



BRING IT HOME

Reading the Great Stories of the Bible

WEEK 13-14 | READINGS 37-42

March 31-April 13

37. DEBORAH—Judges 4

WEEK 13 | March 31-April 6

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Once again, we see God's people doing evil. Why do you think God offered them help against their enemy?
- ◆ How does God promise to help us even when we do evil by sinning?

Prayer: Lord, thank You for freeing Your people from their enemies by two women no one ever would have expected. Thank You for saving us through something we would never have expected—Jesus' suffering and death on a horrible cross. Amen.

38. GIDEON—Judges 6-7

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Gideon felt like God wasn't with him like He was in the past. Have you ever felt like this? How?
- ◆ What do you think God was trying to show Gideon and Israel by using only 300 men to defeat such a large Midian army?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, Your power, faithfulness, and love for us is even more than we could ever imagine. Thank You for showing us that You are our strong defender and helper. Thank You for sticking with us even when we are weak. Amen.

39. SAMSON—Judges 13:1-5; Judges 16

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ What would you do if you were the strongest person in the world?
- ◆ Samson was captured by his enemies and carried away into prison. In spite of this, how did God use him?

Prayer: Lord God, when I am weak, You are strong. You brought Samson back to You even though he was horribly selfish and often wasted the great power You gave him. Teach me not to be selfish with the gifts You've given me, but to use Your gifts to show other people Your great love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

40. RUTH—Ruth 4

WEEK 14 | April 7-13

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Boaz redeemed Ruth. He paid money to buy back or redeem the land for Naomi, Ruth's mom. At that time in Israel, women and children couldn't own land. But the closest male relative could buy it back for them. Boaz did this. How do you think Ruth felt?
- ◆ In Ruth 4:18-22, we find out Ruth's great grandson is King David. Jesus is from David's line. How is Jesus our Redeemer?

Prayer: Jesus, You are our Redeemer. You protect our inheritance of eternal life by paying for our sins. In Your name we pray. Amen.

41. THE BIRTH OF SAMUEL—1 Samuel 1:1-2:11

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ 1 Samuel 1:15 says that Hannah poured out her soul before the Lord in prayer. Why do you think its good to "pour our souls" out to God in prayer?
- ◆ What does Hanna's prayer, in 1 Samuel 2:1-10, teach us about God?

Prayer: Lord, help me to trust in Your timing. Help me put my trust in You no matter what. In Jesus' name. Amen.

42. GOD CALLS SAMUEL—1 Samuel 3

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Why did Samuel not realize it was the Lord who was calling him?
- ◆ Why do you think its good for us to listen to God as He speaks to us through His Word?

Prayer: Lord God, thank You speaking to Samuel so He could serve You. Thank You for speaking to us through Your Word. Help us to love listening to Your Word so we can serve You and all people in my life. In Jesus' name. Amen.



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WEEK 15-16 | READINGS 43-48

April 14-27

43. SAUL BECOMES KING—1 Samuel 8:1-9; 1 Samuel 10:17-27

WEEK 15 | April 14-20

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ After many years of following the Lord, why do the people of Israel ask for a king?
- ◆ Israel rejected God as their king. Has there been a time in your life when you rejected God as your king?

Prayer: Lord God, in the midst of our sinfulness, we turn away from You and Your goodness. Forgive us. Thank You for sending Jesus to be our king by dying on the cross and rising to life again. Thank You for never rejected us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

44. SAMUEL ANOINTS DAVID—1 Samuel 16

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ God rejects Saul as king (1 Samuel 15). Over time, Saul became proud, forgot Israel belonged to God, and wasn't careful to do everything God told him to do. Think about a time you became proud, forgot you belonged to God, or didn't listen Him.
- ◆ The Lord sent Samuel to Bethlehem where he found David and anointed him king. Who else came from Bethlehem to be king?

Prayer: God, thank You for using the "least likely to succeed" as Your instruments. Make me strong in faith that I may serve You. Amen.

45. DAVID AND GOLIATH—1 Samuel 17

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ No one likes a bully. How was Goliath a bully? How might we sometimes be bullies like Goliath?
- ◆ David trusts the Lord will deliver Goliath into his hand. In what areas of your life can your trust in the Lord grow?

Prayer: Lord God, give me the same faith and courage You gave David, that I may not fear anything or anyone, but know that You are always with me. Help me trust You with the big and little matters in my life, knowing You will guide me through them. In Jesus' name. Amen.

46. DAVID & JONATHAN—1 Samuel 18:1-5; 1 Samuel 20

WEEK 16 | April 21-27

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ King Saul was jealous of David and wanted to hurt him. How does jealousy hurt relationships? How can God help us overcome it?
- ◆ David and Jonathan were such good friends, they were like brothers. Do you have a friend like that? Reflect on that relationship.

Prayer: Lord God, help me never to be jealous and angry like King Saul, but to love and trust You like David and Jonathan did. Thank You for the friends You have given me. Help me to be as good a friend to them as Jonathan and David were to each other. In Jesus' name. Amen.

47. GOD'S COVENANT WITH DAVID—2 Samuel 7

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ If you were to build a new church building, what would you want it to look like?
- ◆ God told David He would make his name great, and He did. Who, in the New Testament, was called "The son of David"? (Hint, He died and rose again....)

Prayer: Lord, You dwell in our hearts by faith. Thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior and King. Amen.

48. KING SOLOMON PRAYS FOR WISDOM—1 Kings 3

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ If you could ask God for anything in the whole world, what would you ask for?
- ◆ Why do you think God was pleased that Solomon asked for wisdom?

Prayer: Lord, thank You for giving Solomon the gift of understanding so that he could help others and make wise decisions. Please give me wisdom, too, so I know how to live my life and help the people around me. In Jesus' name. Amen.