



READING PLAN FOR PRESCHOOL KIDS

The goal of Love This Book is not that we read the whole Bible, but it's for all of us to fall in love with God through His Word. We want this for adults, students and children.

When reading the Bible with preschool and younger elementary children, we want children to know that the Bible is the truth, that it is exciting, that it teaches us about the character of God and how deeply we are loved by Him.

Here are some ways to engage children with the Bible:

- ◆ Let them handle a Bible. Let kids hold it in their hands while they read or listen.
- ◆ Have older children read to the younger ones.
- ◆ Encourage your kids to be physically close when you read the Bible reminding them that the Bible is about relationships not rules.

This preschool reading plan uses *The Jesus Storybook Bible: Every Story Whispers His Name*. This narrative is based on Scripture and is written to help children and adults understand that the Bible is a collection of true stories about God and His love, pursuit and rescue of all of His children.

Never underestimate how God can use faithful exposure to the Word in your child's life.

PRESCHOOL READING PLAN PART ONE

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| WEEK 1 | January 1 | An introduction to the Bible based on Psalm 19 & Hebrews 1
Read "The story and the song" (page 12) |
| WEEK 2 | January 8 | Creation based on Genesis 1 & 2
Read "The beginning: A perfect home" (page 18) |
| WEEK 3 | January 15 | The fall into sin based on Genesis 3
Read "The terrible lie" (page 28) |
| WEEK 4 | January 22 | Noah's ark based on Genesis 6-9
Read "A new beginning" (page 38) |
| WEEK 5 | January 29 | The tower of Babel based on Genesis 11
Read "A giant staircase to heaven" (page 48) |
| WEEK 6 | February 5 | God's promise to Abraham based on Genesis 12-21
Read "Son of laughter" (page 56) |
| WEEK 7 | February 12 | Abraham and Isaac based on Genesis 22
Read "The present" (page 62) |
| WEEK 8 | February 19 | Jacob, Rachel and Leah based on Genesis 29-30
Read "The girl no one wanted" (page 70) |
| WEEK 9 | February 26 | Joseph and his brothers based on Genesis 37-46
Read "The forgiving prince" (page 76) |
| WEEK 10 | March 5 | Moses and the escape from Egypt based on Exodus 3-13
Read "God to the rescue!" (page 84) |
| WEEK 11 | March 12 | Moses and the Red Sea based on Exodus 14-15
Read "God makes a way" (page 92) |
| WEEK 12 | March 19 | The 10 Commandments based on Exodus 16-17 & 19-40
Read "Ten ways to be perfect" (page 100) |

To prepare for Easter we are going to leap forward into the New Testament and help your child make the connection between Christmas and Easter.

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| WEEK 13 | March 26 | Isaiah tells about Jesus based on Isaiah 9, 11, 40, 50, 53
Read "Operation 'No More Tears'" (page 144) |
| WEEK 14 | April 2 | The Nativity based on Luke 1-2
Read "He's here!" (page 176) |

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WEEK 15 **April 9** The Last Supper and the Crucifixion based on all four gospels
Read "The Servant King" (page 286) and "The Sun Stops Shining" (page 302)

Younger children may be baffled by the idea that Jesus "died on the cross," especially if they don't understand what death is. If you sense that a discussion of death would scare your child, concentrate on talking about the love and actions of Jesus. Tell the story in a way that does not create fear. Avoid emphasizing the brutality of Jesus' death and remind your child that Jesus was a man, not a baby, when this happened. Young children need to know that Jesus' death is not the end of the story. He arose from death and is alive!

WEEK 16 **April 16** The Resurrection based on Matthew 28
Read "God's Wonderful Surprise" (page 310)

WEEK 17 **April 23** Pentecost, the Holy Spirit arrives, based on Acts 1-5
Read "God Sends Help" (page 326)

This week we return to the Old Testament. Consider telling your kids that we are going back to stories that happened **before** Jesus the rescuer was born. Remind them of the stories you read about Moses, as we pick up there.

WEEK 18 **April 30** Joshua and Jericho based on Joshua 3 and 6
Read "The Warrior Leader" (page 108)

WEEK 19 **May 7** Samuel anoints David as King based on 1 Samuel 16
Read "The Teeny, Weenie...True King" (page 116)

WEEK 20 **May 14** David and Goliath based on 1 Samuel 17
Read "The Young Hero and the Horrible Giant" (page 122)