



BRING IT HOME

Reading the Great Stories of the Bible

WEEK 15 | READINGS 71-75
JANUARY 7-13

THE STORY BIBLE

This week, read and discuss these 5 stories:

Daniel Sees Heaven

pg 245 - Daniel 7

A New Temple

pg 247 - Ezra 3;7

A New Wall

pg 251 - Nehemiah 1-2; 4

Esther and the King

page 253 - Esther 2-5

The Lord Saves Esther

page 256 - Esther 5-9

It's always a good thing to encourage your family to commit some Scripture to memory. With the New Year, here is a perfect Bible verse to memorize.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

~ 2 Corinthians. 5:17

KNOW THE BIBLE NOW

JESUS CALLS DISCIPLES - John 1 and Luke 5 | KtBN page 234

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ John called Jesus the "Lamb of God". Why was that an important title? (Hint: read "Words to Remember" at the top of the page for your answer)
- ◆ Why do you think the disciples left everything behind to follow Jesus?

Prayer - Dear Jesus, you called the disciples to follow, and they did. Keep our ears and our hearts attentive to Your Word, and teach us to follow you. Amen.

JESUS CHANGES WATER INTO WINE - John 2 | KtBN page 236

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Why do you think Jesus did miracles? (Hint: read "Words to Remember" for your answer)
- ◆ Why do you think Jesus produced so many gallons of wine that was better than the good wine they served first at the wedding?

Prayer - Lord God, Your miracles show us your power and reign in this world. We thank you for the miraculous gift of the Holy Spirit, working through Your Word to lead us to Faith in You. Amen.

JESUS CLEARS THE TEMPLE - John 2 | KtBN page 238

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Why was Jesus so upset with the money changers in the temple? (Hint: look at the notes in the "Did You Know" section)
- ◆ Jesus talked about his death and resurrection after 3 days in the tomb. Look at the last paragraph. Why did Jesus talk about this now?

Prayer - Lord, teach us to keep your Name Holy among us and Your Word as a powerful part of our daily lives. In Jesus name. Amen.

Jesus Teaches Nicodemus - John 3 | KtBN page 240

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ You hear some religious people talking about being "born again" with different definitions. Look at the first sentence of the fourth paragraph - Jesus describes being "Born again" by a very specific action. What is it?
- ◆ Look at the last paragraph. Teach yourself and your family to memorize this first sentence. It is the heart of the Gospel.

Prayer - Dear Jesus, you loved us so much that you gave up your life to pay for our sins. Thank you for your mercy, when has changed our lives forever. Amen .

JESUS AND THE SAMARITAN WOMAN - John 4 | KtBN page 242

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ When the Samaritan woman found out who Jesus was, what was her first reaction?
- ◆ Think about three people you know who need to know the forgiveness of sins offered to us in Jesus Christ. Identify them by name - pray for them - and ask God to give you an opportunity to invite them to church with you.

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