



BRING IT HOME

Reading the Great Stories of the Bible

WEEK 17-18 | READINGS 49-54

April 28-May 11

49. SOLOMON BUILDS THE TEMPLE—1 Kings 6

WEEK 17 | April 28-May 4

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ God made His presence known in the form of a cloud. Talk about how the people must have felt when they saw it.
- ◆ God reveals Himself to us just as powerfully in His Word (The Bible), Baptism, and the Lord's Supper. How does this make you feel to know that God is there for us, all the time?

Prayer: Lord God, You have made Your presence known to us through Your Word and Sacraments. Thank You for Your presence. Amen.

50. GOD PROVIDES FOR ELIJAH—1 Kings 17

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ God provided just enough flour and oil that they could stay alive during the draught. What would it be like to see the oil and flour never running out?
- ◆ We pray in the Lord's Prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread". What is meant by "daily bread"? (See Luther's Small Catechism)

Prayer: Father, we pray "give us this day our daily bread". Thank You for providing everything we need to support us in this body and life. Amen.

51. ELIJAH AND THE PROPHETS OF BAAL—1 Kings 18

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ In verse 21, Elijah asks, "How long will you go limping between two different opinions?" What do you think he meant?
- ◆ What are some things that interfere with your relationship with God?

Prayer: Lord God, clear those things away in life which interfere with our relationship with You. Keep our faith strong in You, so we may boldly tell others how You sent Jesus, Your Son, to save us. Amen.

52. GOD TAKES ELIJAH TO HEAVEN—1 Kings 19; 2 Kings 2

WEEK 18 | May 5-11

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Elijah wanted to give up and quit after being threatened with death. What did God do to reassure Elijah?
- ◆ In Matthew 28:20, Jesus said, "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age". How does that bring us assurance when times are tough?

Prayer: When times are tough, Lord, assure me with Your presence and peace. Give me strength and courage for Jesus' sake. Amen.

53. NAAMAN AND ELISHA—2 Kings 5

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Describe a time you were really, really sick. Why do you think Naaman was, at first, angry with Elisha?
- ◆ Why do you think God chose to heal Naaman quietly and simply, without a lot of hoopla?

Prayer: Be with me Lord. Help me when I struggle and grow sick to trust in You for everything in life. Remind me that when Jesus returns, He will take away all sickness and disease forever. Amen.

54. JONAH'S STORY—The Book of Jonah

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Jonah didn't like Nineveh, and initially wanted God to punish them for their sin. God had other plans. What did He do to change Jonah's mind?
- ◆ How do you forgive someone who seems to be your enemy? Why is it good to forgive even our enemies?

Prayer: Lord God, You care about everyone in the world. You want all people to be saved. Give us opportunity to let Your love and forgiveness shine to others. Amen.



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WEEK 19-20 | READINGS 55-60

May 12-25

55. ISAIAH SEES THE LORD—Isaiah 6-7, 9, & 53

WEEK 19 | May 12-18

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Isaiah wrote that Jesus' name would be Immanuel. Google "Immanuel" to find out what it means. How is Jesus Immanuel?
- ◆ Isaiah also wrote, "and with His stripes we are healed". God has forgiven you through His son, Jesus. What does that mean to you?

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful for the gift of forgiveness and life we have in Jesus. Teach me to live in the power of Your forgiveness. Amen.

56. KING HEZEKIAH PRAYS—2 Kings 18-19

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ When it seemed like everything was against King Hezekiah, what did he say in his prayer? (2 Kings 19:14-19)
- ◆ How might hardships in life actually teach us to trust in God even more?

Prayer: Lord God, thank You for listening to the prayer of King Hezekiah. Help me be confident that You will never forget me. Amen.

57. KING JOSIAH—2 Kings 22-23

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ After King Josiah found out that they were breaking the commandments handed down to them by God, what did he do?
- ◆ Why do you think it seems so easy to fall into unbelief and sin?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me examine every part of my heart, mind, and soul. I confess my sins to You. Thank You for Your Son, Jesus, who has won forgiveness for me. Amen.

58. GOD CALLS JEREMIAH—Jeremiah 1, 23, & 31

WEEK 20 | May 19-25

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ God told Jeremiah that before he was born, God knew him. How does it make you feel to know that God knew you, BEFORE you were born?
- ◆ Look at the end of Jeremiah 31:34. That's a promise to you because of Jesus. He not only forgives you, God no longer remembers your sin, because of Jesus. What does this mean to you?

Prayer: Before I was born, You knew me. Thank You for Your love and constant care for me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

59. ISRAEL AND JUDAH IN EXILE—2 Kings 17, 24-25

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Why do you think Israel and Judah were taken into captivity and exile?
- ◆ Have you ever done something bad and gotten in big trouble because of it? What happened?

Prayer: Lord, I often fail in keeping Your commandments. I confess my sins to You and call upon Your mercy and forgiveness, won for us on the cross by Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

60. EZEKIEL: GOD'S PROMISES TO THE EXILES—Ezekiel 8 & 36-37:14

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ After God promised punishment for Israel's evil deeds, what good things did He promise as well?
- ◆ God hates sin, but loves us. He promises He will restore Israel by putting His Spirit within them. How do you think this might apply to your life and relationship with God?

Prayer: Lord, forgive my sin and change my heart. Bring the power of Your love and forgiveness into me by Your Spirit. In Jesus' name. Amen.



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WEEK 21 | READINGS 61-63

May 26-June 1

61. THE FIERY FURNACE—Daniel 3

WEEK 21 | May 26-June 1

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ What was King Nebuchadnezzar's reaction to the three men coming out of the fiery furnace unharmed?
- ◆ Describe some opportunities you might have to stand up for your faith in Christ.

Prayer: Lord God, give me a strong faith to meet the daily challenges I face. Make me a bold and courageous witness to Your love and forgiveness. Amen.

62. DANIEL IN THE LIONS' DEN—Daniel 6

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Has someone ever tried really hard to get you in trouble?
- ◆ How do you think it's becoming more difficult to stand up for what you believe? What did you learn from Daniel, who stood up for what he believed?

Prayer: O Lord, teach me to trust that you will always be with me, especially when I face harm or danger. In Jesus' name. Amen.

63. DANIEL SEES HEAVEN—Daniel 7

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ "Ancient of Days" is referring to God the Father. How is He described?
- ◆ "...one like a son of man" refers to Jesus, the Son of God. He is our Savior and Lord. From this description, what do you think "Savior and Lord" means?

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, Your mercy never fails. You reign as Lord over the heavens and the earth, and I'm grateful for You. Amen.