



Six Steps to Effective Bible Reading

1. **Pray** that God will speak to you as you read and listen to his word.
2. **Choose** any “Week” and follow the readings each day (1-7)
3. **Read** slowly and carefully, allowing God’s word to speak to your heart.
4. **Think** on the message that God’s word is bringing you.
What does it tell you of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit? Has God’s word something to say to you about yourself, others and your life situations?
5. **Do** something practical to put God’s word into action in your life.
6. **Pray** using the reading of God’s word to praise and thank God and to ask His help for your self and others.

A WEEK WITH...SAMUEL

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| 1. Samuel, a child, hears God | <i>1 Samuel 3:1-10 []</i> |
| 2. A hard message to deliver | <i>1 Samuel 3:11-21 []</i> |
| 3. Samuel, ruler of Israel | <i>1 Samuel 7:5-17 []</i> |
| 4. “We want a king” | <i>1 Samuel 8:4-22 []</i> |
| 5. The king-maker | <i>1 Samuel 9:14-10:1a []</i> |
| 6. Confrontation with Saul | <i>1 Samuel 15:10-23 & 34 []</i> |
| 7. Samuel goes to Bethlehem | <i>1 Samuel 16:1-13 []</i> |

A WEEK WITH...JEREMIAH

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| 1. Reluctant Prophet | <i>Jeremiah 1:4-10 []</i> |
| 2. Message for the People | <i>Jeremiah 7:1-7 []</i> |
| 3. Jeremiah’s God | <i>Jeremiah 10:12-13 []</i> |
| 4. Jeremiah feels rejected | <i>Jeremiah 19:14-20:2 []</i> |
| 5. Jeremiah’s complaining prayer | <i>Jeremiah 20:7-13 []</i> |
| 6. Grace after tragedy | <i>Jeremiah 31:2-7 []</i> |
| 7. Jeremiah foresees a New Covenant | <i>Jeremiah 31:31-34 []</i> |

A WEEK WITH...PETER

1. The Call answered willingly *Luke 5:1-11 []*
2. A simple man's reaction *Luke 9:28-36 []*
3. Peter's special knowledge,
His special commission *Matthew 16:13-20 []*
4. Peter's human failing *Luke 22:31-34. 54-62 []*
5. Jesus forgives, Peter is commissioned again *John 21:15-19 []*
6. Peter's special mission revealed *Acts 11:1-18 []*
7. A message from Peter to the Church *1 Peter 1:3-9 []*

A WEEK WITH...JOB

1. Good people don't escape suffering *Job 1:1-22 []*
2. Curse God for trust him? *Job 2:1-13 []*
3. The heart's cry *Job 3:1-23 []*
4. The "comfort" of a friend! *Job 4: 1-7, 5:8-18 []*
5. "God is punishing you less than you deserve"! *Job 11:1-20 []*
6. "Those were the days"...but now? *Job 29:1-10,
30:1,9-11,20-21 []*
7. The Word of the Lord came to Job *Job 38:1-15, 42:1-6 []*

A WEEK WITH...DAVID

1. God chooses his own leaders *1 Samuel 16:1-13 []*
2. David, the bearer of the divine promise *2 Samuel 7:11-12, 16 []*
3. "The play is the thing in which we'll catch
the conscience of the King" *2 Samuel 12:1-15 []*
4. "A humbled, contrite heart O Lord
you will not spurn" *Psalms 51 []*
5. Saul, the anointed one is spared *1 Samuel 24:1-7 []*
6. Love stronger than death *2 Samuel 19:1-4 []*
7. David's last words "Be strong and show
yourself a man" *1 Kings 2:1-4 []*

A WEEK OF...JOY

1. The Joy of happy memories *Philippians 1:3-11 []*
2. Joy even in suffering *Philippians 1:12-21,
2:17 & 18 []*
3. Joy in knowing the mind of Christ *Philippians 2:1-11 []*
4. Rejoicing in faithful companions *Philippians 2:19-30 []*
5. Joy and victory through surrender *Philippians 3:8-16 []*
6. Rejoicing in Christ Jesus *Philippians 4:4-7 []*
7. The Joy of practical support *Philippians 4:10-19 []*

A WEEK WITH...WOMEN OF FAITH

1. A singer of war songs
- challenging stereotypes *Exodus 15:19-21 []*
2. Determining destiny *Ruth 1:14-18 []*
3. The courage to speak *Esther 7:1-4 []*
4. Overcoming injustice *2 Kings 4:1-3 []*
5. An outsider accepted *Mark 7:24-30 []*
6. A conflict of roles or establishing a right? *Luke 10:38-42 []*
7. Exploitation *Acts 16:16-19 []*

A WEEK WITH... "THE UNNAMED"

1. Three visitors *Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-2 []*
2. A little servant girl *2 Kings 5:1-15 []*
3. A generous woman *2 Kings 4:8-37 []*
4. A Samaritan Woman *John 4:5-15, 25-29 []*
5. An ambitious mother *Matthew 20:20-28 []*
6. A Roman officer *Luke 7:1-10 []*
7. A boy with a lunch *John 6:1-13 []*

A WEEK WITH...MARY

1. Faith brings obedience *Luke 1:26-38 []*
2. Faith rewarded with blessing *Luke 1:39-45 []*
3. Faith through caring *Luke 2:41-52 []*
4. Faith brings revelation *John 2:1-11 []*
5. Faith when faith is difficult *Mark 3:31-35 []*
6. The greatest gift *John 19:23-28 []*
7. Mary's triumph *Luke 1:46-55 []*

A WEEK WITH...THE PARABLES IN LUKE

1. Good News *Luke 8:4-5 []*
2. Good Neighbours *Luke 10:25-37 []*
3. Wrong Priorities *Luke 12:13-31 []*
4. Gardener's World *Luke 13:6-9 []*
5. Poor Excuses *Luke 14:12-24 []*
6. Lost and Found *Luke 15:11-32 []*
7. Opportunity Knocks *Luke 19:11-27 []*

A WEEK WITH...EACH OTHER

1. How good and pleasant unity is *Psalms 133 []*
2. Love is patient *1 Cor 13:4-7 []*
3. Christ has broken down the barriers *Ephesians 2:14-22 []*
4. We are in the Body to work together *1 Cor 12:12-27 []*
5. A neighbour isn't always who we expect *Luke 10:25-37 []*
6. God loves us: we must love each other *1 John 4:7-21 []*
7. Equality of esteem *James 2:1-13 []*

EVERY WEEK, GOD IS WITH YOU

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| 1. God created you and is with you | <i>Psalm 139:13-18 []</i> |
| 2. God is with you to give you courage | <i>Isaiah 41:10-13 []</i> |
| 3. God is with you in times of danger | <i>Isaiah 43:1-2 []</i> |
| 4. God is with you even when you forget | <i>Psalm 73:21-28 []</i> |
| 5. God is with all who seek him | <i>Deut 4:29-31 []</i> |
| 6. God is with the brokenhearted | <i>Psalm 34:18-22 []</i> |
| 7. The Risen Lord is with you at the end of time | <i>Matthew 28:18-20 []</i> |

Prayers

AT THE BEGINNING OF A NEW DAY

Almighty God, to whom this world with all its goodness and beauty belongs, give us grace joyfully to begin this day in your name, and to fill it with an active love for you and our neighbour.

Amen

FOR GOD'S WORD

Almighty God, we thank you for the Holy Scriptures; for those who translate, print and distribute your Word so that people throughout the world may experience the joy of studying it in their language; we pray that by hearing you speak to us we may find renewed hope and life for ourselves and for others.

Amen

FOR PEACE

The peace of God, which passes all understanding keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst us and remain with us always.

Amen

AT THE END OF THE DAY

Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen