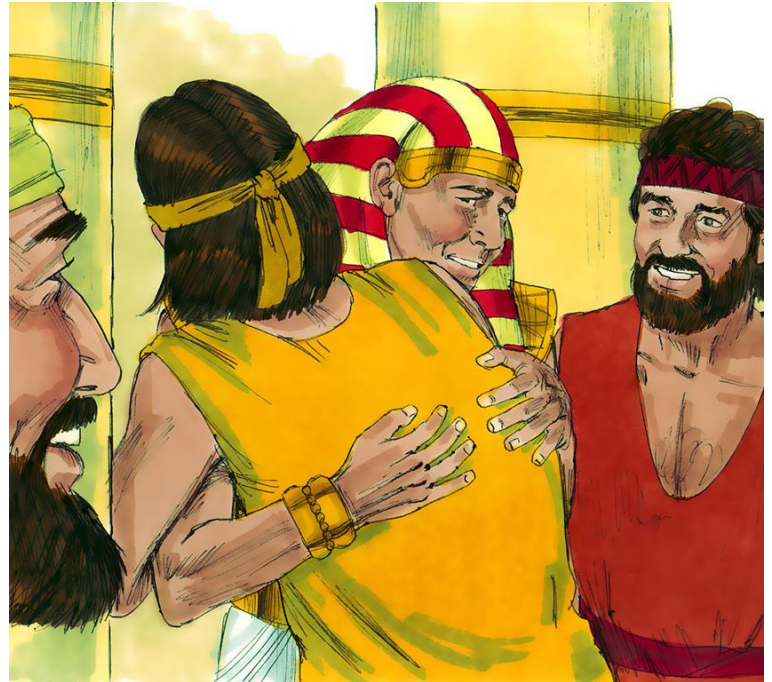
Read Genesis 41.14-24

In his dream the king of Egypt saw seven cows coming out of the water. They looked healthy: big and fat. After that he saw seven others coming from the water. They were very skinny. The skinny cows ate the fat cows, but they remained skinny.

The king dreamt again. He saw seven ears of corn full of grain that ate seven ears of corn that were empty. The king wondered about the dreams. Nobody could tell him the meaning.

When the cupbearer told the king about Joseph, Joseph was called to explain the meaning of the king's dreams. Joseph did not take revenge on the cupbearer for forgetting him. Joseph was kind and tenderhearted.

**Question: Are you kind and tenderhearted?**





### **19 March – The meaning of the dreams**

Read Genesis 41.25-32

With God's help Joseph explained the meaning of king Pharaoh's dreams. After seven good years of having a lot of food, seven hard years would follow. There would be a famine.

### **20 March – Out of prison**

Read Genesis 41.39-46

King Pharaoh wanted Joseph to assist him. Joseph had to build storage houses to make sure there would be food during the famine. God wanted Joseph to help the king. Joseph obeyed God who is the King of kings.

### **21 March – Joseph's brothers**

Read Genesis 42.6-20

Joseph's brothers came from Canaan to buy food. They did not recognize Joseph. Joseph tested them to see if they had changed their bad behaviour.

### **22 March – The brothers regretted their sin**

Read Genesis 42.21-25

Joseph's brothers started to realise they had done wrong to Joseph. Whenever we have done wrong, we should confess it. Is there a sin you need to confess today?

### **23 March – Joseph revealed himself**

Read Genesis 45.1-15

Many things had happened. Finally, Joseph told his brothers that he was Joseph. They were afraid that he would punish them. Joseph did not do that. He forgave them. We should also forgive each other.

### **24 March – Joseph's brothers confessed the lie**

Read Genesis 45.25-28

The brothers explained to their father what had happened in Egypt. They also confessed that they had deceived him. We too should confess and repent from our sins.

# God's love

We love Him, because He first loved us - 1 John 4.19

**25 March – God is love**

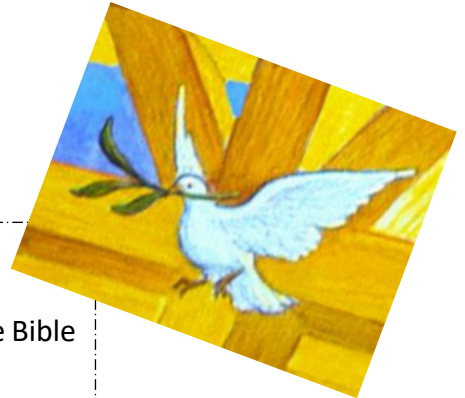
Read 1 John 4.7-10

Last week we read the story of Joseph. Joseph loved his brothers. The Bible says that the source of real love is God. God is love.

In our daily life we can love other people for many reasons. Most of the time we love people who give us something like food, a future, a place to stay, clothes or other things. Often love is about receiving.

God's love is different from human love. He does not love us because of what we give Him. He gives out of love. God's love is free. His love is pure compassion. Out of love He wants to save rebellious people from being lost without Him (John 3.16).

**Question: What does God's love mean to you?**



### **26 March – God’s commandment**

Read Matthew 22.37-40

God wants us to love Him. He is our Creator. He deserves our love and praise. He also wants us to love everyone else.

### **27 March – God decides to love**

Read Deuteronomy 7.6-8

The reason God loved the people of Israel was not because they were special. God loved them because He wanted to love them.

### **28 March – Saving love**

Read Romans 5.6-8

Jesus Christ did not die to save special people. He died to save unrighteous, powerless and sinful people. He died to make them God’s friends. His love is amazing!

### **29 March – Loving our enemies**

Read Matthew 5.43-48

God wants us to love everyone. Even our enemies. God loves sinners (His enemies) and we should do the same. Jesus is our example.

### **30 March – Loving God**

Read 1 John 4.19-21

Our love to God is a result of His love to us. Our love to God is a gift from God. God provides everything we need to serve Him. Do you love God?

### **31 March – Acting love**

Read 1 John 3.16-18

Love is not just a feeling or a word. Love means to do what is right and seek the best for everyone. Do not look at what you can receive, but what you can give. How can you help the people around you?

# Moses, God's servant

That ye may know how that I am the LORD – Exodus 10.2b



## 1 April – The birth of Moses

### Read Exodus 2.1-10

Joseph had died in Egypt. He and his brothers had many children. They were called the Israelites. There was a new king in Egypt. He did not like the Israelites. He used them as slaves. All newborn Israelite boys were killed. When Moses was born his mother hid him. He was found by the king's daughter. Moses was raised as an Egyptian in the palace. God wanted him to survive because He had a special task for Moses to do.

**Question: What task has God given you to do in your life?**

### **2 April – Moses had to flee**

Read Exodus 2.11-15

Moses loved the Israelites. He knew it is better to belong to God's troubled people than to live in prosperity without God (Hebrews 11.24-26). What do you prefer?

### **3 April – God called Moses**

Read Exodus 3.1-14

God heard the prayers of the Israelites. He told Moses to lead them out of Egypt and bring them to Canaan. God promised to go with them. Is God also with you?

### **4 April – Moses and Aaron before the king**

Read Exodus 5.1 and 2 and 7.1-6

Moses and his brother Aaron went to the king of Egypt to ask for permission to leave. The king refused to let the Israelites go. If you do God's will you will often find opposition.

### **5 April – The plagues**

Read Exodus 7.14-25

God punished the Egyptians because they did not allow the Israelites to go. Water turned into blood. The king still refused to obey God, so God sent other plagues (Exodus 8, 9 and 10). Do you obey God?

### **6 April – Blood on the doorposts**

Read Exodus 12.1-13

The Israelites who put the blood of a lamb on their doorposts were safe inside their homes. A lamb died for the firstborn to be safe. It reminds us of Jesus. He died to save His children from God's wrath over their sin.

### **7 April – Set free from Egypt**

Read Exodus 12.29-36

Many Egyptian firstborns were killed, because their houses did not have blood on the doorposts. The Israelites got permission to go and take whatever they wanted with them.

# Journey through the desert

Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear Him  
Deuteronomy 13.4a

## 8 April – God looked after His people

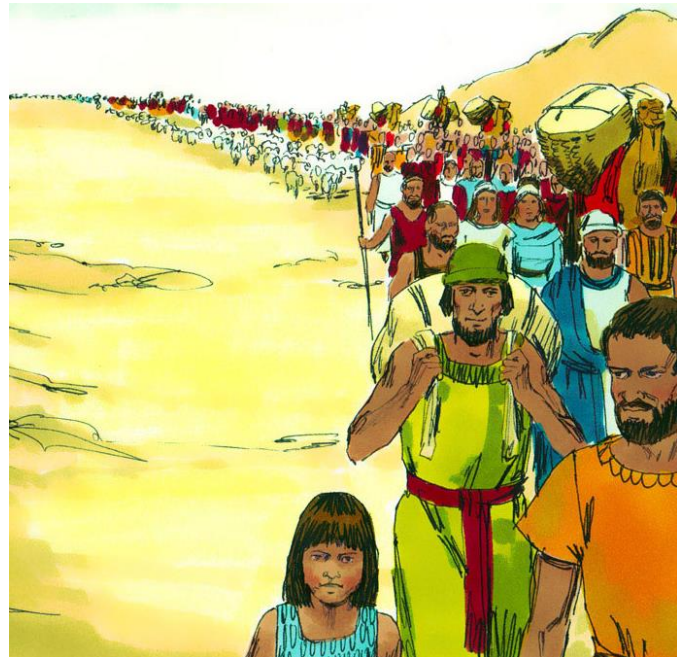
Read Exodus 13.21-22 and 15.22-25

The Israelites left Egypt and started their journey to the promised land Canaan. God used a cloud to show them where to go. During the day the cloud provided shade. During the night it gave light to protect them. God was with them every moment of the day. If God is with you, you are always safe.

Even if God is with you, you can face problems. The Israelites also faced a problem. The water was not drinkable. Instead of complaining, they should have prayed to God. Complaining is a sin.

Although the Israelites sinned, God helped them. He made the water drinkable. God looked after them. He looks after us too, especially after His children.

**Question: How do you see God's care in your life?**



### **9 April – Complaining**

Read Exodus 16.1-12

God had cared for the Israelites. But they complained again. They wanted to have nice food. God is merciful. He promised to give them what they wanted.

### **10 April – Bread from Heaven**

Read Exodus 16.13-21

God gave everyone food. There was enough to eat. God told them not to save the food. Every day He would provide. Food is God's gift to us. What food have you received from God today?

### **11 April – The seventh day**

Read Exodus 16.22-31

On the seventh day, God wanted the people to rest. On the sixth day, He provided enough food for two days. God is happy when we obey Him.

### **12 April – God is stronger**

Read Exodus 17.8-13

God showed that He is stronger than the enemies. God is stronger than anyone. Even in our lives. We need to ask Him for His power to fight against sin and satan.

### **13 April – The Ten Commandments**

Read Exodus 20

The Israelites were afraid when God revealed Himself. God is so great and holy, and people are sinful. He gave them His law to obey Him. Through the Ten Commandments we know how sinful we are.

### **14 April – Disobedient to God**

Read Exodus 32.1-14 and 32.30-35

The Israelites made a golden calf. They said it was their god. They forgot their promise to serve God. God was angry. He cannot accept any sin. We need His power to serve Him.

# In the desert

To Him which led His people through the wilderness: for His mercy endureth for ever – Psalm 136.16



## 15 April - Jealousy

Read Numbers 12.1-9

Miriam and Aaron were jealous. They did not like Moses being the most important leader of the Israelites. They thought they were also important. It is sin to be proud and jealous. Moses did not get angry. He was patient. But God was angry. He explained that He had chosen Moses to be the leader.

**Question: Are you jealous?**



### **16 April – Punishment**

Read Numbers 12.10-16

Miriam got sick because of her sin. Aaron was scared. Moses prayed for Miriam. He asked God to heal her. Moses was kind. How do you respond when people are jealous?

### **17 April – The spies**

Read Numbers 13.17-25

Moses sent spies to Canaan. He wanted them to see what the land looked like. The land was very good. There were lots of fruits. God promised them a very good country.

### **18 April – The spies reported**

Read Numbers 13.26-33

Some spies said that it would be impossible to conquer the people in Canaan. Others said that God would help them, because God had promised them the land. Do you trust what God says or what men say?

### **19 April – God's punishment**

Read Numbers 14.1-10

The Israelites lost hope. They wanted to go back to Egypt. God punished the Israelites for not depending on His power. They had to wander in the desert for 40 years (Numbers 14.33).

### **20 April – Snakes**

Read Numbers 21.4-9

The Israelites complained about the food God gave them. God sent snakes as punishment. The Israelites prayed. God healed those who looked at the copper serpent. Everyone who looks unto Jesus will be healed from sin.

### **21 April – In Canaan**

Read Joshua 6.2-16 and 6.20

For many years the Israelites had been in the desert. A lot had happened. Many had died. Finally God gave them the promised land. The first city they conquered was Jericho. God keeps His promises.

# God is perfect

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come – Revelation 4.8b

## 22 April – The prophet Isaiah saw God

### Read Isaiah 6.1-5

As we read over the past weeks, the Israelites in the desert were punished because of their sins. People have sins, but God does not have any. He is holy. That means that God is perfect, pure, glorious, great and almighty. God is different from men.

When the prophet Isaiah saw God, he understood that God is holy. God is so perfect that even the angels covered their faces. They feared God. The prophet Isaiah knew that he was not perfect. He was scared that he would die because God is so holy and he was not. The prophet Isaiah humbled himself.

**Question: What does it mean to you that God is holy?**



### **23 April – Glorify God**

Read Psalm 99

God is King of the whole earth. Everybody should humble himself/herself and praise God. That is the purpose of our lives. We must serve and praise God in everything we do.

### **24 April – God sees everything**

Read Psalm 11.4-7

God is in Heaven. He sees and knows everything that people do. He knows if you obey Him. He knows when you sin.

### **25 April – Praising God for His holiness**

Read 1 Samuel 2.1 and 2

When Hannah prayed, she confessed that God is holy. There is no one like God. Do you praise God for His holiness?

### **26 April – God’s Word is holy**

Read Psalm 19.7-9

God Himself is holy. God’s Word, the Bible, is also holy. It is a very precious Book.

### **27 April – Being holy through Jesus**

Read 1 Corinthians 6.9-11

People whose sins are washed away by Jesus’ blood are holy in the eyes of God. They cannot live a holy life. They need the power of God to fight sin and to strive for holiness.

### **28 April – Live a holy life**

Read 1 Peter 1.14-16

God wants Christians to be like Him. They should live a holy life. They should be different from people who do not know God. Christians should always do what God wants.

# Samson's life

Only fear the LORD, and serve Him in truth with all your heart  
1 Samuel 12.24a

**29 April – A child promised**

Read Judges 13.1-14

The Israelites had forgotten about God. They worshiped idols. God sent the Philistines to fight against them. The Israelites were in trouble.

Manoah and his wife were Israelites. They did not have a child. One day an Angel told Manoah's wife that they would have a child. That Angel was God Himself. Their child Samson would serve God and save the Israelites from the Philistines. That is why he was not allowed to drink wine. And his hair should not be cut. That was a sign of serving God.

When Manoah heard about it he also wanted to hear the message from the Angel. He prayed to God. God answered his prayer. The Angel came to tell him about the child that would be born.

**Question: What does it mean to you to serve God?**



### **30 April – An offer for God**

Read Judges 13.15-25

Manoah offered a goat. The Angel disappeared. Manoah and his wife realised that the Angel was God. They were scared. How would you feel in God's presence?

### **1 May – A Philistine woman**

Read Judges 14.1-9

Samson wanted to marry a Philistine woman. They went to see her. Samson killed a lion. He was strong. After some time, Samson found the body of the lion with bees in it. He did not tell anyone about it.

### **2 May – A wedding**

Read Judges 14.10-20

Samson gave a riddle. The guests of the wedding knew the answer, because Samson's wife had told them. Samson was angry. He killed 30 Philistines. He gave their clothes to the guests of the wedding.

### **3 May – In Gaza**

Read Judges 16.1-3

Samson spend a night at a prostitute's house. That was sin. The Philistines came to capture Samson. He escaped. Samson was very strong. God gave him strength to fight against the Philistines.

### **4 May – Delilah**

Read Judges 16.4-21

Delilah wanted to help the Philistines to capture Samson. She cut Samson's hair. Samson was not strong anymore. He was caught by the Philistines. They cut his eyes out of his head. God cannot accept sin.

### **5 May – Samson's death**

Read Judges 16.22-31

God was with Samson again. Samson asked God for power to kill the Philistines. Many died. Samson also died. God's honour was more important to Samson than his own life. What is most important to you?

# Ruth's decision

And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My Name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life – Matthew 19.29

## 6 May – In Moab

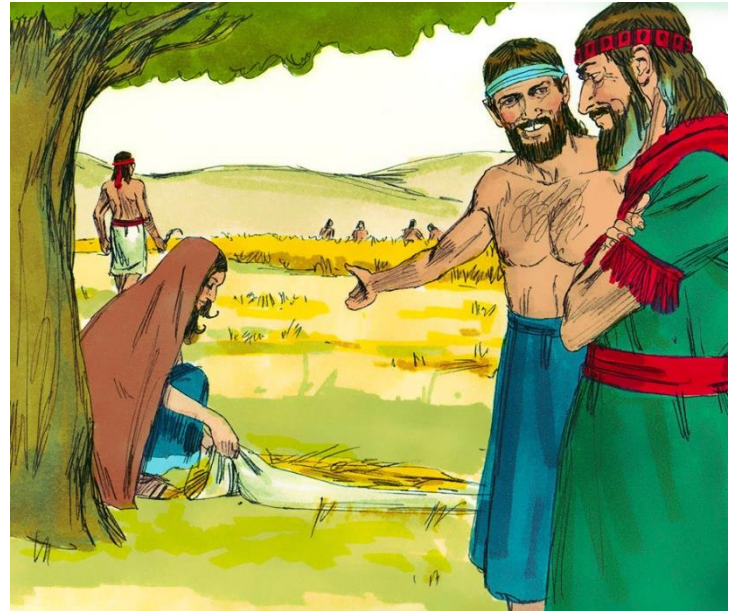
### Read Ruth 1.1-5

The Israelites continued to disobey God. God punished them with a famine. Everybody was hungry.

Elimelech and his wife Naomi decided to go to another country. They went to Moab. In Moab there was food. They went with their sons Mahlon and Chilion.

In Moab Elimelech died. Mahlon and Chilion married. Their wives were Orpah and Ruth. For 10 years they lived in Moab. Mahlon and Chilion also died.

**Question: Why do we need to ask God for help when we make a decision?**



### **7 May – Orpah’s decision**

#### Read Ruth 1.6-14

Naomi wanted to go back to Israel. The famine was over. She told her daughters-in-law to stay in Moab. Orpah decided to stay. Ruth wanted to go with Naomi.

### **8 May – Ruth’s decision**

#### Read Ruth 1.15-18

Ruth wanted to belong to the Israelites. She wanted to serve God. She did not want to serve the idols in Moab anymore. Who do you want to serve?

### **9 May – Naomi and Ruth arrived**

#### Read Ruth 1.19-22

Naomi and Ruth reached Israel. The people could see that Naomi had suffered a lot. Naomi changed her name, because of the problems she had faced. They lived in Bethlehem.

### **10 May – In the field**

#### Read Ruth 2.1-3

Ruth cared for Naomi. She went to the field to find food. She worked in the field of Boaz. How do you look after your family?

### **11 May – Boaz and Ruth**

#### Read Ruth 2.4-13

Boaz heard that Ruth looked after Naomi. He was happy about that. He allowed Ruth to be in his field to find food. Ruth was surprised that Boaz was so kind to her.

### **12 May – God cared**

#### Read Ruth 2.14-23

Naomi was very happy when Ruth told her about Boaz. God cared for them. Later Boaz married Ruth (Ruth 3 and 4).

# Job in trouble

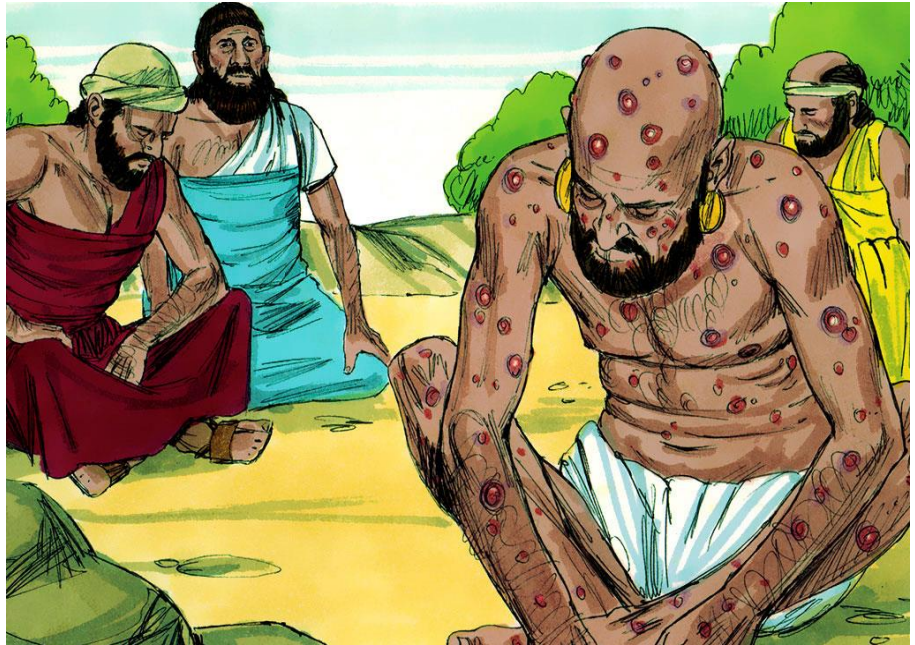
But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD; He is their strength in the time of trouble – Psalm 37.39

**13 May – Rich Job**

Read Job 1.1-5

The Bible says that Job obeyed God. He did not do wrong. He honoured God. He loved God. Job was very rich. He had many animals. Job was married and had 10 children. His children liked to have meals together. Job was afraid that they might sin. He prayed for them.

**Question: Who do you pray for?**





### **14 May – Satan’s plan**

Read Job 1.6-12

Satan hates God and God’s people. He said that Job would not serve God if he was poor. Satan got permission to take Job’s possessions. Satan can only do what God allows him. Even in our lives.

### **15 May – Job lost everything**

Read Job 1.13-19

Job lost everything he had. His animals and all his children died. How sad!

### **16 May – Job’s answer**

Read Job 1.20-22

Job was very sad about what happened. Nevertheless, he praised God. What do you do when you are in trouble?

### **17 May – Another plan**

Read Job 2.1-10

Satan saw that Job continued to serve God. He made another plan. Job became sick. Job’s wife decided it was better to curse God. Job did not want to do that. He continued to trust God.

### **18 May – Job’s friends**

Read Job 2.11-13

Job’s friends were sad. After some days they discussed if Job was punished because of sin (Job 3-37). Job did not sin. In trouble we have to trust God for His wisdom.

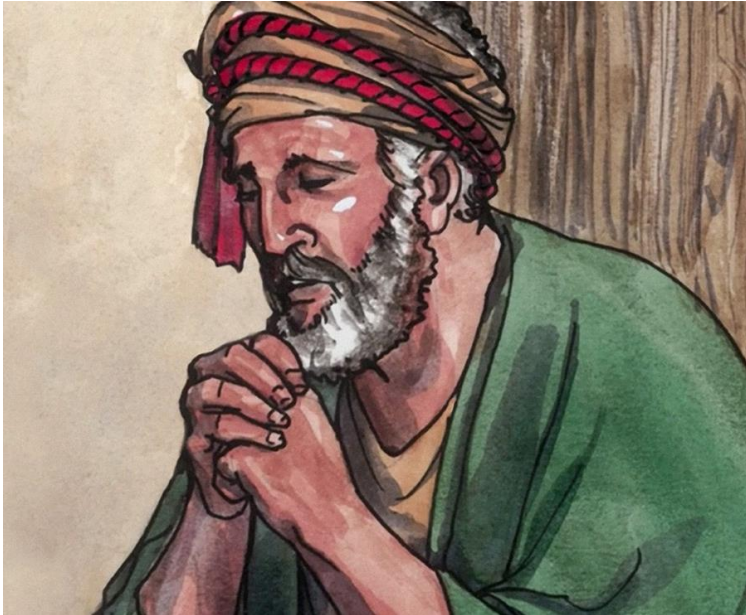
### **19 May – Rich again**

Read Job 42.10-17

God healed Job. He was rich again. He got 10 children. After many years Job died. He went to Heaven. Heaven is an amazing place. Will you go to Heaven when you die?

# Prayer

Pray without ceasing – 1 Thessalonians 5.17a



**20 May – What is praying?**

Read Psalm 62.1-8

Last week we heard about Job. Job spoke with God. Speaking to God is what we call praying. When we pray, God listens to what we say. In the Bible we read that it is important to pray.

Today we read about praying in Psalm 62.8. Praying is pouring out our heart for God. It is like a bucket with water. If we put the bucket with water upside down, the water is poured out. When we pray we pour out our heart for God. We tell Him everything we think and feel. God wants us to tell Him everything that affects us. We should also tell Him what we are sorry for and what we are grateful for.

**Question: What does praying mean to you?**

### **21 May – Pray humbly**

Read Ecclesiastes 5.2

God is in Heaven. He wants to listen to what we say. When we speak to Him, we should humble ourselves. What we say should come from our hearts.

### **22 May – How to pray**

Read Matthew 6.5-6

Some people use beautiful sentences when they pray. Others pray with a very loud voice. Often they want to be praised by other people for their powerful prayer. God does not look at a perfect prayer, but at our hearts.

### **23 May – Praying in Jesus' Name**

Read John 14.13 and 14

We are sinners. We do not deserve to be answered when we pray. But God has made a way to answer our prayers. He answers prayers because of Jesus. That is why we should pray in Jesus' Name.

### **24 May – Unanswered prayer**

Read 2 Corinthians 12.7-10

Paul prayed to God many times for help. God did not do what Paul asked. God does not always give us what we want. Sometimes He has a better plan. We need to trust Him that He knows what is best for us.

### **25 May – What to pray**

Read Matthew 6.9-13

Jesus gave an example of what to pray. That prayer is called *The Lord's Prayer*. When we pray we should praise God, confess our sins, pray for what we need and pray for others.

### **26 May – God's help in prayer**

Read Romans 8.26

If we do not know what to pray, we may ask God. The Bible teaches us that the Holy Spirit is willing to guide us.

# Samuel served God

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord – 1 Corinthians 15.58a

## 27 May – The birth of Samuel

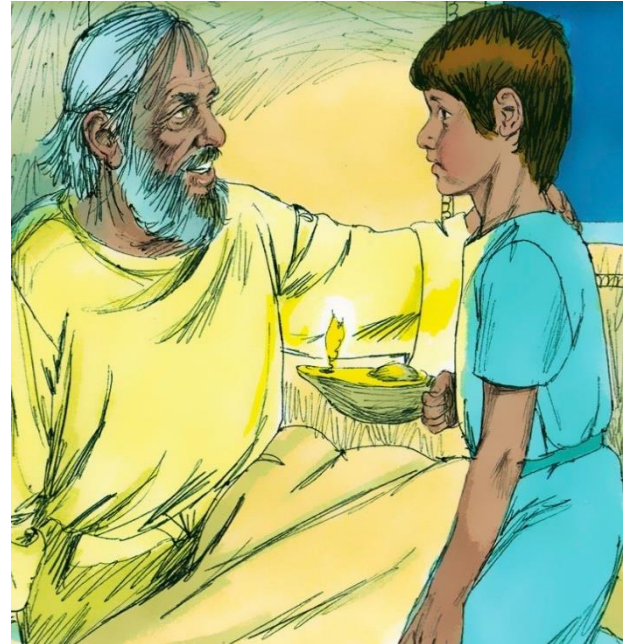
### Read 1 Samuel 1.1-20

The Israelites had been living in Canaan for many years. One of them was Elkanah. He was married to Hannah and Penninah. Penninah had children, but Hannah did not. Penninah teased Hanna for not having a child.

Every year they all went to Shiloh together, where the tabernacle was. The tabernacle was a special tent where people worshiped God and offered animals to Him.

Hannah felt very sad about not having a child. She prayed to God. She promised that the child would serve God in the tabernacle. Nobody could hear her voice, but God heard her. God answered her prayer. Hannah received a child. His name was Samuel. Samuel served God from a young age.

**Question: Do you know examples in your life of God answering prayers?**



### **28 May – Hannah fulfilled her promise**

Read 1 Samuel 1.24-28

When Samuel was old enough, his mother Hannah brought him to the tabernacle. From that time on he was with Eli the high priest. Hannah did what she promised. Do you always do what you promise?

### **29 May – God called Samuel**

Read 1 Samuel 3.1-10

Samuel helped the high priest Eli every day. By doing that He obeyed God. He loved God. He was still a child, but he served God.

### **30 May – God spoke to Samuel**

Read 1 Samuel 3.11-19

God spoke to Samuel in the night. He said He would punish the family of Eli because his sons disobeyed God. Nowadays God speaks to us through the Bible.

### **31 May – Eli died**

Read 1 Samuel 4.1-18

God punished the family of Eli for the sin they did. When we sin we dishonor God.

### **1 June – Samuel taught the Israelites**

Read 1 Samuel 7.3-13

The Israelites disobeyed God. They worshiped idols. God punished them. They were ruled by Philistines. Samuel taught the Israelites to repent. They should stop serving idols and ask God for forgiveness.

### **2 June – The Israelites wanted a king**

Read 1 Samuel 8.4-10

The Israelites wanted a king. God was their King, but they wanted a king like the other nations had. God warned them that the king would be a bad king (1 Samuel 8.11-18). They did not listen.

# King Saul

He is in the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof erreth – Proverbs 10.17

## 3 June – Saul anointed

Read 1 Samuel 9.17-27 and 1 Samuel 10.1

God had told the prophet Samuel that Saul would be the king.

One day Saul and the prophet Samuel met. Prophet Samuel told Saul that he would be the king of Israel. Saul was surprised. He was just an ordinary man. He did not understand why God had chosen him to be king. Saul was humble. God wants people to be humble. The prophet Samuel took oil. He put it on Saul's head. That was a sign that Saul would be the king.

**Question: Are you humble?**



#### **4 June – Saul chosen to be king**

Read 1 Samuel 10.17-25

The prophet Samuel told the Israelites that God had chosen Saul to be their king. When the Israelites saw him, they were very happy.

#### **5 June – A war**

Read 1 Samuel 11.1-11

King Saul and his army helped the people in Jabes. King Saul was a good and brave king. He did what God wanted.

#### **6 June – King Saul's disobedience**

Read 1 Samuel 13.8-14

The prophet Samuel would come to offer to God and pray for help. King Saul didn't want to wait for prophet Samuel. He offered. That was sin. God said he would choose someone else to be king.

#### **7 June – Disobedient again**

Read 1 Samuel 15.1-9

God told king Saul and his army to kill all the Amalekites. They had to burn their belongings. King Saul did not obey. He did not kill everyone. He did not burn everything. Do you always obey God?

#### **8 June – A bad king**

Read 1 Samuel 15.10-23

The prophet Samuel told king Saul that he had done wrong. God was not happy with king Saul. He was not humble anymore. King Saul did not love and serve God with his heart.

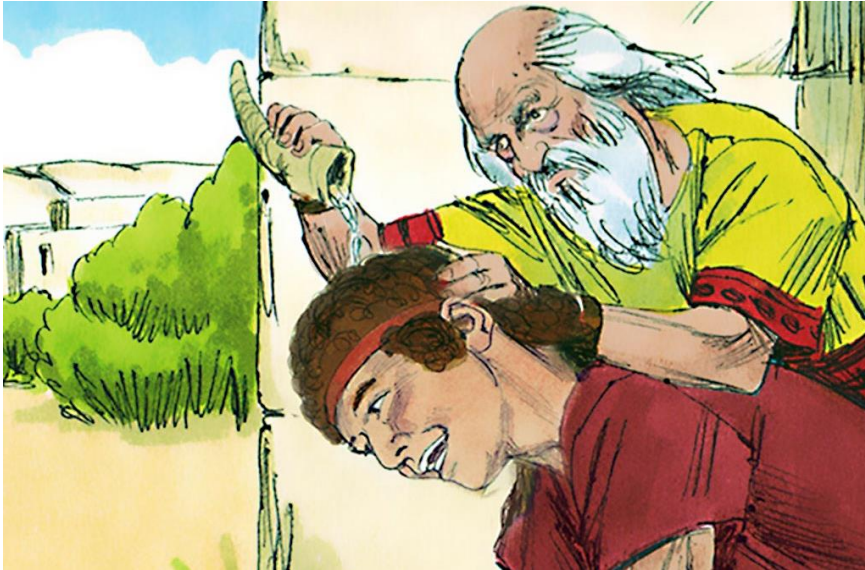
#### **9 June – Prophet Samuel anointed David**

Read 1 Samuel 16.1-13

King Saul was a bad king. God wanted David to be king. God chose David because his heart was good in God's eyes. God looks at our hearts. The prophet Samuel anointed David. David would be king in the future.

# David became king

And what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? – Micah 6.8b



## 10 June – David and Goliath

Read 1 Samuel 17.21-26 and 17.40-51

The Philistines fought against the Israelites. One of the Philistines was Goliath. He was a huge and strong giant. Goliath was proud of himself. Goliath mocked the Israelites and God. That is sin.

When David heard Goliath mocking, he felt sad. David loved God. He wanted to fight Goliath. God helped him. Goliath died. Everyone saw that God is almighty.

**Question: How do you feel when other people mock God?**



### **11 June – David had to escape**

Read 1 Samuel 18.28-30 and 19.1-10

King Saul hated David because the people loved David more than king Saul. King Saul was jealous. Being jealous is sin. King Saul wanted to kill David. David had to flee.

### **12 June – David still loved king Saul**

Read 1 Samuel 24.1-10 and 24.16-22

King Saul had not been kind to David. But David was kind to him. He did not kill king Saul. God wants us to love our enemies.

### **13 June – King Saul died**

Read 2 Samuel 1.1-12

King Saul died. David was very sad, although it was his enemy. David became the new king, as God had promised some time ago. God is the King of kings. Do you ask God to be King of your life?

### **14 June – King David and Mephibosheth**

Read 2 Samuel 9

Mephibosheth was called to come to king David. He was afraid, but the king was kind to him. King David was a good king. Jesus is also a good King. He wants to save and reign over sinners.

### **15 June – King David sinned**

Read 2 Samuel 11.1-5 and 11.14-17

King David committed adultery with Bathsheba. He didn't want anybody to know what he had done. Therefore, he wanted the husband of Bathsheba to die. King David sinned. How sad.

### **16 June – Asking for forgiveness**

Read 2 Samuel 12.7-14

The prophet Nathan told king David that he had sinned. King David felt sorry. He asked for forgiveness. We should also feel sorry and ask forgiveness of our sins.

# King David's prayer

Have mercy upon me, O God – Psalm 51.1a

**17 June – King David repented**

Read Psalm 51.1 and 2

Last week we heard that king David sinned. He committed adultery with Bathsheba. He wanted Bathsheba's husband Uriah to die. King David felt sorry about what he had done. He wrote a song. That song is Psalm 51. In Psalm 51 we can read what king David said to God.

King David asked for mercy. He said he knew God to be merciful. He asked God to be merciful to him as well. He knew the only solution for his sin was to receive forgiveness.

**Question: What do you pray when you have sinned?**



### **18 June – Confessing sin**

Read Psalm 51.3 and 4

King David realised he had done wrong. He had sinned against God. He failed to do what God wanted. He knew that he deserved to be punished for his sin. God's judgement is right. Do you confess your sin?

### **19 June – The source of sin**

Read Psalm 51.5

King David said that his heart was sinful. He has never been without sin. Even before he was born his heart was not right for God. King David knew he was a sinner through and through.

### **20 June – What God wants**

Read Psalm 51.6

God wants people to be righteous for Him. God wants people to be wise. David had failed completely. Have you also failed?

### **21 June – What king David asked**

Read Psalm 51.7-11

King David knew God could have left him because of his sin. David asked God not to leave him. He knew he would be lost without God. How would you feel if God left you because of your sin?

### **22 June – A promise**

Read Psalm 51.12-15

King David asked God to be with him. With God's help he would teach other people about God. He would praise God for His mercy.

### **23 June – Obeying God in truth**

Read Psalm 51.16-19

In the Old Testament people offered animals to God. That was a way of asking for forgiveness. King David knew that God was not happy with only an offer. God wants people to serve Him with their hearts.

# King Solomon

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do His commandments – Psalm 111.10a



**24 June – A new king**

Read 1 Kings 1.28-40

King David had become old. He wanted his son Solomon to be king. King David told his wife Bathsheba that Solomon would be the new king. Bathsheba agreed.

King David called Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet and Benaiah. He told them that they should make sure that Solomon became king. They agreed as well. The priest Zadok anointed Solomon. That was a sign that God wanted Solomon to be king. Everyone heard that Solomon was the new king. The people were very happy with their king.

**Question: Do you pray for the people who reign over us?**

### **25 June – God’s question**

Read 1 Kings 3.5-15

Solomon asked God for wisdom to reign well. Richness and honour were not most important for him. God promised to give him wisdom. What would you have asked from God?

### **26 June – A wise king**

Read 1 Kings 3.16-28

King Solomon had to judge who the true mother of the child was. He pretended that he would kill the child and share it. One of the women did not want that. King Solomon knew that she was the child’s mother. King Solomon was very wise.

### **27 June – A temple for God**

Read 1 Kings 5.2-5 and 1 Kings 6.11-14

King Solomon built a temple for God. In the temple people prayed to God. They offered animals to ask for forgiveness and to worship God. God said the Israelites had to obey Him always.

### **28 June – A queen from far**

Read 1 Kings 10.1-13

A queen from a far country came to king Solomon. She spoke with him. She said king Solomon was even wiser than she thought. God is wiser than king Solomon. He never fails to help us.

### **29 June – Idols**

Read 1 Kings 11.1-8

King Solomon had many wives. Those wives did not worship God. They worshiped idols. King Solomon started to worship idols. How bad.

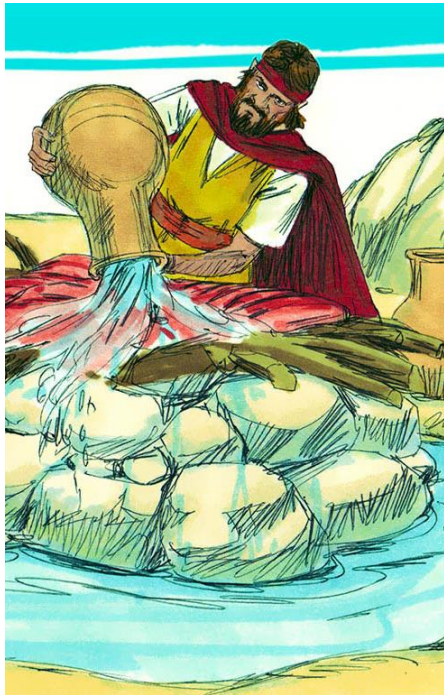
### **30 June – God’s punishment**

Read 1 Kings 11.9-13

God was angry with king Solomon. Something sad would happen after his death. His son would reign over just a small part of the country. The other part would be reigned by someone else. One part was called Judah, the other part Israel.

# The teachings of prophet Elijah

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with Mine eye – Psalm 32.8



## 1 July – God’s punishment for worshipping idols

Read 1 Kings 17.1-6

King Solomon had died. In the days of the prophet Elijah, king Ahab reigned. King Ahab did not love and obey God. He made an idol. The name of the idol was Baal. The king told the people to worship Baal instead of God. An idol is anything that is more important to us than God.

The prophet Elijah and some other people did not want to worship Baal. They wanted to worship God alone. Prophet Elijah went to king Ahab with a message of God. That is why he was called a prophet. He told God’s message to the people.

The prophet Elijah told king Ahab that it would not rain for a long time. There would be a drought. That was God’s punishment for the sins the people committed.

King Ahab was angry with the prophet Elijah for the punishment. The prophet Elijah went to the mountains to hide from the king. God looked after him there.

**Question: How do you respond to God’s teachings in the Bible?**

## **2 July – At the widow’s house**

Read 1 Kings 17.7-16

The prophet Elijah asked a widow for water and bread. She did not have enough. She trusted that God would provide what she needed. God looked after them all.

## **3 July – The widow’s son**

Read 1 Kings 17.17-24

God used the prophet Elijah to raise a child from the dead. The Bible says that sinners are spiritually dead, because their hearts are sinful. We need to receive spiritual life from God. The Bible calls that ‘to be born again’.

## **4 July – At the mount**

Read 1 Kings 18.17-21

The prophet Elijah told the people who served Baal to come to the mount Carmel. He said they had to choose between serving God or serving idols. What do you choose?

## **5 July – God answered**

Read 1 Kings 18.22-40

Baal did not answer its prophets. Baal is no god. He does not exist. God answered the prayer of the prophet Elijah. God is the only true God.

## **6 July – God gave rain**

Read 1 Kings 18.41-46

After the drought, God gave the Israelites rain. They did not deserve it. God is merciful. He alone is God.

## **7 July – God is the same**

Read 2 Kings 2.9-14

God took the prophet Elijah to Heaven in a miraculous way. Elisha was the new prophet. God helped the prophet Elisha in the same way as He helped the prophet Elijah. God never changes.

# God cared for the prophet Elisha

Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution – 2 Timothy 3.12



## 8 July – Two bears

Read 2 Kings 2.23 and 24

The prophet Elisha was God's servant. He had to teach the people of Israel about God.

One day the prophet Elisha went to Beth-el. Some young boys saw the prophet Elisha coming. They were not happy that he had come to Beth-el. They did not want to listen to the prophet Elisha. They did not want to hear about God. So the boys mocked him. They mocked God by mocking God's servant.

The prophet Elisha told them that they had done wrong. Suddenly two bears came out of the woods. The bears killed many boys. We should listen to what God wants to say to us.

**Question: Do you listen carefully when God speaks to you through the Bible?**



### **9 July – Naaman healed**

Read 2 Kings 5.1-14

Naaman went to Israel to get healed. The king of Israel could not heal him. Only God can heal. Naaman went to the prophet Elisha. At first, he did not believe the prophet Elisha. Later on, he washed himself in the river. He got healed.

### **10 July – God’s care**

Read 2 Kings 6.8-10

The king of Syria fought against the Israelites. But the prophet Elisha told the king of Israel when and where they would attack Israel. God knows everything. He helps His people. Are you one of His people?

### **11 July – God’s protection**

Read 2 Kings 6.11-17

The king of Syria was angry with the prophet Elisha. He sent his soldiers to capture him. The prophet Elisha was not afraid. He knew that God protected him. If you are God’s child you do not need to be afraid of anything.

### **12 July – The enemies in Samaria**

Read 2 Kings 6.18-20

God caused the soldiers not to recognize the prophet Elisha. The prophet Elisha brought them to Samaria. They were captured. God cared for His servant.

### **13 July – Caring for enemies**

Read 2 Kings 6.21-23

The prophet Elisha was kind to the enemies. They got food. They were released. God is also kind to His enemies. He wants sinners to repent and be His children. What do you need to repent from today?

### **14 July – Elisha’s death**

Read 2 Kings 13.14-20

The fight against the Syrians went on. The king of Israel knew they could only win if God was with them. Before the prophet Elisha died God promised that He would continue to help the Israelites. We always need God’s help.

# King Hezekiah

In the day of my trouble I will call upon Thee: for Thou wilt answer me – Psalm 86.7



**15 July – A good example**

Read 2 Kings 18.1-7

King Hezekiah did what was right in the eyes of God. King Hezekiah obeyed God.

King Hezekiah destroyed all the idols. He did not allow people to worship idols. He trusted God in whatever he did. He knew he needed God. Without God he could not reign properly.

The Bible says that God was with king Hezekiah. King Hezekiah was an example for the people of how to serve God.

**Question: Who are you an example to of how to serve God?**

### **16 July – In need**

Read 2 Kings 18.13 and 28-35

King Hezekiah and his people were in need. The Assyrians had come to fight against them. The Assyrian Rab-shakeh said it would not help for them to depend on God for help. He said God would not rescue them.

### **17 July – Praying for help**

Read 2 Kings 19.1-4

King Hezekiah heard what had happened. He felt sad. He went to God's temple to pray. He sent people to go to Isaiah, God's prophet. They asked the prophet Isaiah to pray as well. Do you pray for people in need?

### **18 July – God's promise**

Read 2 Kings 19.5 and 6

The prophet Isaiah said that God would save the people. They did not need to fear.

### **19 July – A letter**

Read 2 Kings 19.14-19

King Hezekiah got a letter from the Assyrians. In the letter was written that God would not rescue them. King Hezekiah prayed to God. He asked God to help. He asked God to show that He is the only true God.

### **20 July – God answered**

Read 2 Kings 19.35-37

God did what He promised. Many Assyrians were killed by Him. The king of the Assyrians realised that God is stronger.

### **21 July – King Hezekiah got sick**

Read 2 Kings 20.1-7

God told king Hezekiah that he would die. King Hezekiah prayed to God to heal him. God answered his prayer. After 3 days he went to the temple to thank God. Do you thank God when He has healed you?

# Jonah's life

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous – Psalm 116.5a

## 22 July – Jonah's disobedience

Read Jonah 1.1-3

God knows everything. He knew that the people of Nineveh were disobedient to Him. He was tired of it. God sent Jonah to Nineveh to preach. Jonah refused to go. To refuse to do God's will is sin. Jonah thought he could escape from God.

**Question: Is there any disobedience to God in your life?**



### **23 July – The storm**

#### Read Jonah 1.4-10

God sent a storm. It was because of Jonah's disobedience. The people in the ship feared for their lives. Sometimes problems in our lives are results of our sin.

### **24 July – Jonah in the sea**

#### Read Jonah 1.11-17

Jonah was thrown in the sea. The storm died down. Jonah deserved to perish in the sea because of his disobedience. But yet, God was merciful. He sent a fish to swallow Jonah.

### **25 July – Jonah's prayer**

#### Read Jonah 2

Jonah knew that he had done wrong. He prayed to God for forgiveness. The fish spit Jonah onto the land. Jonah survived by God's grace.

### **26 July – Jonah preached in Nineveh**

#### Read Jonah 3.1-4

God sent Jonah again to Nineveh. Jonah obeyed. He delivered God's message to the people. In 40 days Nineveh would be destroyed. God's people should always say what God tells them to say.

### **27 July – The people of Nineveh repented**

#### Read Jonah 3.5-10

The people of Nineveh knew they deserved punishment for their sins. They repented: they stopped doing bad things and asked for forgiveness. God did not punish them.

### **28 July – God is merciful**

#### Read Jonah 4

Jonah wanted the tree to be saved, but not the people. Jonah was not kind to the people of Nineveh. God is more merciful than anyone.

# Daniel and his friends

We ought to obey God rather than men – Acts 5.29b

**29 July – Brought to Babylon**

Read Daniel 1.1-8

Many kings had ruled the country. The people continued to worship idols. God punished them. The king of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar, destroyed their country.

Daniel and his friends were taken captive and brought to Babylon. The king wanted them to be wise people. He looked after them well. They were given delicious food and drinks.

Daniel knew that the food and drinks they got were offered to idols. He decided not to eat that food and not to drink those drinks. He did not want to sin.

**Question: What do you do when other people want you to sin?**



### **30 July – Wiser than the others**

Read Daniel 1.9-20

Daniel and his friends asked for bread, water and vegetables. That food was not offered to idols. God blessed them for obeying Him. They were healthier and wiser than all the others.

### **31 July – The king's statue**

Read Daniel 3.1-7

King Nebuchadnezzar made a big image of gold. He wanted everyone to worship it. Anyone who disobeyed the king would be thrown in the fire.

### **1 August – Refusing to bow**

Read Daniel 3.8-18

Daniel's three friends refused to worship the image. That was dangerous: they would die in the fire. But they loved God more than anything else.

### **2 August – Safe in the fire**

Read Daniel 3.19-30

The king was angry with Daniel's friends. They were thrown in the fire. But God was with them. They did not die. We should ask God to help us to always obey Him.

### **3 August – Daniel in danger**

Read Daniel 6.1-18

Daniel served the new king Darius. The servants were jealous of Daniel. They wanted him to die. They made a new law. Nobody was allowed to pray to God. Daniel continued to pray.

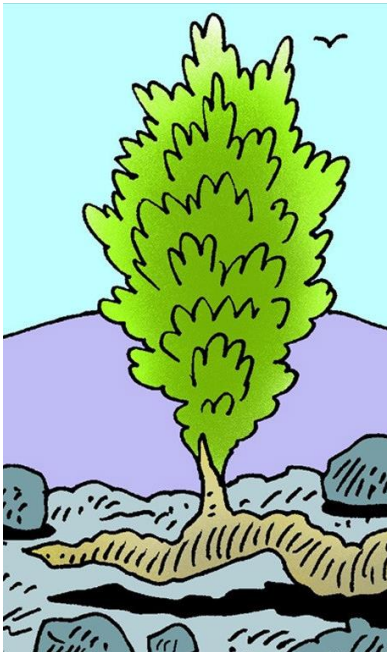
### **4 August – God protected Daniel**

Read Daniel 6.19-24

God protected Daniel from the lions. God showed that He is the only God. The king decided that everyone had to obey God alone. God wants us to refuse to do sin.

# Jesus was promised

Rejoice greatly (...) thy King cometh unto thee: He is just and having salvation – Zechariah 9.9a



## 5 August – Jesus' names

### Read Isaiah 9.6

We have already learned that the Bible has two parts. In the first part, the Old Testament, God's Son Jesus Christ was promised to be born on earth. This week we will be reading some of those promises.

Isaiah was a prophet. He taught people a lot about God. He told them that Jesus would come to save sinners. In Isaiah 9.6 we read of different names the prophet Isaiah gave to Jesus. These names tell us something about Jesus.

*Wonderful.* Jesus is God's Son. He would come to earth. He would do miracles. He would die on a cross to forgive the sin of His people. *Counsellor.* Jesus would teach about God. Jesus is wise. We may always ask Him for help. *The mighty God.* Jesus would do what is impossible for us to do. He would bring sinners back to God. *The everlasting Father.* Jesus is God. He has always existed and will always exist. *The Prince of peace.* Jesus is the only Mediator who can restore the broken relation between God and men. Through Jesus we can have peace with God.

**Question: What do Jesus' names mean to you?**



### **6 August – A shoot**

Read Isaiah 11.1 and 2

The people of Israel were like a tree that is cut: disappearing and unimportant. The prophet Isaiah said that Jesus would be like a shoot from a cut tree. Jesus would be born. Jesus would be King.

### **7 August – The Sun**

Read Malachi 4.2

Jesus is called a Sun. Since sin in paradise, there is no true happiness, but spiritual darkness. Jesus is the Sun. He brings true happiness. Those who are His people are really happy.

### **8 August - Immanuel**

Read Isaiah 7.14

Jesus would be born from a virgin. Jesus' name is also Immanuel. Immanuel means God with us. God and men can be together because of Jesus. Jesus would take away God's wrath against the sin of His people.

### **9 August – To be born in Bethlehem**

Read Micah 5.2

The prophet Micah said that Jesus would be born in an insignificant town: Bethlehem. Jesus looks for people who are insignificant according to other people. Jesus humiliated Himself.

### **10 August – A King**

Read Jeremiah 23.5 and 6

Jesus would be born from the family of king David. He would be a true King. He would do what is right. He would save His people from their sin.

### **11 August – Jesus would suffer**

Read Isaiah 52.13 and 14

Jesus would be King. He would also suffer and die. By doing that He is King over sin, death and satan (Isaiah 53).

# God's messages to Zacharias and Mary

## For with God nothing shall be impossible – Luke 1.37

**12 August – God's message to Zacharias**

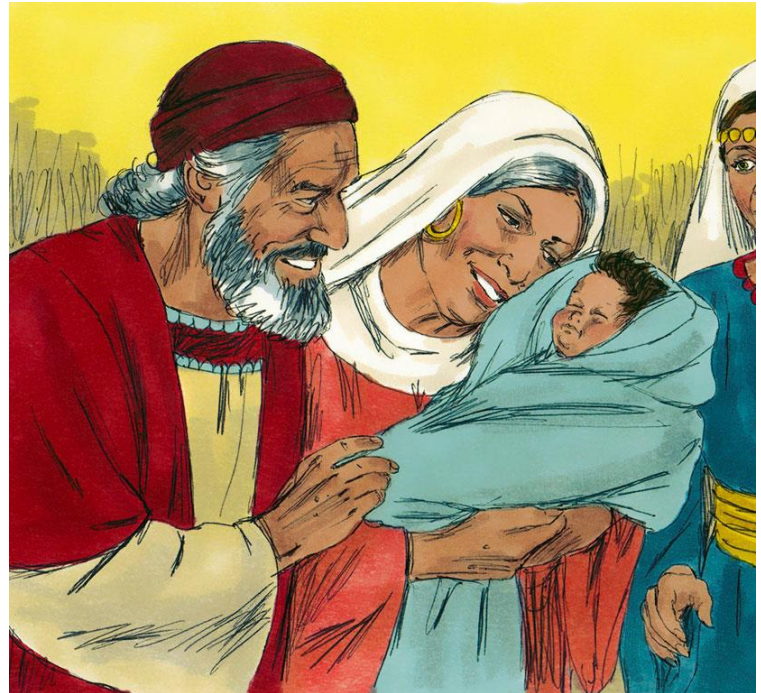
Read Luke 1.5-17

Many people in the Old Testament looked forward to Jesus' birth. They felt they had offended God with their sins. They needed Jesus to take away their sins. They wanted God to be honoured again.

Zacharias and Elizabeth were people who also looked forward to Jesus' birth. They had become old and did not have children. Zacharias was a priest in the temple. The temple was the place where people offered animals and asked God for forgiveness.

One day an angel told Zacharias that he would have a child: John. John would be God's servant. Through John's preaching, many people would realise they needed Jesus. Jesus would be born soon.

**Question: Do you need Jesus to take away your sins?**



### **13 August – Zacharias’ answer**

Read Luke 1.18-25

Zacharias could not believe that he would have a son. But what God says will always happen. Nothing is impossible with God. We often lack faith. We should ask God to give us faith in Him.

### **14 August – God’s message to Mary**

Read Luke 1.26-33

The angel Gabriel was sent to Mary. He told her that she would have a child: the Lord Jesus. What a wonderful message!

### **15 August – Mary’s answer**

Read Luke 1.34-38

Mary was not married. She wondered how she could have a child. The angel explained that God is the Father of the Child. Jesus is God’s Son. Mary wanted God’s will to be done.

### **16 August – Mary went to Elizabeth**

Read Luke 1.39-45

Mary went to Elizabeth. They spoke about God’s message that Jesus would be born soon. They were so happy. It is good to speak with other people about God.

### **17 August – Mary’s song**

Read Luke 1.46-56

Mary sang a song to praise God. She was so happy about the good news. Do you sing songs to praise God?

### **18 August – John’s birth**

Read Luke 1.57-66

John, the child of Zacharias and Elizabeth, was born. The people realised he was not an ordinary child. John was God’s servant. Just like the angel had said.

# The birth of Jesus Christ

And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins – Matthew 1.21

**19 August – Jesus was born**

Read Luke 2.1-7

Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem. That is what the ruler of those days, Caesar Augustus, wanted. When they reached Bethlehem, they looked for a place to sleep. They could not find a place. That was very disappointing. Mary's child Jesus would be born soon. They needed a place to stay. Finally, Joseph and Mary found a place to stay: a stable. That is where Jesus was born. Jesus, God's Son, came from Heaven and was born in a dirty stable. He humiliated Himself.

Our heart is like a stable: dirty because of sin. And yet, Jesus wants to be born in our hearts. That means He wants to make it clean by removing all the dirtiness of sin. He wants to be our King.

If you know that your heart and life are dirty like a stable, pray to Jesus to come into your heart. Jesus alone can remove sins from your heart. He is able and willing to make it clean.

**Question: What does Jesus' birth mean to you?**



### **20 August – The shepherds**

Read Luke 2.8-20

The angels told the shepherds that Jesus was born. They shared the good news with everyone. Do you share the good news of Jesus?

### **21 August – Simeon in the temple**

Read Luke 2.22-35

Joseph and Mary went with Jesus to the temple. They thanked God for the Child they received. Simeon praised God because God had fulfilled His promise.

### **22 August – Anna in the temple**

Read Luke 2.36-40

Anna was also in the temple. Every day she was there to worship God. When she saw Jesus, she was very happy. Jesus was her Saviour.

### **23 August – The wise men**

Read Matthew 2.1-8

Men from a country far away had seen a special star. They knew that King Jesus was born. They started their journey to find Him. King Herod did not travel to find Him. What would you have done?

### **24 August – The wise men found Jesus**

Read Matthew 2.9-12

The star showed the men where to find Jesus. We can find Jesus by reading the Bible.

### **25 August – King Herod killed the children**

Read Matthew 2.13-16

King Herod wanted to kill Jesus. He did not want Jesus to be Lord. But God looked after Jesus and He was not killed. Everyone who refuses Jesus to be Lord of his/her life, will be in hell without God.

# Jesus called people to follow Him

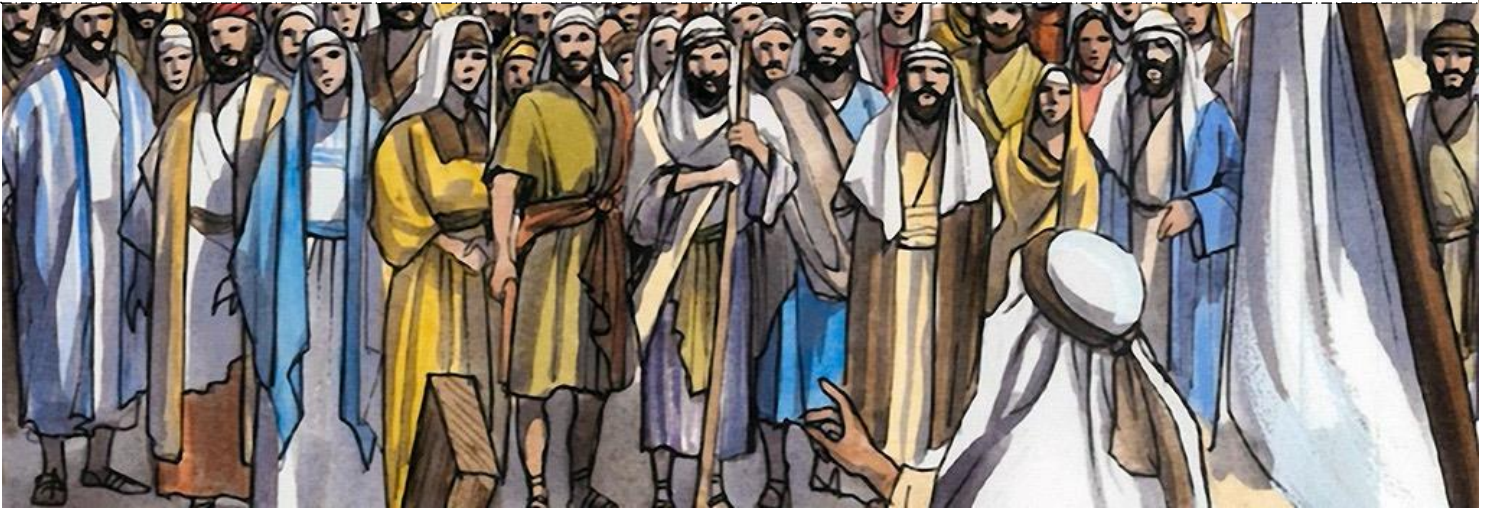
Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever Thou goest – Luke 9.57b

26 August – John the Baptist

Read Matthew 3.1-4 and 3.13-17

John, the son of Zacharias and Elisabeth, had grown up. He preached that people should repent from their sins. He also said that Jesus would come soon. Some people confessed their sins and repented. They were baptized by John. That is why John is called John the Baptist. Baptism points to the washing away of sins by Jesus. Jesus wanted to be baptized too. But He did not have sin. John refused to baptize Him. When Jesus said that God wanted Him to be baptized, John agreed. After Jesus' baptism God said that Jesus is His Son.

**Question: What does it mean to you to follow Jesus?**



### **27 August – Jesus' first disciples**

Read John 1.35-42

John the Baptist called Jesus *the Lamb of God*. Jesus would die on the cross, like lambs were offered to God. John and Andrew heard what John said. They followed Jesus. Andrew's brother Simon did the same.

### **28 August – More disciples**

Read John 1.43-51

Philip, Nathanael and others followed Jesus because He called them. They believed that Jesus was God's Son. Jesus also calls us to follow Him. We follow the Lord Jesus if we obey Him.

### **29 August – Levi called**

Read Luke 5.27-32

The Jews (Israelites) paid tax to the Romans who reigned over them. Levi was a tax collector. Often tax collectors were thieves. Jesus called Levi to follow Him. Levi (or: Matthew) became one of Jesus' 12 disciples.

### **30 August – Little children**

Read Mark 10.13-16

Sometimes people think that children are not important. To Jesus they are very important. He wants children to be close to Him. No child is too young to follow Jesus.

### **31 August – Zacchaeus**

Read Luke 19.1-6

Zacchaeus was a thief. He wanted to see Jesus. Jesus knew what was in his heart. He called Zacchaeus. Jesus is merciful.

### **1 September – Lost people**

Read Luke 19.7-10

The people did not like Jesus going to Zacchaeus' house. Jesus said He had come to save people who are lost. He wants sinners to feel sorry about their sins, to stop doing them and follow Him. Do you feel lost?

# Miracles of Jesus

All power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth – Matthew 28.18b

## 2 September – A lame man healed

Read Luke 5.17-26

When the Lord Jesus was on earth, He did many miracles. The miracles proved that Jesus is God's Son.

One of the miracles is written in the verses we read today. Four friends brought a sick man to Jesus. Those friends were good friends. They knew only Jesus could help them. They opened the roof of a house because they wanted their sick friend to be close to Jesus. Jesus forgave the sins of that man. He also healed him. Jesus is stronger than sin and diseases.

**Question: Why can only God help you in need?**





### **3 September – A leper healed**

Read Mark 1.40-45

Lepers could not come close to other people because of their disease. In the same way sinners cannot come close to God because of their sin. Jesus healed the leper. Jesus Christ can heal you from your sins.

### **4 September – The storm on the sea**

Read Mark 4.35-41

Nobody can control nature. But the Lord Jesus can. He can do anything He wants. Jesus is God.

### **5 September – Legion**

Read Mark 5.1-13

Legion was possessed by satan. Satan reigned over his life. God showed that He is stronger than satan. He can also overcome satan and sin in your life.

### **6 September – A dead child made alive**

Read Mark 5.21-24 and 5.35-43

Jesus is stronger than death. He is God's Son. The Bible says that everybody is spiritually dead because of sin. Only those who receive spiritual life from God are spiritually alive. Have you received spiritual life from God?

### **7 September – Food multiplied**

Read Mark 6.35-44

Jesus cared for the hungry people. He knew what they needed. He provided in their need. Jesus also cares for us in our daily lives. He can help us with whatever we need.

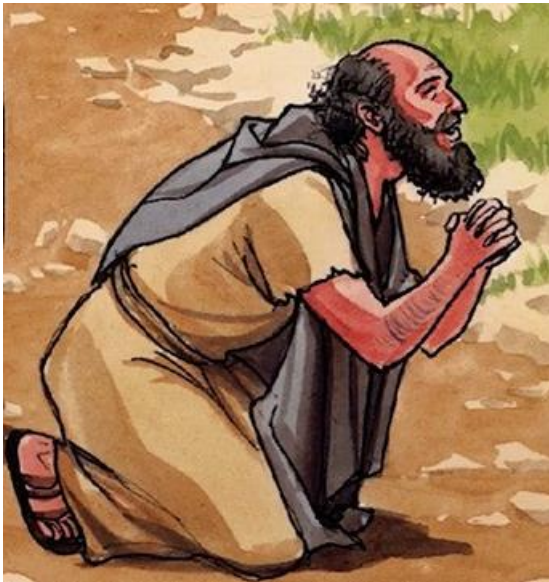
### **8 September – Blind Bartimaeus**

Read Mark 10.46-52

Jesus healed Bartimaeus. The Bible says sinners are like blind people. Only Jesus can give us spiritual eyes to understand and believe the Bible.

# Faith

And this is His commandment, That we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ – 1 John 3.23a



## 9 September – Faith in Jesus

Read John 20.30 and 31

Over the past weeks we have learned a lot about the Lord Jesus. Jesus did many miracles. In the verses we read today we read about the purpose of the miracles He did. Jesus wanted to teach the people something. He wanted them to believe that He is God's Son. So faith is about God and especially about Jesus.

This true faith is worked in the heart by the Holy Spirit. People with true faith depend on God for His salvation. They surrender themselves to Him. Out of mercy they receive the forgiveness of sin through Jesus.

**Question: Are you convinced in your heart that your sins are forgiven by Jesus?**

### **10 September – Repentance**

Read Mark 1.14 and 15

We need to feel sorry about our sins and fight against them. Everyone who is forgiven by Jesus, hates to sin.

### **11 September – Faith is necessary**

Read John 3.14-20

Only if we believe in Jesus with true faith our sins are forgiven. If you believe in Jesus, you have eternal life. If you do not believe in Jesus, you do not have eternal life. Do you have true saving faith?

### **12 September – God's gift**

Read Ephesians 2.8 and 9

Everyone fails to truly repent and believe in the Lord Jesus. God the Holy Spirit causes us to truly repent and believe. Ask Him for repentance and faith. God is willing to give it to you.

### **13 September – Jesus alone**

Read Galatians 2.16

Nobody is saved from sins by his/her own deeds. If we want to be saved from our sin, we do not need to offer anything to God. Jesus alone saves from sin. Salvation is His work.

### **14 September – Faith and the deeds**

Read James 2.14-20

Our deeds do not save us. Our deeds prove if our faith is true faith. Our daily lives show if Jesus is more important to us than anyone or anything else. What does your daily life show?

### **15 September – Believe today**

Read Luke 13.6-9

The tree in the story did not produce fruits. Its owner was patient. God is patient with us. He gives us time to repent and believe in Jesus. When we die, it will be too late. Repent today. Believe in Jesus today.

# Jesus teaches through stories

He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life – 1 John 5.12



## 16 September – The shepherd and his sheep

Read [Luke 15.3-7](#)

Jesus told many stories. Those stories are called parables. Jesus used them to teach the people something. Every story Jesus told has a lesson.

Today we read one of the parables. A shepherd had 100 sheep. He cared for them. He gave them everything they needed. One day he lost one of his sheep. He was very sad. He went to find the lost sheep. When he found it, he carried it on his shoulders. He brought it back home. Everyone was happy.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Sinners are like that lost sheep. Without Jesus we are lost. Jesus looks for lost people, like the shepherd looked for the lost sheep. Everyone in Heaven is happy when a lost sheep is found. If you repent from your sin, there is happiness in Heaven. God wants people to turn to Him.

**Question: What does it mean to you that Jesus is the Good Shepherd?**

### **17 September – Love everyone**

Read Luke 10.25-37

The priest and Levite were religious people. They did not help the man in need. The Samaritans were enemies of the Jews. But a Samaritan cared for the sick man. God wants us to love and help everyone.

### **18 September – Leaving father's home**

Read Luke 15.11-16

The youngest son left his father's home. Because of sin we are like that son. We are far from God. Without God we are in trouble.

### **19 September – Back home**

Read Luke 15.17-24

After some time, the son realised he should go back home. His father was happy. God wants us to repent and come back to Him.

### **20 September – Rich or poor?**

Read Luke 12.16-21

The man in the parable had a lot, but he was not God's child. In fact, he was very poor. If you do not have a lot of money but you are God's child, you are rich. What about you? Are you rich or are you poor?

### **21 September – Invited for a wedding**

Read Matthew 22.1-10

People were invited to come to the wedding. Many refused. We are called to turn back to God. Do you refuse to repent?

### **22 September – Lacking wedding clothes**

Read Matthew 22.11-14

There was a man who did not have the right clothes for the wedding. He was not prepared. We need to be prepared to enter Heaven. We can only enter if we have a new heart (spiritual life).

# More lessons Jesus teaches

Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish – Proverbs 12.1



## 23 September – Two houses

Read Matthew 7.24-27

A man built a house. First, he dug until he found a proper foundation. It was a lot of work. Another man also built a house. He started to build immediately. He soon finished.

It started to rain. The wind blew. The house that was built quickly, collapsed. The house that was built on the rock did not collapse.

A proper foundation is very important. If Jesus is our Foundation, we are safe. We need to obey Him. If we do not obey Him, we are like the foolish man.

**Question: Are you wise or foolish in God's eyes?**

### **24 September – Money found**

Read Luke 15.8-10

The woman in the story lost money. If we lose money, we search for it. We are happy when we have found it. The Bible tells us that the angels are happy when a lost sinner is found.

### **25 September – Yeast**

Read Matthew 13.33

If we make bread, we need yeast. Yeast changes the dough. Jesus compared God's Kingdom to yeast. God's Kingdom is God's people. Jesus is their Lord. God's Kingdom cannot be seen, but it has power.

### **26 September – God's Kingdom grows**

Read Matthew 13.31 and 32

When Jesus was on earth, His Kingdom seemed to be small. Only a few believed in Him. But many would believe in Him later. Jesus compared His Kingdom with a seed. A small seed can become a very big tree.

### **27 September – Treasures**

Read Matthew 13.44-46

People often look for valuable things. Jesus Christ has more value than anything. If you have Jesus you are rich. What do you do to find Jesus?

### **28 September – Willing to help**

Read Luke 11.5-13

A man in need went to his friend for help. The friend was not very willing to help. God is always willing to help. He gives us His Holy Spirit if we ask Him.

### **29 September – Continue to pray**

Read Luke 18.1-8

A woman in need went to a judge to ask for help. He did not want to help her. She continued asking. Finally, he helped. God wants us to continue praying, even if He does not answer immediately.

# People Jesus met

Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will He teach sinners in the way – Psalm 25.8

**30 September – Nicodemus**

[Read John 3.1-8](#)

Nicodemus was a Pharisee. The Pharisees thought they could be saved by keeping God's law. Jesus told Nicodemus that he had to be born again to be in God's Kingdom. Everyone needs to be born again.

We have learned that Adam and Eve sinned. Since that time everyone is a sinner. It is impossible for us not to sin, because our heart is sinful. Think about the example of a well. If the groundwater of a well is not good, all the water in the well is not good. If our heart is sinful, our whole life is sinful. Every day we fail to love God above anyone else and to love our neighbours.

The only solution is to receive a new heart from God. That means to receive spiritual life. God the Holy Spirit changes hearts and lives. That is called to be born again. If the Holy Spirit wants to give spiritual life to someone, it happens. Someone who is born again feels sad about his/her sinful heart, repents and believes in Jesus for salvation. He/she wants to obey God always.

**Question: Are you born again?**





### **1 October – The Samaritan woman**

Read John 4.4-15

The Jews and Samaritans were enemies. Jesus asked a Samaritan woman for water. When Jesus spoke about living water, He meant the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives spiritual life.

### **2 October – Teaching the woman**

Read John 4.16-30

Jesus knows everything. Jesus knows what sins we have done. Jesus told the woman that He is the Saviour. The woman told other people about Jesus. She wanted them to know Jesus too.

### **3 October – The Samaritans**

Read John 4.39-42

Many Samaritans went to Jesus. He taught them about Himself. They repented and believed in Him. They received the living water. They received spiritual life. Have you received spiritual life?

### **4 October – A sinful woman**

Read Luke 7.36-50

Jesus explained that people who are forgiven many sins love Jesus more than people who did fewer sins. We must ask the Lord Jesus for forgiveness. Even if you did many sins.

### **5 October – A rich man**

Read Matthew 19.16-22

The man kept God's law. Jesus told him to sell everything he had. The man refused. He loved his belongings more than God. His behaviour was good, but his heart was not good.

### **6 October – Martha and Mary**

Read Luke 10.38-42

Martha cared for the visitors. Her sister did not help her, but listened to Jesus' teachings. Jesus told Martha that she should not forget what is most important: Jesus and His salvation. What is most important in your life?

# Jesus taken captive

Who was delivered for our offences – Romans 4.25a

**7 October – A wicked plan**

Read Luke 22.3-6

Jesus did only good. He taught people about God. He helped people in need.

Many followed Jesus and were happy. Some were not happy, especially the religious people (the Pharisees and Sadducees). They did not want to listen to Jesus. They thought they did not need Jesus. They thought they would go to Heaven because they were so religious. They did not need Jesus to reach Heaven. They hated Jesus. They wanted to kill Him.

Judas was one of Jesus' 12 disciples. He was a betrayer. He wanted to help the Pharisees and Sadducees to kill Jesus. They agreed that he would get money for it.

**Question: Do you need Jesus to save you from sins? Or do you want to save yourself?**



### **8 October – A celebration**

Read Luke 22.7-13

Passover reminded the Jews of being freed from Egypt a long time ago. Jesus wanted to celebrate it with His disciples. Jesus sent Peter and John to prepare the feast.

### **9 October – Jesus humiliated Himself**

Read John 13.3-17

When people in Israel ate food, they washed their feet. That was often done by a servant or slave. Today we read that Jesus washed the feet. Jesus humiliated Himself. He wants us to do the same.

### **10 October – Jesus would be taken captive**

Read Luke 22.14-21 and 22.31-34

Jesus told His disciples that He would die and become alive again. Peter didn't want Jesus to die. Jesus said that instead of helping, Peter would deny Jesus. Jesus had to die for Peter to be saved.

### **11 October – In the garden of Gethsemane**

Read Matthew 26.36-46

Jesus suffered. His disciples did not help Him, but slept. Jesus prayed that God's will might be done. God wanted Jesus to suffer and die. Because of Jesus, His children have peace, comfort and eternal life.

### **12 October – Jesus betrayed by Judas**

Read John 18.1-9

Judas and others came to capture Jesus. Jesus showed them that He is almighty. The people could only capture Him because He allowed them. Jesus let Himself be captured. He wanted to be the Saviour.

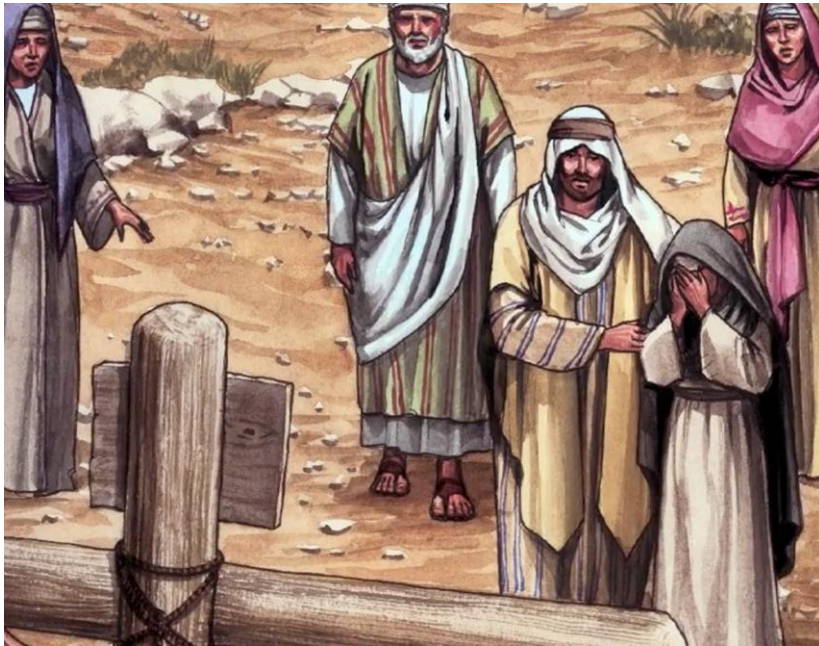
### **13 October – Jesus had to die**

Read Matthew 26.51-56

Jesus explained that He had to die. Jesus had to do what God wanted Him to do. He was willing to do God's will. Are you willing to do God's will?

# Jesus died on the cross

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other Name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved – Acts 4.12



**14 October – Jesus questioned by Caiaphas**

Read Matthew 26.57-68

Jesus was brought to Caiaphas. Caiaphas was a high priest, the leader of the religious people. He and other important people asked Jesus questions. They looked for something that Jesus had done wrong. They could not find anything. Jesus did not do anything wrong.

Then some people told lies about Jesus. Telling lies is a sin. Jesus did not answer them.

When Caiaphas asked Jesus if He was God's Son, Jesus answered. He said He was God's Son. The high priest was angry. He said Jesus mocked God. They decided that Jesus had to be killed.

**Question: How do you feel about Jesus' death?**

### **15 October – Peter**

Read Matthew 26.69-75

Peter said he did not know Jesus. He denied Jesus. Peter realised he had sinned. He felt very sad and cried. How do you feel when you have sinned?

### **16 October – Before Pilate**

Read Matthew 27.11-25

Pilate had to judge Jesus. He knew Jesus was not guilty. He let the people choose between Barabbas (a murderer) and Jesus. The people wanted Jesus to die. They were wicked. That is how sinners are.

### **17 October – Jesus tortured**

Read Matthew 27.26-31

The people treated Jesus very badly. They tortured Jesus. They mocked Him. They brought Him to a place to be crucified.

### **18 October – Two criminals**

Read Luke 23.32-43

While Jesus suffered, He prayed for His enemies. We should also pray for our enemies. Two criminals were crucified next to Him. One of them asked for God's mercy. He received it.

### **19 October – Jesus died**

Read Matthew 27.45-50

Around 12.00 o'clock it became dark. God left Jesus. Being left by God is the punishment for sin. Jesus bore the punishment for His children. They will never be left by God. We remember Jesus' death on Good Friday.

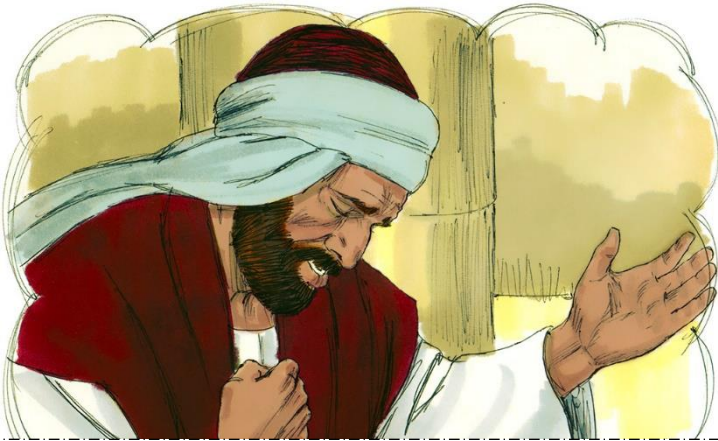
### **20 October – Jesus' burial**

Read Matthew 27.57-66

Jesus had died. He was buried. The Jews knew that Jesus said He would rise from the dead. They were scared. They put soldiers to watch the grave. Nobody was allowed to come near.

# God's grace

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ – Philippians 1.2



## 21 October – The tax collector

Read Luke 18.9-14

Jesus died on the cross. Because of His death His people are saved from their sins. Being saved is God's gracious gift. In the Bible we read a story in which Jesus explained about grace.

Two men went to the temple. One of them was a Pharisee. He knew a lot about God. He kept God's law. When he prayed, he thanked God. He thanked God that he was not a bad person. He said he had done so many good things. He did not need anything from

The other man was a tax collector. The tax collector felt ashamed. He knew he had done wrong. He felt sorry that he had sinned. All he could do when he prayed was ask for God's mercy.

In the Bible we read that God forgave the sins of the tax collector. The tax collector did not receive the punishment he deserved. That is grace. What a gift from a merciful God!

**Question: What does God's grace mean to you?**

### **22 October – God’s gift**

Read Ephesians 2.1-10

Everybody is a sinner. No one’s heart is better than anyone else’s heart. Forgiveness of sins is God’s gift. Spiritual life is God’s gift. God’s mercy and love are great. There is no reason for us to be proud.

### **23 October – Jesus**

Read 2 Timothy 1.8-10

When we sin, we offend God. We cannot do anything to make God happy again. But Jesus can. He died to forgive sins. God was happy about it. We can receive mercy because of Jesus Christ.

### **24 October – Repent**

Read Joel 2.13 and 14

We deserve to perish because of our sins. The Bible tells us to repent. God is merciful. Ask Him for forgiveness by grace. Do it with your whole heart.

### **25 October – Mercy every day**

Read Lamentations 3.21-24

We often have problems in our lives. If we look at the sin we do, we deserve even more problems. Despite sin, God is merciful every day.

### **26 October – Be merciful**

Read Matthew 18.23-35

Every day God is merciful to us. We should also be merciful to other people. Especially if you know that God has forgiven your sins by grace. You should also forgive other people who have done wrong to you.

### **27 October – Living for God**

Read Titus 2.11-14

If you know you have received God’s mercy, you must live for God. You must obey Him always. You should think about God’s great gift to you.

# Jesus rose from the dead

Jesus said unto her, 'I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live – John 11.25

**28 October – Jesus is risen**

Read Matthew 28.1-9

After Jesus' burial, women went to Jesus' grave. Before they arrived there, there was an earthquake. An angel came down from Heaven. He looked like lightning. His clothes were pure white. The watchmen were afraid. They ran away. The angel opened the grave.

The women were scared to see the grave opened. The angel told them not to fear. They should be happy. Jesus was risen from the dead. He left the grave. Jesus is alive! Because He is alive, He can give us spiritual life. We remember Jesus' resurrection ever year at Easter.

**Question: What does Jesus' resurrection mean to you?**





### **29 October – At the grave**

Read John 20.3-10

Two of Jesus' disciples heard that Jesus was risen. They went to the grave. They only found grave clothes there. That proved that Jesus was risen indeed.

### **30 October – Mary Magdalene**

Read John 20.11-18

Mary Magdalene missed Jesus. Jesus showed Himself to her. He said He would go to His Father in Heaven. Mary had to share the good news with the others. Do you share the message of Jesus' resurrection?

### **31 October – Two men**

Read Luke 24.13-27

Two men were worried. They heard that Jesus had risen, but they did not understand. Jesus met them. They did not know it was Jesus. Jesus explained that He had to die and rise from the dead.

### **1 November – Jesus revealed Himself**

Read Luke 24.28-35

The two men begged Jesus to stay with them. Jesus revealed Himself to them. Do you pray Jesus to stay with you?

### **2 November – Jesus visited His disciples**

Read John 20.19-25

The disciples had closed the doors. Nobody could come in. Suddenly Jesus entered. He showed them His hands and feet. They saw the wounds of the nails of the cross. It was Jesus indeed. They were happy.

### **3 November – Thomas**

Read John 20.26-31

The first time when Jesus showed Himself to His disciples, Thomas was not with them. After one week, Jesus revealed Himself to Thomas. Thomas confessed that Jesus was His Lord and God. Is Jesus also your Lord and God?

# Jesus went to Heaven and sent His Holy Spirit

Make known His deeds among the people – Psalm 105.1b



**4 November – Jesus' command**

Read Matthew 28.18-20

Jesus visited His disciples again. He told them that He has all power. They should not fear. He gave them a command. The disciples had to tell other people about Jesus. Everybody must hear the good news of Jesus. Everyone should obey God. Jesus told His disciples that they should not worry or be afraid. Jesus would always be with them. Even when going to other countries to tell people about Him. God will never leave His people.

**Question: What have you learned from these verses?**

### **5 November – Jesus went to Heaven**

Read Acts 1.4-9

Jesus told His disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit would help the disciples to preach. When Jesus finished instructing them, He ascended to Heaven. We remember His ascension every year on Ascension Day.

### **6 November – After Jesus' ascension**

Read Acts 1.10-14

Two angels told the disciples that Jesus would come again. The disciples went to Jerusalem to pray for the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God, just like the Father and Jesus. There is one God, consisting of three Persons. This is called God's Trinity.

### **7 November – The Holy Spirit came**

Read Acts 2.1-13

God sent His Holy Spirit. Everybody could hear God's message in his/her own language. Everybody could understand what God said. Every year at Pentecost we remember that the Holy Spirit was sent by God.

### **8 November – Peter's explanation**

Read Acts 2.14-21

Some people thought that the disciples were drunk. Peter explained that they were not. Everything that happened was a sign of the Holy Spirit. Peter taught the people about Jesus Christ (Acts 2.22-36).

### **9 November – Many repented and believed**

Read Acts 2.37-41

Many people felt they needed salvation from their sin. They repented and were baptized. They became children of God. They were called Christians, because they belonged to Jesus Christ. It was a happy day. God's power is great.

### **10 November – Praising God**

Read Acts 2.42-47

Those who were saved were happy. They loved each other. They praised God for what He had done. Every day God caused more people to repent and believe in Jesus. The Holy Spirit was at work indeed.

# Jesus will come again

Watch therefore:  
for ye know not  
what hour your  
Lord doth come  
Matthew 24.42



## 11 November – Before Jesus comes again

### Read Matthew 24.3-14

Jesus is now in Heaven. He said He will come again. Jesus taught His disciples what will happen before He comes again. People will suffer a lot. There will be wars, earthquakes, diseases and hunger. Christians will be persecuted. Religious leaders will mislead others. They will say things about Jesus that are not true. Many will believe them and be misled.

In our days we are waiting for Jesus to come again. We see all those sad things happening around us. Whenever we hear about these things, we are reminded that Jesus will come again.

**Question: Are you ready for Jesus' second coming?**

**12 November – Seen by everyone**

Read Matthew 24.29-31

When Jesus comes again, miraculous things in nature will happen. He will come in the sky. Everyone will see Him. The angels will gather all true believers. Will you be happy when Jesus comes again?

**13 November – God will not change**

Read Matthew 24.34-36

Everything will change when Jesus comes again. Everything will be renewed. Only God Himself and His Word will not change. God remains the same always.

**14 November – Keep watch**

Read Matthew 24.42-44

Nobody knows when Jesus will come again. Therefore, we should always keep watch. How can you keep watch for Jesus' second coming?

**15 November – Be ready**

Read Matthew 25.1-13

Jesus told a story. Five girls were ready for the wedding. Five others were not ready. Do not be too late to repent and receive forgiveness. We are ready for Jesus' second coming if we are born again.

**16 November – Judgement**

Read Matthew 25.31-34 and Matthew 25.41

Jesus will judge everyone: the living and the dead. He will judge if you served Him with your heart as a born-again Christian. If yes, you will be with Him in God's Kingdom forever. If not, He will send you to hell forever. Where will you be?

**17 November – God is patient**

Read 2 Peter 3.9-15

Some people doubted. It takes so long before Jesus comes again. God gives us time to repent and believe in Him, so that we are prepared. We should live a holy life. We should obey Him.

# The disciples preached Jesus

Preaching the Word; be instant in season, out of season;  
reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine

2 Timothy 4.2



**18 November – A crippled man healed**

Read Acts 3.1-8

After Pentecost the disciples started telling people about Jesus. John and Peter healed a crippled man in the name of Jesus. They used the miracle to preach about Jesus (verses 12-26). The purpose of John and Peter was for everyone to know about Jesus the Saviour.

**Question: Who can you tell about  
Jesus this week?**

### **19 November – Forbidden to preach**

Read Acts 4.1-7, 15-21

The leaders of the people were angry. They did not want to hear about Jesus' power (verse 8-13). They forbade Peter and John to preach. Peter and John wanted to obey God. They continued preaching.

### **20 November – In Samaria**

Read Acts 8.9-13

The disciples reached Samaria. In Samaria the people followed Simon, a sorcerer. When the people heard about Jesus, they repented and believed in Him.

### **21 November – Not a true believer**

Read Acts 8.14-25

Simon the sorcerer wanted to buy the power of the Holy Spirit. That was a sign that he never really repented and believed in Jesus. He was focused on himself. Are you focused on yourself or on Jesus?

### **22 November – Peter in prison**

Read Acts 12.5-12

Peter was taken captive because he preached Jesus Christ. Persecution is normal for Christians (John 16.33). God cared for Peter. God also cares for us if we obey Him.

### **23 November – Stephen's death**

Read Acts 6.8-15 and 7.54-60

Stephen was God's servant. The people were not happy. They lied about him. Stephen explained that he had preached that Jesus is the Saviour (Acts 7.1-53). The people were so angry that Stephen was killed.

### **24 November – Christians persecuted**

Read Acts 8.1-4

The Christians had to flee because of persecution. Everywhere they spoke about Jesus. God cared for His people. Are you troubled because you want to obey God alone?

# Saul's life changed

For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified – 1 Corinthians 2.2

25 November – Saul met Jesus

Read Acts 9.1-9

Last week we read that Saul persecuted the Christians. Saul hated Jesus. He went to Damascus to capture Jesus' followers. Suddenly there was a light. Saul fell down. He heard a voice. Jesus spoke to Saul. Jesus asked Saul why he persecuted Him.

Immediately Saul realised that he had done wrong. He asked Jesus what he should do. Jesus told him to go to Damascus. Saul stood up. He was blind. He was brought to Damascus. Saul's heart and life were changed. Instead of persecuting, he wanted to obey God. The hearts and lives of everyone need to be changed. Instead of disobeying God we should learn to obey Him. Ask God for His power in your life to obey Him.

**Question: Are your heart and life changed?**





### **26 November – Saul and Ananias**

Read Acts 9.10-20

God sent His servant Ananias to Saul. Ananias doubted. He knew Saul hated the Christians. But God said that Saul was also His servant. The rest of his life Saul would serve God. Saul was later called Paul.

### **27 November – Paul sent to preach**

Read Acts 13.1-3

Paul and Barnabas were sent to other countries. They had to tell everyone about Jesus. Before they went, the Christians prayed together. Do you pray for people who preach?

### **28 November – God alone**

Read Acts 14.8-19

In Lystra the people wanted to honour Paul and Barnabas. They said they were gods. Paul did not want to be honoured. He wanted God alone to be honoured. Who do you want to be honoured?

### **29 November – Paul met Lydia**

Read Acts 16.13-15

Paul met some women who prayed. He spoke with them. Lydia was one of them. Lydia believed what Paul said. God caused her to believe. Lydia loved God and His people. She wanted to care for them.

### **30 November – In prison**

Read Acts 16.16-25

Paul commanded a spirit to leave a slave. Her owners were angry. They lost their income. They told lies about Paul and Silas. Paul and Silas were put in prison. They continued to praise God.

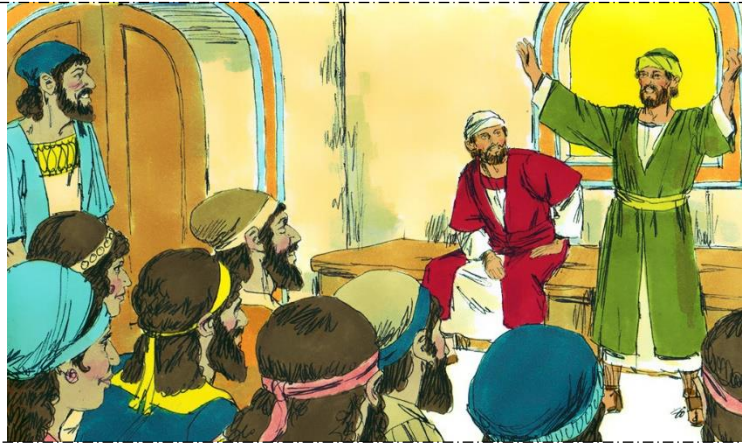
### **1 December – Paul continued to preach**

Read Acts 16.26-34

The jailer was convinced he had done wrong. Killing yourself is not a solution. The only solution for sin is to believe in Jesus. The jailer cared for Paul and Silas. Do you love God's people and care for them?

# Paul's journey

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ – Romans 1.16a



**2 December – In Thessalonica**

Read Acts 17.1-9

Paul went to Thessalonica. He explained the Word of God. His message was about Jesus. Jesus Christ is the centre of God's message. Of course, the Bible says a lot about other topics as well, but the centre is Jesus. Jesus is the foundation of our faith. In every preaching something should be mentioned about Jesus Who died and rose to save sinners. Some believed what Paul said. Others were angry.

**Question: What is important for you to hear in the preaching?**

### **3 December – In Berea**

Read Acts 17.10-13

The people in Berea heard Paul's message. They read the Bible to see if it was true what Paul said. Do you read the Bible to see if it is true what people preach?

### **4 December – In Corinth**

Read Acts 18.1-6

Paul preached in Corinth. The Jews did not want to hear about Jesus. Paul said he would stop preaching the message of Jesus to them. He would go to people who were not Jews. They were called gentiles.

### **5 December – God's promise**

Read Acts 18.7-11

Many people refused to repent and believe in Jesus. God told Paul not to lose hope. He should just continue preaching. God cared for Paul. God would cause many to repent and believe.

### **6 December – In Ephesus**

Read Acts 19.13-20

The sons of Sceva were not true servants of God. Many people in Ephesus repented and believed in Jesus. They burned everything they had that was demonic. Do you have something that God hates? Throw it away!

### **7 December – In Troas**

Read Acts 20.7-12

The people in Troas loved to hear God's message. A boy who sat in a window fell asleep. He fell down and died. Paul raised him from the dead. The people felt very comforted even though Paul had to leave them.

### **8 December – In Caesarea**

Read Acts 21.8-14

Agabus came to see Paul. He brought God's message: Paul would be captured. The people didn't want Paul to continue his journey. Paul said he always had to obey God. Do you want God's will to be done?

# The last years of Paul's life

For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake – Philippians 1.29



**9 December – Paul in danger in Jerusalem**

Read Acts 21.27-40

Paul's life would be in danger if he continued to preach. But Paul could not stop. He loved God so much. He wanted everyone to know about Jesus.

Paul had gone back to Jerusalem. He preached in the temple. Some Jews were angry when they saw Paul. They thought that Paul said bad things about God's law and the temple. They thought Paul had brought a gentile into the temple who was not allowed there. The Jews wanted to kill Paul. The chief captain heard it. He said that Paul should be brought to the castle where the soldiers lived. There was a great uproar.

In Acts 22 we can read that Paul explained to the chief captain what happened. All he did was preach that Jesus was the Saviour Who was promised by God.

**Question: How do you respond to the preaching about Jesus?**

### **10 December – To Rome**

Read Acts 27.14-20

A lot had happened (Acts 22-26). Paul had to go to Rome to explain everything to the Caesar. Paul and other prisoners travelled by boat. It started to storm. The prisoners lost hope of survival.

### **11 December – Praying in need**

Read Acts 27.21-36

Paul preached despite the storm. He told people to eat food. Paul prayed. He said God will always do what He says. People got hope. The best we can do in problems is to pray and depend on God.

### **12 December – Safe**

Read Acts 27.37-44

It happened as God said. Nobody died. They reached an island. They had been in great danger but God saved them. We are in great danger because of sin. But God is able and willing to save!

### **13 December – A snake**

Read Acts 28.1-6

Paul and the prisoners were on the island Melita. Paul was bitten by a snake. People thought he would die. Paul did not die. God cared for him. It was an opportunity for Paul to tell about God.

### **14 December – Paul in Rome**

Read Acts 28.16 and Acts 28.23-29

Paul had reached Rome. He was allowed to stay in a home where he could receive visitors. He taught the people about Jesus. He said Jesus was the promised Saviour. What does it mean to you that Jesus is the Saviour?

### **15 December – Paul received many people**

Read Acts 28.30-31

Paul received many people, although he was a prisoner. He wrote letters to give instructions to Christians in other areas. Those letters are found in the Bible. God's work cannot be stopped by anyone!

# Praising God

Bless the LORD, O my soul – Psalm 104.1a



**16 December – Called to praise God**

Read Psalm 104.1-4

In Psalm 104 we read about God's creation. God has made everything we see around us like trees, water, sun and animals. By looking at God's creation we can see that God is great.

This week we will be reading some verses of Psalm 104 every day. We will see that God is great indeed. In today's verses we read several reasons why we say that God is great. God created everything. He made the earth for us to live on. He reigns over everything. God is King. We must praise God.

**Question: How do you see God's greatness in creation?**

### **17 December – God’s care**

Read Psalm 104.5-9

God decided where the water should be. He has made dry land for people to live. He gives us a place to live on. God cares.

### **18 December – Water and food**

Read Psalm 104.10-18

God gives water and food to animals and people. Food and drinks are God’s gift to us. We must thank Him for His gifts to us. Do you thank God for the food and water He provides us with?

### **19 December – Day and night**

Read Psalm 104.19-23

Every day the sun shines. God gives us light so that we can work to find food. In the night He gives us rest.

### **20 December – Animals**

Read Psalm 104.24-26

God also cares for the animals that live in the water. We do not know all the animals that live in the water. We do not know how they survive. God knows. He created them. He has made everything with wisdom.

### **21 December – Dependent on God**

Read Psalm 104.27-30

It all depends on God. We need God’s gifts of food, water and life. Everything and everyone needs His care and protection to survive.

### **22 December – To think about God**

Read Psalm 104.31-35

We have many reasons to praise God. There is so much we do not understand. But God does. We should be happy about His creation. People who refuse to acknowledge God, will perish.

# God knows everything

O LORD, Thou hast searched me, and known me – Psalm 139.1

**23 December – God knows everyone**

Read Psalm 139.1-6

Psalm 139 is written by king David. He praised God, because God knows everything.

God knows everyone of us. He knows what we do. He knows if we sit or stand. He knows what we think. He knows if we are happy or sad. He knows what we will say, even before we say it. He knows everything that other people do not know. He knows us through and through. We cannot hide anything from Him.

It is amazing that God knows everyone. King David was happy about it.

**Question: What does it mean to you that God knows you through and through?**





**24 December – God is everywhere**

Read Psalm 139.7-12

God is everywhere. He is always there: during the day and during the night. It is amazing that God is everywhere.

**25 December – God has made us**

Read Psalm 139.15 and 16

We are all created by God. God saw us before we were born. Nothing is hidden from Him. It is amazing that God has made us. God knows what we need. We need Jesus. We remember Jesus' birth at Christmas.

**26 December – Thinking about God**

Read Psalm 139.17 and 18

God is so great. We cannot understand Who He is. King David loved to think about God. Do you love to think about God?

**27 December – Praying for help**

Read Psalm 139.19 and 20

God sees everything and He is everywhere. That is why He alone can help us. When we are in need, we must pray to Him.

**28 December – Living for God**

Read Psalm 139.21 and 22

King David wanted everyone to obey God. Everyone should do God's will. King David wanted to live for God alone. What or who is most important in your life?

**29 December – Praying for more help**

Read Psalm 139.23 and 24

King David knew he often failed to do God's will. He begged God to help him. He asked God to see if there was anything in his life that was not good. He prayed God to show him what is right. King David needed God.

# Our future

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever – Hebrews 13.8

## 30 December – Everything vanishes

Read Psalm 102.25 and 26

We are almost at the end of the year. Maybe this year has been hard for you. Or maybe God has given you a lot to be happy about. Anyhow, many things have happened. A lot has changed.

The Bible says that everything changes. The creation perishes. Many people were born this year. Many have died. Nothing remains the same. The future is uncertain to us.

God is the God of Heaven and earth. Whatever happens, He will not change.

**Question: How do you feel about the future?**

## 31 December – God is the same

Read Psalm 102.27 and 28

Everything perishes. Only God Himself remains the same. He does not change. God will always be there. If you do not belong to God, you are not safe in your life. If you die without God, you will be without Him in hell. God's wrath will never end.

Everyone who belongs to God, does not need to worry about the future. God will take care of them. If you are His, you are always safe. When you die, you will be with God in Heaven forever. God's mercy never ends.

**Question: Is your future in Heaven or hell?**



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But He said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the Word of God, and keep it – Luke 11.28

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