

BIBLE READING PLANS

Knowing where to begin reading the Bible can be difficult, and understanding the Bible can be challenging.

You are to be congratulated for your desire to know more about God's Word. Below you will find four reading plans: the first one will give you a good general overview of the Bible, the second plan will help understand more about the life and person of Jesus Christ, the third will read through some of the key Psalms, and the fourth will lead you through the book of Proverbs in one month. We hope they will prove helpful to you as you continue your journey of faith.

Reading Plan: An Overview of the Bible

1. In the Beginning Genesis 1:1—2:25
2. Sin Enters the Picture Genesis 3:1-24
3. Water, Water Everywhere Genesis 6:1—8:22
4. God's Promise to Abraham. Genesis 12:1-5; 18:1-15;17:1-22;
21:1-7
5. Goodbye, Sodom and Gomorrah Genesis 18:16—19:29
6. Isaac Loves Rebekah Genesis 24:1-67
7. Between Brothers Genesis 25:19-34; 27:1-40
8. The Deceiver Comes Home Genesis 32:1—33:20
9. Family Reunion. Genesis 42:1-38; 45:1-28
10. A Man Named Moses. Exodus 2:1—3:22
11. Escape from Egypt. Exodus 12:1-42; 13:17—14:31
12. Life in the Wilderness. Exodus 15:22—17:16
13. Ten Commandments Exodus 20:1-21
14. Calf Worship Exodus 32:1-35
15. Moses Loses His Cool—and More. Numbers 20:1-29
16. Joshua Takes Command Joshua 1:1-18; 3:1-17
17. Conquering the Promised Land Joshua 8:1-35; 11:1-23
18. Gideon, the Reluctant Leader Judges 6:1—7:25
19. The Weak Strong Man Judges 13:1-25; 16:1-31
20. Calling Samuel 1 Samuel 1:1-28; 3:1-21
21. Israel Gets a King 1 Samuel 8:1—10:1
22. God Rejects Saul 1 Samuel 15:1-35
23. David versus Goliath 1 Samuel 17:1-58
24. King David Rules 2 Samuel 5:1—6:23
25. Solomon, the Wise Guy 1 Kings 3:1-28; 4:29-34
26. Building the Temple. 1 Kings 6:1-38; 8:1-66
27. Elijah and the Battle of Baal. 1 Kings 18:16—19:18
28. The Exile of Israel 2 Kings 17:1-41
29. The Fall of Jerusalem 2 Kings 25:1-30

30. Rebuilding the Temple Ezra 1:1-11; 6:1-22
31. Rebuilding the Walls of Jerusalem Nehemiah 2:1-20; 6:1-19
32. Esther Saves Her People Esther 3:1—4:17; 7:1-10
33. Job, the Noble Sufferer Job 1:1—2:10; 42:1-17
34. Psalms of Comfort and Confession. Psalm 23:1-6; 51:1-19
35. The Coming Messiah Isaiah 52:13—53:12
36. A Night in the Lions' Den Daniel 6:1-28
37. The Ultimate Fish Story Jonah 1:1—4:11
38. The First Christmas: Jesus Is Born. Matthew 1:18-2:23;
39. The Sermon on the Mount Matthew 5:1—7:29
40. Miracle after Miracle. Matthew 8:1—9:38
41. Parable after Parable. Matthew 13:1-58; 18:1-35
42. The Lord's Prayer. Luke 11:1-13
43. The Raising of Lazarus John 11:1-44
44. The Passion of the Christ John 18:1—19:42
45. He Lives! John 20:1—21:25
46. Welcome, Holy Spirit Acts 2:1-47
47. The First Martyr Acts 6:8—7:60
48. Saul Sees the Light Acts 9:1-31
49. Good News for Gentiles Acts 10:1—11:18
50. Hit the Road, Paul Acts 13:1—14:28
51. Sin and Salvation Romans 3:1-31; 8:1-39
52. The Most Excellent Way 1 Corinthians 12:1—13:13
53. Children of Light Ephesians 5:1—6:4
54. Jesus Is Coming Again. 1 Thessalonians 4:13—5:11
55. The Faith Hall of Fame Hebrews 11:1-40
56. Just Do It. James 1:2-27
57. Love, Love, Love. 1 John 3:1—4:21
58. Judgment Day Revelation 20:1-15
59. Forever and Ever Revelation 21:1—22:21

Reading Plan: The Life of Jesus

1. Jesus Foretold.....Isaiah 53
2. The Birth of Jesus.....Matthew 1:18-25
3. John the Baptist Prepares the Way and Baptizes
Jesus.....Matthew 3:1-4:11
4. Water to Wine and the Samaritan Woman..... John 2:1-11 and
5. Jesus Rejected in his Hometown..... Luke 4:14-30
6. Jesus Calls his Disciples.....Luke 5:1-11 and Matthew 9:9-13

7. Sermon on the Mount..... Luke 6:17-46
8. A Centurion, a Widow's Son and a Sinful Woman..... Matthew 8:1-13 and Luke 7:11-17; 7:36-50
9. Encounters With the Pharisees.....Matthew 12:1-13; 22-45
10. Parable of the Sower, Weeds and Seeds..... Matthew 13:1-43
11. Jesus Calms the Storm and Later Walks on Water...Luke 8:22-25
and Mark 6:45-56
12. Jesus Heals a Man, Woman and Girl.....Mark 5:1-43
13. Feeding of the 5000.....John 6:1-14
14. Peter Identifies the Christ and the Transfiguration...Luke 9:18-27
and Luke 17:1-8
15. Healing by Faith..... Mark 9: 14-32
16. Teachings and Parables.....Matthew 17:24-18:20
17. Teachings and Parables.....Matthew 18:21-19:15
18. The Rich Young Ruler.....Mark 10:17-31
19. Disciples Sent Out..... Luke 10:1-24
20. The Good Samaritan.....Luke 10:25-37
21. Jesus Teaches How to Pray..... Luke 11:1-13
22. Jesus Revives Lazarus..... John 11:1-44
23. Jesus Comes to Jerusalem..... Matthew 21:1-27
24. The Last Supper.....John 13:1-17 and Matthew 26:17-35
25. Comfort for the Disciples..... John 14-15
26. Jesus Arrested and Disowned..... Matthew 26:36-75
27. Jesus' Trial..... John 18:19-19:16
28. Jesus Crucifixion and Death..... John 19:17-42
29. Jesus' Resurrection and Appearances.....John 20-21
30. The Great Commission and the Ascension of Jesus..... Matthew 28:16-20 and Luke 24:50-53

Reading Plan: Psalms

Day	Theme	Passage
1	Blessing	Psalm 67, 72, 84, 128
2	Calling to God	Psalm 4, 5, 22
3	Confidence	Psalm 27, 36, 71, 125
4	Deeds of God	Psalm 9, 18, 118
5	Doubt	Psalm 42, 73, 77
6	Faithfulness of God	Psalm 105, 119: 137-144, 146
7	Fear	Psalm 37, 49, 91
8	Glory of God	Psalm 19, 24, 29
9	God Is a Helper	Psalm 54, 115, 119:169-176
10	Identity	Psalm 8, 139
11	Justice of God	Psalm 7, 26, 82
12	Meditation	Psalm 119:9-16, 41-48

13	Mercy	Psalm 13, 28, 86
14	Music	Psalm 6, 149, 150
15	Nature	Psalm 50, 104, 147, 148
16	Peace	Psalm 23, 133, 119:161–168
17	Power of God	Psalm 68, 93, 135
18	Praise	Psalm, 65, 98, 138
19	Prayer	Psalm 17, 20, 102
20	Protection	Psalm 59, 62, 124
21	Safety in God	Psalm 11, 16, 142, 46
22	Rejoicing	Psalm 30, 47, 97
23	Righteousness	Psalm 1, 15, 112
24	Salvation	Psalm 3, 14, 121
25	Sin and Repentance	Psalm 25, 32, 38, 51
26	Thanksgiving	Psalm 75, 106, 136
27	Trust	Psalm 31, 40, 56
28	Victory	Psalm 21, 76, 144
29	Wisdom	Psalm 90, 107, 111
30	Worship	Psalm 33, 34, 145

Reading Plan: Proverbs

There are 31 Proverbs.

On day 1, read Proverbs 1; on day 2, read Proverbs 2; etc.