



# BRING IT HOME

Reading the Great Stories of the Bible

WEEK 30-31 | READINGS 88-93

July 28-Aug 10

**88. JESUS RAISES JAIRUS'S DAUGHTER**—Mark 5:21-24, 35-43

WEEK 30 | July 28-Aug 3

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ What did Jesus say to Jairus when He first met him?
- ◆ Jairus's daughter died, but Jesus raised her up to live again. Knowing that Jesus will do the same for us at the Last Day, how does that make you feel?

*Prayer: Lord Jesus, You defeated death and have power of it. Make us ready for the Day You return. Amen.*

**89. JESUS FEEDS FIVE THOUSAND+**—Mark 6:30-44

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Describe a time you couldn't do something because you were too young or too little.
- ◆ Why do you think Jesus wanted all the leftovers gathered up? What would that show people?

*Prayer: Lord, You take care of us in this life. Everything we have is from You. Give us insight to share with those who have less than us, so they can see the power of Your grace through our actions. Amen.*

**90. JESUS WALKS ON WATER**—Matthew 14:22-33

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Jesus helped Peter out of the water when he became afraid. What does this teach us when we are afraid?
- ◆ Think about the things going on in your life which make you afraid/concerned. Pray to God for Him to take that fear/concern away

*Prayer: Lord, You are always there for me. When I am afraid, remind me of Your presence. Show me Your mercy and guide me through these tough times. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

**91. JESUS IS ANOINTED**—Luke 7:36-50

WEEK 31 | Aug 4-10

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Jesus loves sinners, for no sin is too great for Him. Try to put into words what it means that Jesus loves you enough to forgive all your sins. If you're doing this with your family, talk about it out loud with each other.
- ◆ Jesus told the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." Why would this woman, all of a sudden, feel at peace?

*Prayer: Gracious Lord, I really need some of Your peace in my life. Keep my eyes fixed on Your forgiveness, and let Your peace shine brightly in my life. Amen.*

**92. PETER'S CONFESSION & JESUS' TRANSFIGURATION**—Matthew 16:13-17:13

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Jesus said He would build His Church on Peter's confession of faith. Why do you think confessing God in public is important?
- ◆ Who was with Jesus, Peter, James, & John on the Mount? Why do you think they appeared? (Reading Mark 9:2-8 & Luke 9:28-36 may help.)

*Prayer: Lord, we are thankful for Your mercy in our lives. Keep our faith strong making us bold & courageous witnesses to all. Amen.*

**93. JESUS SENDS OUT THE SEVENTY-TWO**—Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Jesus sent out His disciples without money & other things. He did this so they'd trust in Him. Where do you need to have more trust in God?
- ◆ Upon the disciple's return, Jesus gave them perspective on why they should rejoice. Why do you think He made this point?

*Prayer: Dear Jesus, so many people don't know You as Savior and Lord. It seems overwhelming at times. Use me to make a difference in one person's life this week with the power of Your love. Amen.*



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WEEK 32-33 | READINGS 94-99

August 11-24

## 94. THE GOOD SAMARITAN—Luke 10:25-37

WEEK 32 | Aug 11-17

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Think of some one you know it is hard to be nice to? Why is it hard? How might you show that person mercy?
- ◆ How might acts of mercy towards those around us give us an opportunity to share the Gospel with them?

*Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, give us an opportunity to show mercy towards people in need. Make us bold and courageous in our witness and help us show Your love by what we do. In Your name we pray, Amen.*

## 95. JESUS HEALS A BLIND MAN—John 9

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ What was so radical about Jesus that the Pharisees wanted nothing to do with Him?
- ◆ The Pharisees cast out the man from the synagogue. That's like being kicked out the Church and stripped of your legal status as a citizen. How would you feel if that happened to you?
- ◆ After the blind man confessed his belief in Jesus, what did the man do? (Hint: Read v. 38) Why is that so important?

*Prayer: Jesus, You are the Light of the world. Your grace changes our lives forever. Keep our eyes fixed on Your promises forever. Amen.*

## 96. JESUS: THE GOOD SHEPHERD—John 10:1-18 & Psalm 23

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ What does the Good Shepherd (Jesus) do for His sheep (us)?
- ◆ Psalm 23 is probably the most popular Psalm. It is often read at Christian funerals. What does Psalm 23 mean to you?

*Prayer: Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd. You protect and keep us in Your loving care through all things. Teach us to follow You wherever life may lead us. In Your name we pray, Amen.*

## 97. JESUS RAISES LAZARUS—John 11:1-44

WEEK 33 | Aug 18-24

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ What did Jesus say to Martha when He first arrived at their place? What was her response?
- ◆ Why do you think Jesus waited 4 days after Lazarus died to do this miracle?

*Prayer: Lord, You are the Resurrection and the Life. You truly hold the key to eternal life. Thank You for Your mercy and grace, which never end. Amen.*

## 98. THE PRODIGAL SON—Luke 15:11-32

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ You've never sinned too much that God can't or won't forgive you. What does that mean to you?
- ◆ Identify a friend or neighbor who needs Jesus. Include them in your prayers and ask God for an opportunity to invite them to worship with you.

*Prayer: Jesus, Your mercy never ends. We can't out-sin Your grace. We humbly ask You to continue to shine Your mercy & grace on our lives. Amen.*

## 99. JESUS HEALS 10 LEPERS—Luke 17:11-19

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Why do you think the other 9 who were healed didn't bother with thanking Jesus?
- ◆ Most of us forget to be thankful for all the blessings we have from God. What are some ways we can change that bad habit?

*Prayer: Gracious Lord, You love and care for us more than we deserve. Forgive us for shallow thankfulness. Keep us mindful of Your ever-present grace and love towards us. In Jesus' name. Amen.*



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WEEK 34 | READINGS 100-102

August 25-31

**100. JESUS BLESSES LITTLE CHILDREN**—Matthew 19:13-15

WEEK 34 | Aug 25-31

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Why were children so important to Jesus?
- ◆ Can you name 2 or 3 Christians habits you can teach your children/grandchildren?

*Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, use me to let Your love and forgiveness shine on the people around me. Give me Your Holy Spirit so I can always have faith and trust in You like a little child. In Your name we pray, Amen.*

**101. JESUS AND ZACCHAEUS**—Luke 19:1-10

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ If Zacchaeus was such a terrible man (see v. 8) why did Jesus befriend him? Hint: See v. 10.
- ◆ Think about someone who is “forgotten” or “rejected” in your community. Pray for an opportunity to make a difference in their lives. How could you invite them to worship or witness the faith to them?

*Prayer: Lord, everyone needs You. There is no sin You can't forgive. Use me to bring Your words of life and hope especially to those who seem deplorable to others. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

**102. THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY**—Matthew 21:1-11 (Also Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:29-38; John 12:12-15)

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ The crowds shouted “Hosanna” when they saw Jesus. The word “Hosanna” means “save us now”. What did Jesus save us from?
- ◆ Why do the Gospel writers keep on connecting Jesus' life and actions to things that were written in the Old Testament?

*Prayer: Dear Jesus, You rode into Jerusalem with people shouting “Hosanna - save us now”. Continue to pour Your life and salvation into our hearts, that we may serve You joyfully. In Your name we pray, Amen.*