BRING IT HOME

Reading the Great Stories of the Bible

WEEK 11 | READINGS 51-55
DECEMBER 10-16

THE STORY BIBLE

This week, read and discuss these 5 stories:

David Sees the Army
pg 180 - 1 Samuel 17

David Fights Goliath
pg 182 - 1 Samuel 17

David and Jonathan Become Friends
pg 185 - 1 Samuel 18

God's Great Promise to David
pg 188 - 2 Samuel 7

The Wisdom of Solomon
pg 193 - 1 Kings 3; Prov. 8

In your daily prayers, include a neighbor or a friend who doesn't know Jesus Christ as their Savior or is not engaged in the practice of the faith. Here's a sample prayer you could use:

Dear Lord Jesus, You came into this world to give Your life to save sinners. Right now I bring before You _____ who is dear to me. They need your forgiveness and grace in their lives. Today I ask the Holy Spirit to touch that lost or doubting heart. Give me an opportunity to invite them to church or to share with them the hope I find in You. Amen.

KNOW THE BIBLE NOW

KING HEZEKIAH PRAYS – 2 Kings 18-19 | KtBN page 154

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- When it seemed like everything was against King Hezekiah, what did Hezekiah say in his prayer? (3rd paragraph from the end)
- How might hardships in life actually teach us to trust in God even more?

Prayer - Lord God, help me be confident that You will never forget me. Keep my eyes always fixed on your promises. Amen.

KING JOSIAH - 2 Kings 22-23 | KtBN page 158

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- After King Josiah found out that they were breaking the commandments handed down to them by God, what did he do in response in words and actions?
- Why do you think it seems so easy to fall into unbelief and sin?

Prayer - Heavenly Father, help me examine every part of my heart, mind and soul. I confess my sins to you. Thank you for Your son Jesus, who has won forgiveness for me. Amen.

GOD CALLS JEREMIAH – Jeremiah 1, 23 & 31 | KtBN page 162

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- God told Jeremiah that before he was born, God knew him. How does it make you feel to know that God knew you, BEFORE you were born?
- Look at the last line of the story you are reading today. That's a promise to YOU, because of Jesus. He not only forgives you, God no longer remembers your sin, because of His son Jesus. How does this make you feel?

Prayer - Before I was born, You knew me. Thank you for Your Love and constant care for me. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

ISRAEL AND JUDAH IN EXILE – 2 Kings 17 & 24-25 | KtBN page 168

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- Why do you think Israel and Judah were taken into captivity and exile?
- Sometimes we make bad decisions like the kings and people of Israel and Judah. What do you think God would have us do in response? (hint, read "Words to Remember" at the top of the page)

Prayer - Lord, I often fail in keeping your commandments. I confess my sins to you and call upon your mercy and forgiveness, won for us on the cross by Your son Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GOD'S PROMISES TO THE EXILES – Ezekiel 8 & 36 | KtBN page 174

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- After God promised punishment for Israel's evil deeds, what GOOD things did he promise as well?
- God hates sin, but loves us. Look at the last two paragraphs. How do you think this might apply to your life and relationship with God?

Prayer - Lord, forgive my sin and change my heart. Bring the power of your love and forgiveness into me. In Jesus name. Amen.