



BRING IT HOME

Reading the Great Stories of the Bible

WEEK 14 | READINGS 66-70
DEC 31-JAN 6

THE STORY BIBLE

This week, read and discuss these 5 stories:

Naaman and Elisha

page 227 - 2 Kings 5

The Three men in the Fiery Furnace

page 232 - Daniel 3

The Lord leaves the Temple

page 235 - Ezekiel 8; 10-11 & 36

Johoiachin's New Clothes

page 238 - 2 Kings 24-25

Daniel in the Lions' Den

page 241 - Daniel 6

The New Year is a time for to think about bringing change into our life. Think about three things you would like to change/strengthen in your spiritual life/walk with Jesus. Write them down and pray about them for a bit. Today is a NEW day!!!

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- 2)
- 3)

KNOW THE BIBLE NOW

THE BIRTH OF JESUS - Luke 2 | KtBN page 220

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ What are some things you do to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas?
- ◆ What did the shepherds do after the angel told them about the birth of Jesus? Is there someone you can tell?

Prayer - Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world as a baby to save us. Thank you for this most precious gift. Amen.

THE VISIT OF THE WISE MEN - Matthew 2 | KtBN page 222

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ The wise men brought gifts for Jesus. What were they?
- ◆ Myrrh was a perfume used in preparing bodies for burial. How might this be a sign of what is coming to Jesus?

Prayer - Lord, wise men came to visit and bring your gifts. Everyday, you bring us gifts of your mercy and peace. Thank you for this greatest of all gifts. Amen.

THE BOY JESUS IN THE TEMPLE - Luke 2 | KtBN page 224

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ What did Jesus and His parents do in Jerusalem?
- ◆ Near the bottom of the story, it tells us that Jesus was "submissive" to his parents. But Jesus is God's Son - why was it important for Jesus to be submissive, listen and obey his parents?

Prayer - Dear Jesus, you became like us and yet you were perfect in every way. You offered up your perfect life as a payment for our sins. Thank you for your mercy, which is new every day. Amen.

JOHN BAPTIZES JESUS - Matthew 3 and John 1 | KtBN page 230

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Here's that word "repent" again. Do you remember what it means? (hint, look at "Did you know" section)
- ◆ If Jesus was sinless, why did John the Baptist baptize him? (hint, look again at the "did you know" section)

Prayer - Lord Jesus, you were baptized by John the Baptist, to connect yourself to us. Remind us when we fail - to turn to you alone in repentance and faith. Amen.

THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS - Matthew 4 | KtBN page 232

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ What did Jesus use to defeat the temptations of Satan? (hint - what did he quote/refer to)
- ◆ How might God's Word help us get through times when we are tempted to sin?

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