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**TEN
QUESTIONS
TO ASK
EVERY TIME
YOU READ
THE BIBLE**

Household Devotions

*10 weeks of short, encouraging studies
to share with your family*

THE WHY:



Household devotions are given so that God's people can continue to discuss what is learned in church and at Bible study in a family setting. It is an important part of parenthood to model for the children what it means to be a Christian. Unfortunately, home devotions tend to get lost in the busyness of modern life, and many families do not do them. Studies show that young adults who are Christians had parents and grandparents who talked about the faith in their homes. So we at Trinity seek to provide parents with an easy and accessible way to talk about the things of the faith with their children.

THE WHAT:



Devotions are presented in a simple and repetitive format that can be completed relatively quickly. Each study begins with a review of the current week's question, moves to a reading from Scripture, provides a few corresponding questions that invite the household to dig deeper into the Biblical text, and concludes with a prayer. The intention is that these devotions can be done with the whole household in 5-10 minutes, while also encouraging good discipleship habits of prayer and meditation on God's Word. As your household progresses through the ten weeks of studies, you'll begin to memorize the "10 Questions to Ask Every Time You Read the Bible", plus important and helpful prayer models for the Christian life.

THE HOW:



Each day, the head of household will call their household together and review the weekly question and its meaning. Suggested answers are provided to help the head of household encourage and direct the rest of the family in the right direction. All members of the household should be encouraged to share their thoughts, even if they are very little. Some of the Bible readings are only a couple of verses; others are entire chapters. The head of household can assign sections of the longer passages to different family members so that all people have a chance to read and to interact. The prayer at the end of the devotion should be read by all members of the household, or at least all members should participate in saying the prayer. While all of this can be extended by further discussion, the encouragement is to keep the devotion short (5-10 min.) so that devotions can be completed every day without fatigue. If the head of household gets very excited and spends 45 minutes each day on devotions, the rest of the household may begin to weary of them altogether.

Above all, the following devotions are merely here as a guide to help households begin to think, learn, pray, and grow closer to Christ every day. Treat them as a guide and not as a rule. The Head of House (and all literate members of the household) will benefit from reading the book "10 Questions to Ask Every Time You Read the Bible" in order to help fortify what was learned in church on Sunday.

I pray that you and your household enjoy this time of learning and growing, and that you come to know Christ better so that you can make Jesus known in your life.

In Christ,

Pastor Mark Duerr

WEEKLY TEMPLATE

STUDIES 1-5:

- 1. Review the question for the week.** Each week will focus on the question we learned about in church from the book *10 Questions to Ask Every Time You Read the Bible*. Start by asking if anyone remembers the question, then ask if anyone remembers what it means. Provide answers from the booklet to make sure everyone is on the same page.
- 2. Read a Bible story.** A suggested Bible passage is provided. Some passages will be repeated from week to week in order to build on themes. Reading different passages will help build Biblical fluency.
- 3. Dig deeper with the provided prompts.** Connect the weekly question to the passage you've just read. Consider how the Bible passage applies to you.
- 4. Pray.** Rotate through several different prayers each week: The Lord's Prayer, Luther's Morning (or Evening) Prayer, and the PRAY prayer. Rotating in this way helps us to learn a variety of prayers by heart.

STUDIES 6-7:

Follow the format above, but choose your own Bible passage and your own prayer.

QUESTION 1: WHO IS THE ENEMY?

WEEK 1, DAY 1

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: Who is the enemy?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: The enemies of God's people – Satan, sin, and death – strive to take us away from God's love.)

Read Mark 1:21-28

Dig Deeper - Q: What are the enemies to God's people in this passage?
How do you know?

(A: Satan's henchman, a demon, tormented a man and the surrounding towns. When Jesus confronts him, he defies Jesus with a curse.)

Q: How does this story apply to you?

(A: Jesus doesn't want us to be tempted or hurt by Satan, so we can be confident that Jesus protects us.)

Pray – The Lord's Prayer. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WEEK 1, DAY 2

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: Who is the enemy?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: The enemies of God's people – Satan, sin, and death – strive to take us away from God's love.)

Read Mark 5:21-43

Dig Deeper - Q: What are the enemies to God's people in this passage?
How do you know?

(A: Death. A woman was very sick, and when she touched Jesus, she got better. A young girl got sick and died, and Jesus raised her back to life.)

Q: How does this story apply to you?

(A: Jesus doesn't want us to be sick, so when we're sick we can pray to Jesus.)

Pray – Luther's Morning Prayer. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Or

Luther's Evening Prayer. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

WEEK 1, DAY 3

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: Who is the enemy?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: The enemies of God's people – Satan, sin, and death – strive to take us away from God's love.)

Read 1 Samuel 17

Dig Deeper - Q: What are the enemies to God's people in this passage?
How do you know?

(A: Satan. Goliath is a human enemy against the people of God; he wants the people of Israel to worship his gods and so tempts them to give up following God and follow his gods instead.)

Q: How does this story apply to you?

(A: Sometimes we can be afraid to follow God because the people around us scare us.)

Pray – Popcorn Prayer. (Head of household starts and ends the prayer; each additional member of the household prays asking God for something or thanking God for something.)

Dear Jesus, we love You and thank You for all You have done for us. You defeat our enemies for us and so we are very thankful for all You do. Please continue to care for us as we offer to You our prayer requests...*(each person prays their own request)*... We submit to You all that we care for and hope for; if it is Your will, please grant these requests. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WEEK 1, DAY 4

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: Who is the enemy?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: The enemies of God's people – Satan, sin, and death – strive to take us away from God's love.)

Read Psalm 130

Dig Deeper - Q: What are the enemies to God's people in this passage?

How do you know?

(A: Sin. The Psalmist committed a sin and he felt horribly about it, so he prays to God, asking for His forgiveness.)

Q: How does this story apply to you?

(A: When we sin, the appropriate response is to ask God for His forgiveness.)

Pray – Using the P.R.A.Y. prayer model, pray your own family prayer.

P: Praise God for who He is and what He's done.

R: Repent of a sin you've committed this past week.

A: Ask God for something you need.

Y: Yield to God's will, even if you don't get what you asked for.

WEEK 1, DAY 5

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: Who is the enemy?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: The enemies of God's people – Satan, sin, and death – strive to take us away from God's love.)

Read Romans 3:22-23

Dig Deeper - Q: What are the enemies to God's people in this passage?
How do you know?

(A: Sin. Everyone has sinned, and that sin separates us from God.)

Q: How does this story apply to you?

(A: Our sin separates us from God, and so when we sin, we need to confess that sin to the person we hurt and to God.)

Pray – The Lord's Prayer. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WEEK 1, DAYS 6 & 7

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: Who is the enemy?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: The enemies of God's people – Satan, sin, and death – strive to take us away from God's love.)

Read – Open the Bible and choose your own passage.

Dig Deeper - Q: What are the enemies to God's people in this passage?
How do you know?

Q: How does this story apply to you?

Pray – Choose one of the other prayers for the week.

QUESTION 2: HOW IS THIS ENEMY DEFEATED?

WEEK 2, DAY 1

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: How is this enemy defeated?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: Jesus defeats the enemy of Satan by being present in our lives, the enemy of sin by forgiving us of our sins as He dies on the cross, and the enemy of death by rising from the dead and offering us everlasting life.)

Read Mark 1:21-28

Dig Deeper - Q: What are the enemies to God's people in this passage?

How are the enemies of God's people defeated in this passage?

(A: Satan's henchman, the demon, is defeated when Jesus drives it out of the man in the synagogue.)

Q: How does this story apply to you?

(A: Jesus doesn't tolerate demons to hurt His people; He not only drives the demon out of the man, He protects you from Satan's schemes as well.)

Pray – The Lord's Prayer. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WEEK 2, DAY 2

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Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

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Read Mark 5:21-43

Dig Deeper - Q: What are the enemies to God's people in this passage?
How are the enemies of God's people defeated in this passage?

(A: Death. A woman was very sick, and when she touched Jesus, she got better. A young girl got sick and died, and Jesus raised her back to life. In both stories, people who were sick or dead encountered Jesus, and He defeated death by healing their illnesses and restoring them to life.)

Q: How does this story apply to you?

(A: Jesus doesn't want us to be sick, so when we're sick, We can pray to Jesus and ask Him to heal us. He may heal us today, or He may wait until next week, or He may wait until the resurrection from the dead to heal us all.)

Pray – Luther's Morning Prayer. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

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WEEK 2, DAY 3

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: How is this enemy defeated?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: Jesus defeats the enemy of Satan by being present in our lives, the enemy of sin by forgiving us of our sins as He dies on the cross, and the enemy of death by rising from the dead and offering us everlasting life.)

Read 1 Samuel 17

Dig Deeper - Q: What are the enemies to God's people in this passage?

How are the enemies of God's people defeated in this passage?

(A: Satan. Goliath is a human enemy against the people of God; he wants the people of Israel to worship his gods and so tempts them to give up following God and follow his gods instead. David defeats Goliath who threatens God's people. God uses David to protect His people from the evil Philistines and the sinful idol worship they want to impose on God's people.)

Q: How does this story apply to you?

(A: Sometimes we can be afraid to follow God because the people around us scare us. But God protects His people by providing a champion for us. That champion is Jesus, who defeats Satan and all his henchmen.)

Pray – Popcorn Prayer. (Head of household starts and ends the prayer; each additional member of the household prays asking God for something or thanking God for something.)

Dear Jesus, we love You and thank You for all You have done for us.

You defeat our enemies for us and so we are very thankful for all You do. Please continue to care for us as we offer to You our prayer requests...

(each person prays their own request)... We submit to You all that we care for and hope for; if it is Your will, please grant these requests. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WEEK 2, DAY 4

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: How is this enemy defeated?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: Jesus defeats the enemy of Satan by being present in our lives, the enemy of sin by forgiving us of our sins as He dies on the cross, and the enemy of death by rising from the dead and offering us everlasting life.)

Read Psalm 130

Dig Deeper - Q: What are the enemies to God’s people in this passage? How are the enemies of God’s people defeated in this passage?

(A: Sin. The Psalmist committed a sin and he felt horribly about it, so he prays to God, asking for His forgiveness. The Psalmist also knows the character of God, so he writes of God’s mercy in verse 7: “Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.”)

Q: How does this story apply to you?

(A: When we sin, the appropriate response is to ask God for His forgiveness; God is faithful and promises to forgive us when we do.)

Pray – Using the P.R.A.Y. prayer model, pray your own family prayer.

P: Praise God for who He is and what He’s done.

R: Repent of a sin you’ve committed this past week.

A: Ask God for something you need.

Y: Yield to God’s will, even if you don’t get what you asked for.

WEEK 2, DAY 5

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Read Romans 3:22-24

Dig Deeper - Q: What are the enemies to God's people in this passage? How are the enemies of God's people defeated in this passage?

(A: Sin. Everyone has sinned, and that sin separates us from God, but Jesus has justified us by His grace. This means that Jesus declares us righteous, and our sin is no more.

Q: How does this story apply to you?

(A: Our sin separates us from God, and so when we sin, we need to confess that sin to the person we hurt and to God. When we do confess that sin, Jesus forgives us of our sin by removing it from us.)

Pray – Luther's Morning Prayer. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

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WEEK 2, DAYS 6 & 7

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: How is this enemy defeated?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: Jesus defeats the enemy of Satan by being present in our lives, the enemy of sin by forgiving us of our sins as He dies on the cross, and the enemy of death by rising from the dead and offering us everlasting life.)

Read – Open the Bible and choose your own passage.

Dig Deeper - Q: What are the enemies to God's people in this passage?

How are the enemies of God's people defeated in this passage?

Q: How does this story apply to you?

Pray – Choose one of the other prayers for the week.

QUESTION 3: WHOSE POINT OF VIEW AM I TAKING?

WEEK 3, DAY 1

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: Whose point of view am I taking?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: Each person and character in the story struggles with different enemies, so it is useful to identify these enemies and how they are defeated.)

Read Luke 10:38-42

Dig Deeper - Q: Have you ever had to do chores while your brother or sister got to relax and have fun? How did you feel?

(A: I feel very annoyed when I have to suffer through chores and no one is helping me. It is easy for me to identify with Martha in this story.)

Q: Have you ever been trying to focus on something important and your brother or sister kept distracting you? How did you feel?

(A: I feel very annoyed when I'm focusing on an important task and someone interrupts me to talk about something mundane and not as important. It is also easy for me to identify with Mary.)

Q: Why do you think Martha had a problem with what Mary was doing?

(A: Martha had a lot of work to do and Mary wasn't helping her.)

Q: What does Jesus say that Martha should be doing? Why does he say this?

(A: Jesus tells Martha that Mary had chosen the better thing. It is better to sit at the feet of Jesus and learn from Him than it is to be fussing about the housework. Jesus can make food appear out of nothing; if they got to the end of the day and had no food, Jesus could just make it.)

Pray – The Lord’s Prayer. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WEEK 3, DAY 2

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: Whose point of view am I taking?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: Each person and character in the story struggles with different enemies, so it is useful to identify these enemies and how they are defeated.)

Read Mark 5:21-43

Dig Deeper - Q: How would you feel if you had been sick for a long, long time?

(A: Frustrated; in despair because nothing seems to be working.)

Q: How would you feel if your daughter were dying?

(A: Very scared and hopeless.)

Q: How does Jesus defeat the enemies of these two women?

(A: He heals the sick woman, curing her of her frustration and despair. He raises the dead girl, bringing relief and hope back to the parents and relief, life, and health back to the dead girl.)

Q: How does thinking about how they felt change how you experience your own healing?

(A: It gives me hope, because I know that Jesus has power over any current illness I might have, and power over death itself when I finally do die.)

Pray – Luther’s Morning Prayer. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

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(A: Whose point of view am I taking?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: Each person and character in the story struggles with different enemies, so it is useful to identify these enemies and how they are defeated.)

Read 1 Samuel 17

Dig Deeper - Q: What is David’s enemy in this passage?

(A: Goliath, which represents Satan, and the mockery and insult he offers to Yahweh, David’s God.)

Q: What is Saul’s enemy in this passage?

(A: Goliath, who will bring death to Saul should David fail to defeat him in battle.)

Q: If you lived in David’s time, what would you be more afraid of?

(A: Let each person answer, because they may identify with each person differently. If Saul, it is because death is more imminent, and death separates us from God. If David, it is because to reject God means to embrace sin and death. Either is a valid answer.)

Q: How are both of these enemies defeated?

(A: David, with God's help, defeats the giant, defeating his power to mock God and his power to cause death.)

Pray – Popcorn Prayer. (Head of household starts and ends the prayer; each additional member of the household prays asking God for something or thanking God for something.)

Dear Jesus, we love You and thank You for all You have done for us. You defeat our enemies for us and so we are very thankful for all You do. Please continue to care for us as we offer to You our prayer requests...*(each person prays their own request)*... We submit to You all that we care for and hope for; if it is Your will, please grant these requests. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WEEK 3, DAY 4

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: Whose point of view am I taking?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: Each person and character in the story struggles with different enemies, so it is useful to identify these enemies and how they are defeated.)

Read Mark 4:35-41

Dig Deeper - Q: How would you feel if you were sleeping and someone woke you up for an unimportant task?

(A: I would be irritated, because I never like being woken up.)

Q: How would you feel if you were on a boat in the middle of the storm and not everyone was helping you?

(A: I would be afraid for my life because of the storm. I would be annoyed at the slacker whose lack of help could mean that I die.)

Q: What enemy are the disciples facing? How does Jesus defeat this enemy?

(A: Death by drowning. He calms the storm and ends the threat to their lives.)

Q: Why are the disciples afraid at the end of the story?

(A: They don't seem to fully understand just who Jesus is yet; His power frightens them. They might wonder what He might do to His enemies.)

Q: How does this story encourage you?

(A: This encourages me because I know that Jesus has the power over everything in creation and can defeat the enemies that threaten me.)

Pray – Using the P.R.A.Y. prayer model, pray your own family prayer.

P: Praise God for who He is and what He's done.

R: Repent of a sin you've committed this past week.

A: Ask God for something you need.

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WEEK 3, DAY 5

Review – **Q:** Does anyone remember the question for this week?

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Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: Each person and character in the story struggles with different enemies, so it is useful to identify these enemies and how they are defeated.)

Read Psalm 22

Dig Deeper - **Q:** What are David's enemies in this Psalm?

(A: Satan and his henchmen. David's enemies surround him and cause him all kinds of trouble.)

Q: How does David feel about God in verses 1-2?

(A: He feels alone and abandoned by God. This again reinforces that the enemy here is Satan.)

Q: How is this enemy defeated?

(A: Verses 27-31 show that all the people of the earth will remember God and His faithfulness and turn to Him in worship and praise.)

Q: How does this make you feel?

(A: Even when you feel abandoned or alone, God is with you and will protect you and guide you.)

Pray – Popcorn Prayer. (Head of household starts and ends the prayer; each additional member of the household prays asking God for something or thanking God for something.)

Dear Jesus, we love You and thank You for all You have done for us. You defeat our enemies for us and so we are very thankful for all You do. Please continue to care for us as we offer to You our prayer requests...*(each person prays their own request)*... We submit to You all that we care for and hope for; if it is Your will, please grant these requests. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WEEK 3, DAYS 6 & 7

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Read – Open the Bible and choose your own passage.

Dig Deeper - Q: What are the enemies to God's people in this passage?

How are the enemies of God's people defeated in this passage?

Q: How does this story apply to you?

Pray – Choose one of the other prayers for the week.

QUESTION 4: WHO ARE YOU, LORD?

WEEK 4, DAY 1

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: Who are you, Lord?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: What role and responsibility does Jesus take when defeating our enemies?)

Read Mark 1:21-28

Dig Deeper - Q: What are the enemies to God's people in this passage?

How are the enemies defeated? Who is Jesus in this text?

(A: The demon possessing the man is defeated when Jesus drives him out of the man, so Jesus is the One who drives out demons.)

Q: How does this story apply to you?

(A: Jesus protects His people from Satan and keeps us from being possessed by demons. He will continue to protect us from the ways that demons try to hurt us.)

Pray – The Lord's Prayer. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WEEK 4, DAY 2

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: Who are you, Lord?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: What role and responsibility does Jesus take when defeating our enemies?)

Read Mark 5:21-43

Dig Deeper - Q: What are the enemies to God's people in this passage?

How are the enemies defeated? Who is Jesus in this text?

(A: Death. A sick woman and a dead girl are healed and restored to life when Jesus touches them. So Jesus is healer.)

Q: How does this story apply to you?

(A: Jesus heals our sicknesses, so when we are sick we pray to Him that He might heal us and make us well. If He doesn't, and we die, then we trust that He will raise us to life on the last day.)

Pray – Luther's Morning Prayer. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

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Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: What role and responsibility does Jesus take when defeating our enemies?)

Read 1 Samuel 17

Dig Deeper - Q: What are the enemies to God's people in this passage? How are the enemies defeated? Who is Jesus in this text?
(A: Satan. Goliath is a human enemy against the people of God; he wants the people of Israel to worship his gods and so tempts them to give up following God and follow his gods instead. God protects David and fights with David to defeat the giant, so Jesus is a warrior and a protector in this passage.)

Q: How does this story apply to you?

(A: God protects us when the problems in life become rather scary.)

Pray – Popcorn Prayer. (Head of household starts and ends the prayer; each additional member of the household prays asking God for something or thanking God for something.)

Dear Jesus, we love You and thank You for all You have done for us. You defeat our enemies for us and so we are very thankful for all You do. Please continue to care for us as we offer to You our prayer requests...*(each person prays their own request)*... We submit to You all that we care for and hope for; if it is Your will, please grant these requests. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WEEK 4, DAY 4

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: *Who are you, Lord?*)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: *What role and responsibility does Jesus take when defeating our enemies?*)

Read Psalm 130

Dig Deeper - Q: What are the enemies to God's people in this passage? How are the enemies defeated? Who is Jesus in this text?

(A: Sin. The Psalmist committed a sin, and he felt horribly about it, so he prays to God, asking for His forgiveness. God is a merciful and kind Lord who forgives those who sin against Him.)

Q: How does this story apply to you?

(A: When we sin, the appropriate response is to ask God for His forgiveness, and we know that He will forgive us.)

Pray – Using the P.R.A.Y. prayer model, pray your own family prayer.

P: Praise God for who He is and what He’s done.

R: Repent of a sin you’ve committed this past week.

A: Ask God for something you need.

Y: Yield to God’s will, even if you don’t get what you asked for.

WEEK 4, DAY 5

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: Who are you, Lord?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: What role and responsibility does Jesus take when defeating our enemies?)

Read Romans 3:22-23

Dig Deeper - Q: What are the enemies to God’s people in this passage?

How are the enemies defeated? Who is Jesus in this text?

(A: Sin. Everyone has sinned, and that sin separates us from God. God is a merciful and kind Lord who forgives those who sin against Him.)

Q: How does this story apply to you?

(A: Our sin separates us from God, and so when we sin, we need to confess that sin to the person we hurt and to God. When we ask for forgiveness, we know that God will forgive us.)

Pray – Using the P.R.A.Y. prayer model, pray your own family prayer.

P: Praise God for who He is and what He’s done.

R: Repent of a sin you’ve committed this past week.

A: Ask God for something you need.

Y: Yield to God’s will, even if you don’t get what you asked for.

WEEK 4, DAYS 6 & 7

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: Who are you, Lord?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: What role and responsibility does Jesus take when defeating our enemies?)

Read – Open the Bible and choose your own passage.

Dig Deeper - Q: What are the enemies to God's people in this passage?

How are the enemies defeated? Who is Jesus in this text?

Q: How does this story apply to you?

Pray – Choose one of the other prayers for the week.

QUESTION 5: WHERE ARE WE?

WEEK 5, DAY 1

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: Where are we?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: This question encourages us to pay attention to the geography of the story we read. Knowing where things are helps us better understand the story.)

Read Exodus 3:1-15; 12:31-42

Dig Deeper - Q: Where are the people of Israel at the start of this story?

(Find it on the map.)

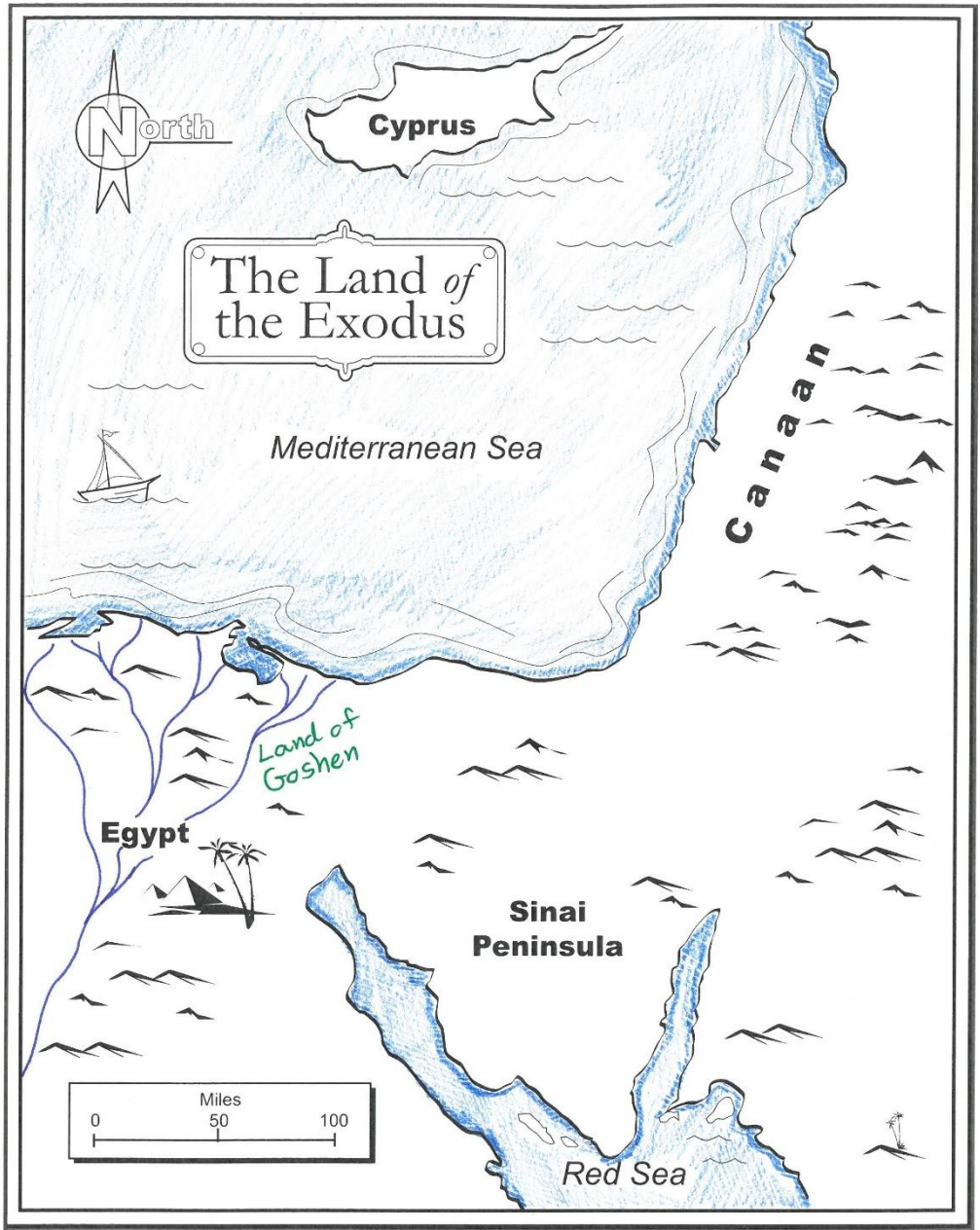
Q: Why is this location important?

(A: The people of Israel are enslaved to the evil Egyptian Pharaoh; leaving this land means that they'll be leaving slavery, too.)

Q: How does this story apply to you?

(A: Just as Yahweh frees the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, He also frees me from slavery to sin.)

Pray – The Lord's Prayer. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



WEEK 5, DAY 2

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: Where are we?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: This question encourages us to pay attention to the geography of the story we read. Knowing where things are helps us better understand the story.)

Read Exodus 19:1-6; 20:1-17

Dig Deeper - Q: Where are the people of Israel at the start of this story?

(Find it on the map.)

Q: Why is this location important?

(A: The people of Israel arrived at Mt. Sinai, the mountain God promised they'd come back to after they were freed from slavery in Egypt. Here God gives to His people the law, so they'd know how to live before they arrive in the promised land.)

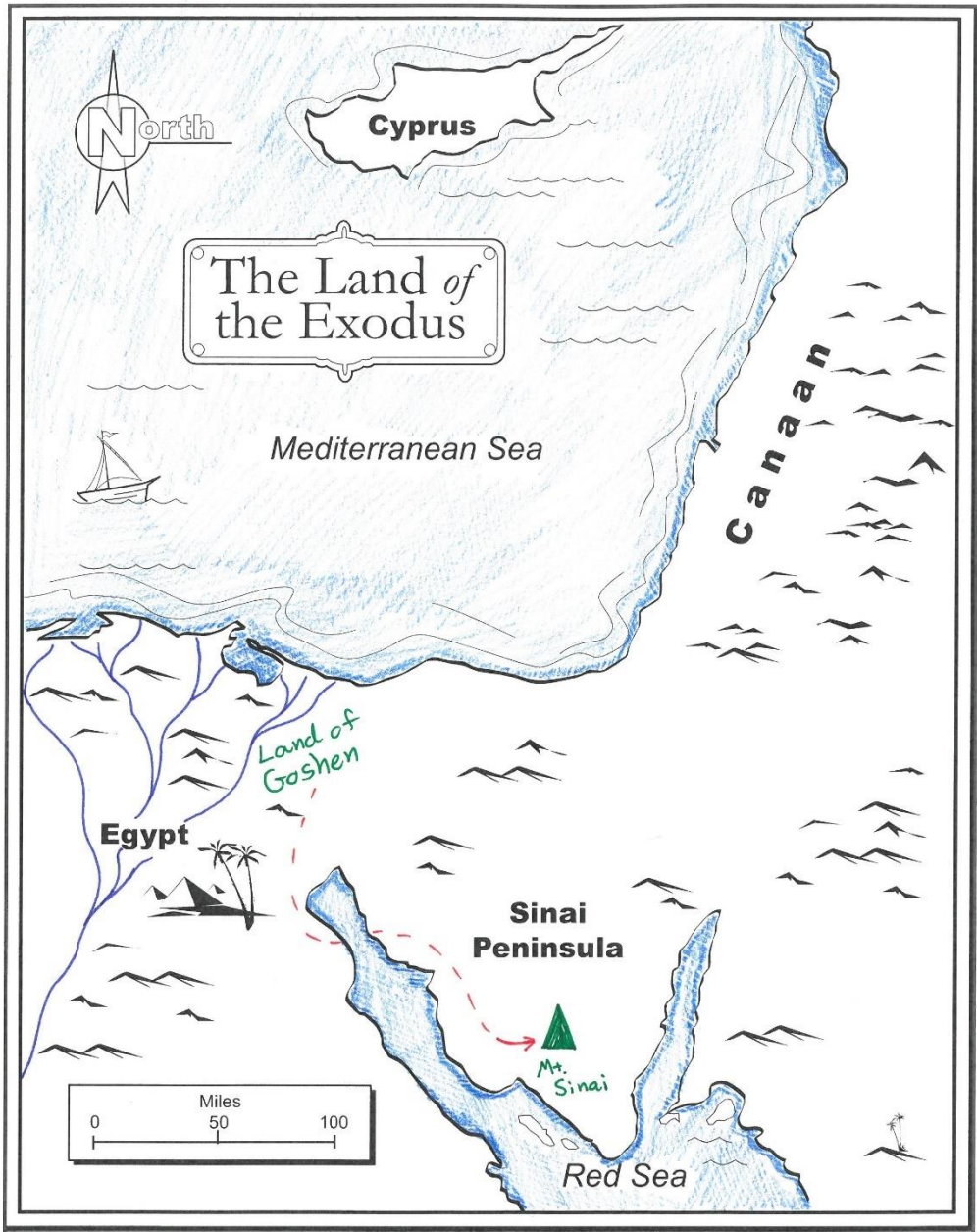
Q: How does this story apply to you?

(A: Jesus gives His people their identity and then gives them a calling to live out that identity.)

Pray – Luther's Morning Prayer. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Or

Luther's Evening Prayer. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.



WEEK 5, DAY 3

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: Where are we?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: This question encourages us to pay attention to the geography of the story we read. Knowing where things are helps us better understand the story.)

Read 1 Samuel 17

Dig Deeper - Q: Where are the people of Israel at the start of this story?

Where is David from?

(Find it on the map.)

Q: Why is this location important?

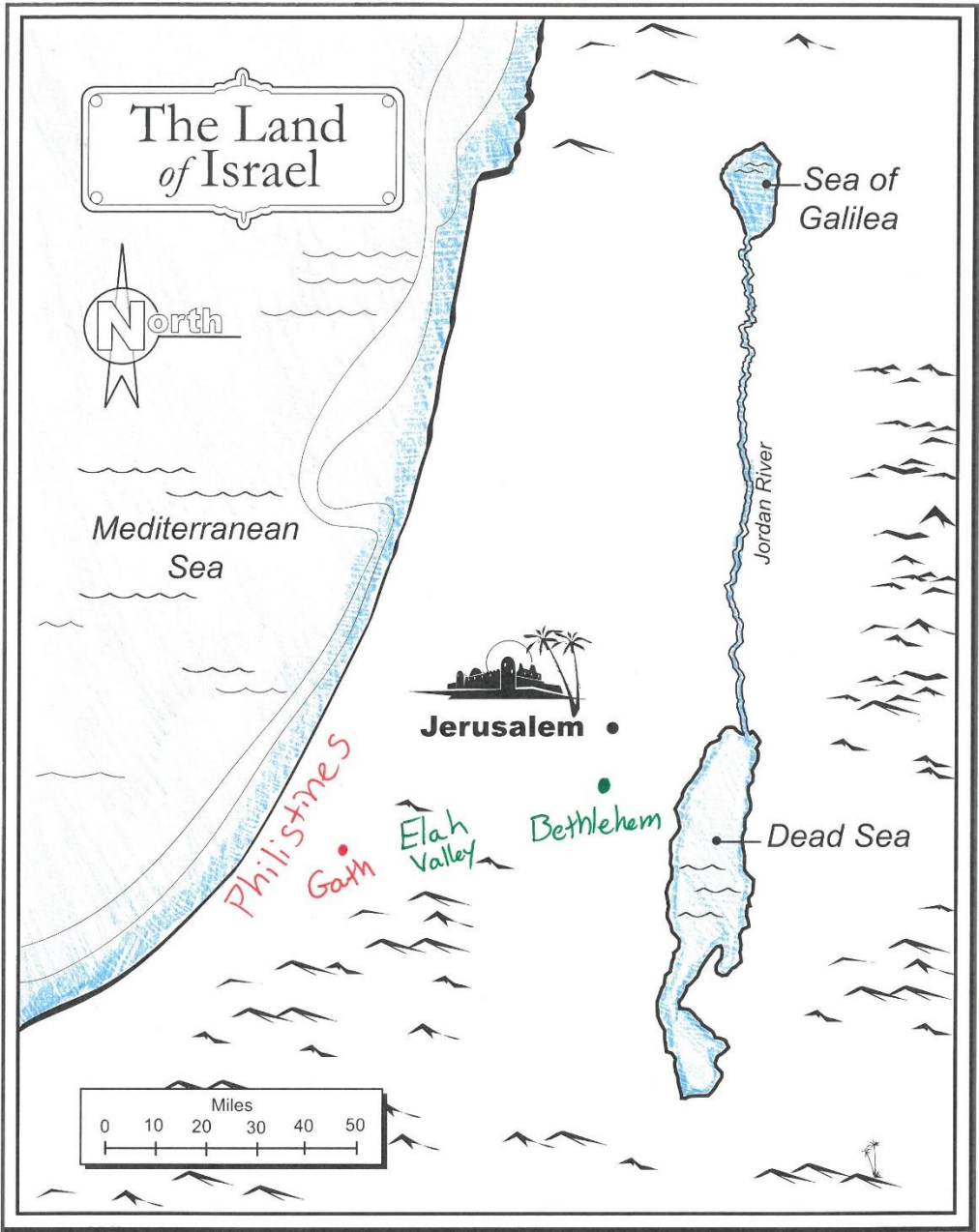
(A: David fights Goliath in the Elah Valley. If he had failed to defeat the giant, the Philistines would have marched up the Valley and attacked Bethlehem and his family.)

Q: How does this story apply to you?

(A: David isn't just fighting for the name of his God, he is fighting for the lives of his countrymen and family. Jesus too fights for you and for me when He dies on the cross.)

Pray – Popcorn Prayer. (Head of household starts and ends the prayer; each additional member of the household prays asking God for something or thanking God for something.)

Dear Jesus, we love You and thank You for all You have done for us. You defeat our enemies for us and so we are very thankful for all You do. Please continue to care for us as we offer to You our prayer requests...*(each person prays their own request)*... We submit to You all that we care for and hope for; if it is Your will, please grant these requests. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



WEEK 5, DAY 4

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: Where are we?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: This question encourages us to pay attention to the geography of the story we read. Knowing where things are helps us better understand the story.)

Read Luke 2:1-21

Dig Deeper - Q: Where are the people of Israel at the start of this story?

Where is Jesus born?

(Find it on the map.)

Q: Why is this location important?

(A: Mary and Joseph live in Nazareth and go to Bethlehem for the census. They have to go here because they are descendants of David and have to return to his hometown for the census. This means that Jesus is the Son of David.)

Q: How does this story apply to you?

(A: Jesus is my King and He is born to be my Savior.)

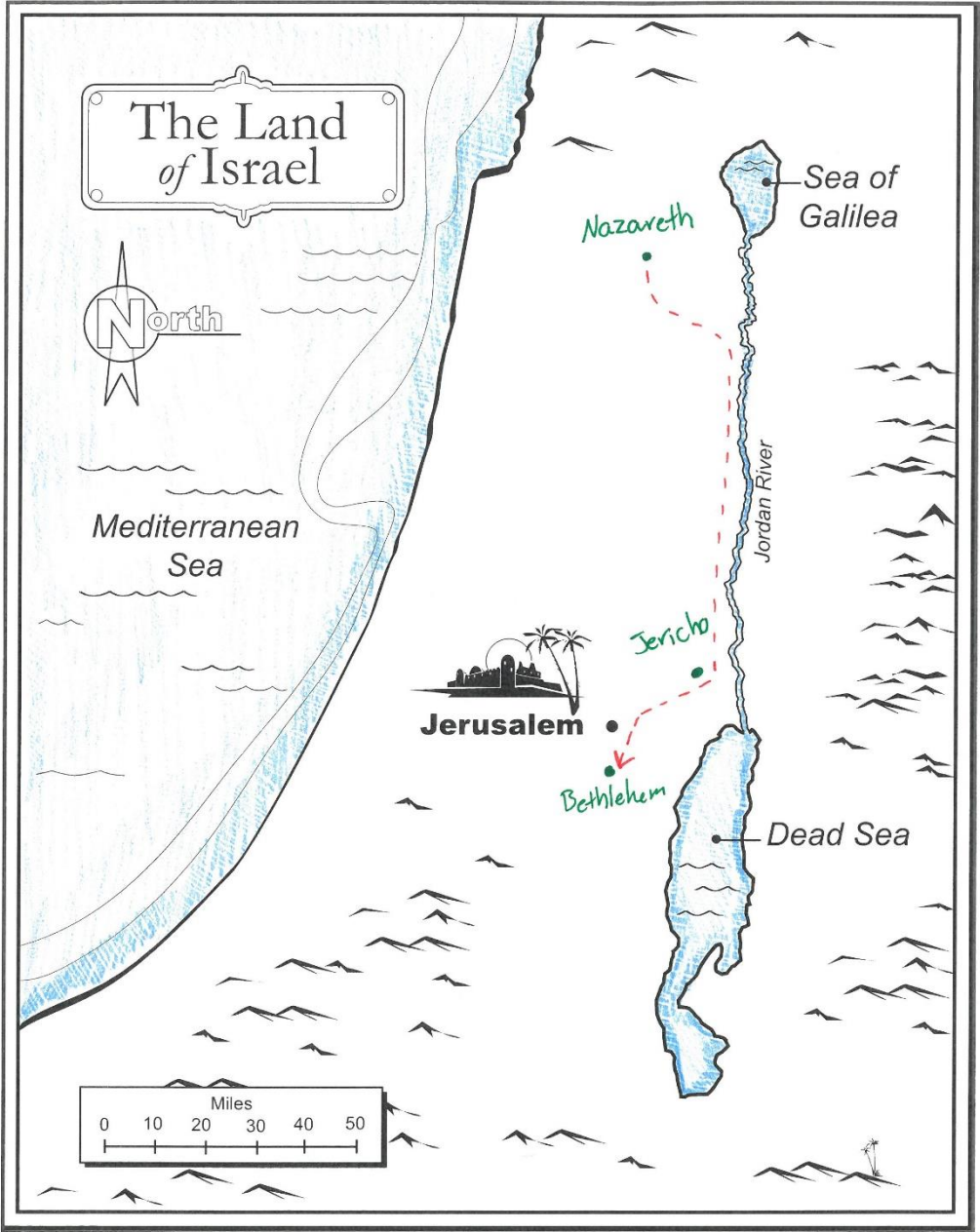
Pray – Using the P.R.A.Y. prayer model, pray your own family prayer.

P: Praise God for who He is and what He's done.

R: Repent of a sin you've committed this past week.

A: Ask God for something you need.

Y: Yield to God's will, even if you don't get what you asked for.



WEEK 5, DAY 5

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: Where are we?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: This question encourages us to pay attention to the geography of the story we read. Knowing where things are helps us better understand the story.)

Read Luke 2:41-52

Dig Deeper - Q: Where are the people of Israel at the start of this story?

Where is Jesus' home?

(Find it on the map.)

Q: Why is this location important?

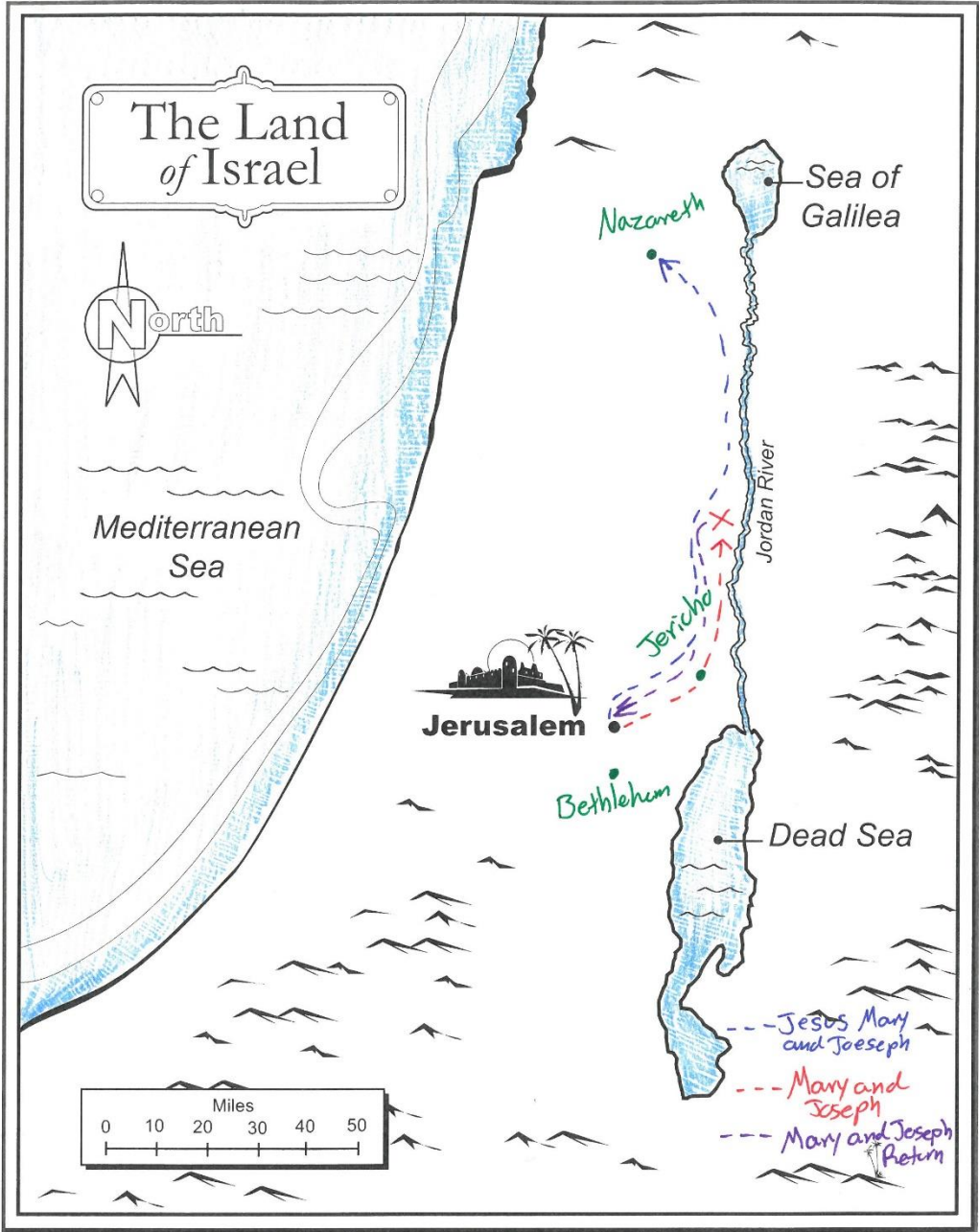
(A: Mary and Joseph lost Jesus and got 35ish miles in the direction of home before they realized He was missing.

They didn't just lose Him for 5 minutes – it was a day or two before they figured it out.

Q: How does this story apply to you?

(A: Our earthly parents may lose track of us from time to time, but our heavenly Father never does, and like Jesus we are called to do the work He has given us to do.)

Pray – The Lord's Prayer. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



WEEK 5, DAYS 6 & 7

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: *Where are we?*)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: *This question encourages us to pay attention to the geography of the story we read. Knowing where things are helps us better understand the story.*)

Read – Open the Bible and choose your own passage.

Dig Deeper - Q: Where are the people of Israel at the start of this story?

Use the internet to find the location. Why is this location important?

Q: How does this story apply to you?

Pray – Choose one of the other prayers for the week.

QUESTION 6: HOW DID WE GET HERE?

WEEK 6, DAY 1

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: How did we get here?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: This question encourages us to read a verse or series of verses in context with the surrounding verses.)

Read Exodus 20:3

Dig Deeper - Q: What does this verse mean?

(A: We should not worship gods other than Jesus.)

Read Exodus 20:1-3

Dig Deeper - Q: How does this context enrich our understanding?

(A: We are not supposed to worship other gods because God defeated the other gods in the plagues of Egypt and led His people out of the land of slavery. God is the only true God; all other gods are false gods.)

Q: What is a god? What are some gods you might worship?

(A: A god is anything you place your trust and hope in more than Yahweh God. We often worship things that are comfortable instead of worshipping God. Examples: money, doctors, teachers, politicians, entertainment, stuffed animals, toys, sports, etc.)

Pray – The Lord’s Prayer. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WEEK 6, DAY 2

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: How did we get here?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: This question encourages us to read a verse or series of verses in context with the surrounding verses.)

Read Jeremiah 10:3

Dig Deeper - Q: What does this verse mean?

(A: Don't take up wood carving.)

Read Jeremiah 10:1-4

Dig Deeper - Q: How does this context enrich our understanding?

(A: Don't follow the practices of the other nations and make idols to worship.)

Q: What is a god? What are some gods you might worship?

(A: A god is anything you place your trust and hope in more than Yahweh God. We often worship things that are comfortable instead of worshipping God. Examples: money, doctors, teachers, politicians, entertainment, stuffed animals, toys, sports, etc.)

Pray – Luther's Morning Prayer. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Or

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WEEK 6, DAY 3

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: How did we get here?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: This question encourages us to read a verse or series of verses in context with the surrounding verses.)

Read Matthew 4:9

Dig Deeper - Q: What does this verse mean?

(A: Someone will give us stuff if we worship them.)

Read Matthew 4:1-9

Dig Deeper - Q: How does this context enrich our understanding?

(A: This is what Satan says to Jesus when Satan is tempting Jesus. This is not a word from God but an example of how Satan tempts us.)

Q: What is temptation? How does Jesus show us how to deal with temptation?

(A: Temptation is when we want to do something that is sinful and wrong. Satan and our own sinful nature tempt us away from God. Jesus teaches us that when we face temptation we can quote Scripture to respond to temptation.)

Pray – Popcorn Prayer. (Head of household starts and ends the prayer; each additional member of the household prays asking God for something or thanking God for something.)

Dear Jesus, we love You and thank You for all You have done for us. You defeat our enemies for us and so we are very thankful for all You do. Please continue to care for us as we offer to You our prayer requests...*(each person prays their own request)*... We submit to You all that we care for and hope for; if it is Your will, please grant these requests. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WEEK 6, DAY 4

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: How did we get here?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: This question encourages us to read a verse or series of verses in context with the surrounding verses.)

Read Mark 10:27

Dig Deeper - Q: What does this verse mean?

(A: That with God, I can do anything! I could even have super powers!)

Read Mark 10:17-27

Dig Deeper - Q: How does this context enrich our understanding?

(A: In this context, we see that man cannot save himself from his own sin; only God can save us. This helps us see that this text is not about having super powers but is instead about our salvation. Jesus loves us and wants us to be saved.)

Q: How does this story show us how Jesus defeats the enemy of sin?

(A: This story shows us that only by God's power can we be saved; like the rich young man, we cannot save ourselves. Instead, Jesus saves us from our own sin and our pride.)

Pray – Using the P.R.A.Y. prayer model, pray your own family prayer.

P: Praise God for who He is and what He's done.

R: Repent of a sin you've committed this past week.

A: Ask God for something you need.

Y: Yield to God's will, even if you don't get what you asked for.

WEEK 6, DAY 5

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: How did we get here?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: This question encourages us to read a verse or series of verses in context with the surrounding verses.)

Read Mark 14:51-52

Dig Deeper - Q: What do these verses mean?

(A: Someone is running around without his clothes on.)

Read Mark 14:43-52

Dig Deeper - Q: How does this context enrich our understanding?

(A: Jesus got arrested, and one of His followers was so scared that he ran away. When they tried to grab him, he ran away without clothes.)

Q: How does this story apply to you?

(A: This story teaches us that Jesus' death on the cross was a truly scary thing; even His closest disciples ran away when Jesus was arrested.)

Pray – Luther's Morning Prayer. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

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WEEK 6, DAYS 6 & 7

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: How did we get here?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: This question encourages us to read a verse or series of verses in context with the surrounding verses.)

Read – Open the Bible and choose your own passage.

Dig Deeper - Q: How does the context before the passage you read improve your understanding of the story?

Q: How does this story apply to you?

Pray – Choose one of the other prayers for the week.

QUESTION 7: WHERE ARE WE GOING?

WEEK 7, DAY 1

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: Where are we going?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: This question encourages us to read a verse or series of verses in context with the surrounding verses.)

Read Exodus 20:1-3

Dig Deeper - Q: What do these verses mean?

(A: This passage is about the people of Israel, who should not worship other gods because Yahweh God is the One who rescued them from slavery to sin.)

Read Exodus 20:4-17

Dig Deeper - Q: How does this context enrich our understanding?

(A: The laws that God gives His people are a response to His saving action in Exodus. God's people are called to live differently than the other nations around them.)

Q: How does this story apply to you?

(A: Because of what Jesus has done for you, you are now called to live life differently.)

Pray – The Lord's Prayer. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WEEK 7, DAY 2

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: Where are we going?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: This question encourages us to read a verse or series of verses in context with the surrounding verses.)

Read Ephesians 2:8-9

Dig Deeper - Q: What do these verses mean?

(A: Jesus saves us not by our works, but by faith that is a gift from Him.)

Read Ephesians 2:8-10

Dig Deeper - Q: How does this context enrich our understanding?

(A: We are called to do good works as a response to the saving work of Jesus. We are not supposed to just keep living as we have lived before.)

Q: How does this story apply to you?

(A: Because of what Jesus has done for you, you are now called to live life differently.)

Pray – Luther’s Morning Prayer. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

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WEEK 7, DAY 3

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: Where are we going?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: This question encourages us to read a verse or series of verses in context with the surrounding verses.)

Read Psalm 22

Dig Deeper - Q: What do these verses mean?

(A: In Psalm 22, we see that Satan is the enemy who, through human enemies, is surrounding and harming David. David cries out to God for help.)

Read Matthew 27:27-28

Dig Deeper - Q: How does this context enrich our understanding?

(A: The words of Psalm 22 are quoted and echoed in Matthew 27 as Jesus suffers and dies. We see that if we keep reading the story, Psalm 22 isn't just about David – it's more fully about Jesus.)

Q: How does this story apply to you?

(A: Jesus is the One who suffers, faces the rejection of God, and dies for us. By doing so, He is taking upon Himself all of human suffering and pain, so that on the last day we will be raised and get to live with Him forever.)

Pray – Popcorn Prayer. (Head of household starts and ends the prayer; each additional member of the household prays asking God for something or thanking God for something.)

Dear Jesus, we love You and thank You for all You have done for us.

You defeat our enemies for us and so we are very thankful for all You do. Please continue to care for us as we offer to You our prayer

requests...*(each person prays their own request)*... We submit to You all that we care for and hope for; if it is Your will, please grant these requests. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WEEK 7, DAY 4

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: Where are we going?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: This question encourages us to read a verse or series of verses in context with the surrounding verses.)

Read John 1:29-31

Dig Deeper - Q: What do these verses mean?

(A: Jesus is the sacrificial Lamb who takes away the sin of the world.)

Read John 19:28

Dig Deeper - Q: How does this context enrich our understanding?

(A: In this passage, we see that Jesus is in fact crucified and slain for the sins of God's people; He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.)

Q: How does this story apply to you?

(A: Jesus dies on the cross for my sins. Because He is the Lamb that was slain for me, I get to live forever with Him.)

Pray – Using the P.R.A.Y. prayer model, pray your own family prayer.

P: Praise God for who He is and what He's done.

R: Repent of a sin you've committed this past week.

A: Ask God for something you need.

Y: Yield to God's will, even if you don't get what you asked for.

WEEK 7, DAY 5

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: Where are we going?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: This question encourages us to read a verse or series of verses in context with the surrounding verses.)

Read John 13:31-38

Dig Deeper - Q: What does Jesus predict will happen?

(A: Peter will deny Him 3 times before the rooster crows.)

Read John 18:15-27

Dig Deeper - Q: What does Peter do here?

(A: Peter denies Jesus 3 times even though his testimony would have helped Jesus in the trial.)

Read John 21:15-19

Dig Deeper - Q: Why does Jesus ask Peter “Do you love me?” 3 times?

(A: Because He is reinstating Peter as His disciple. Peter denied Him three times, and now Jesus asks him three times if he loves Him.)

Q: How does this story apply to you?

(A: Jesus is a loving and forgiving God. He forgives us even when we lie, and sin, and mess things up.)

Pray – Popcorn Prayer. (Head of household starts and ends the prayer; each additional member of the household prays asking God for something or thanking God for something.)

Dear Jesus, we love You and thank You for all You have done for us.

You defeat our enemies for us and so we are very thankful for all You do. Please continue to care for us as we offer to You our prayer

requests...*(each person prays their own request)*... We submit to You all that we care for and hope for; if it is Your will, please grant these requests. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

WEEK 7, DAYS 6 & 7

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: Where are we going?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: This question encourages us to read a verse or series of verses in context with the surrounding verses.)

Read – Open the Bible and choose your own passage.

Dig Deeper - Q: How does the context after the passage you read improve your understanding of the story?

Q: How does this story apply to you?

Pray – Choose one of the other prayers for the week.

QUESTION 8: WHAT HAVE I EXPERIENCED THAT CONNECTS TO THIS?

WEEK 8, DAY 1

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: What have I experienced that connects to this?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: Sometimes stories in Scripture connect with experiences in our lives. What do these stories remind you of?)

Read Genesis 25:19-24

Dig Deeper - Q: When was a time you had a stupid quarrel with a brother or sister?

(A: Let everyone share, but encourage them not to use it as a “blame game”. Instead, each person should take responsibility for their part of the quarrel or disagreement they bring up.)

Q: How do you think Jesus would want you to deal with this quarrel?

(A: Encourage everyone to first apologize for their part of the quarrel, and then allow each person to forgive the other person.)

Pray – The Lord’s Prayer. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WEEK 8, DAY 2

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: What have I experienced that connects to this?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?
(A: *Sometimes stories in Scripture connect with experiences in our lives. What do these stories remind you of?*)

Read Exodus 16:1-3

Dig Deeper - Q: Why do you think that the people said they wished they had died in Egypt?

(A: *They were hungry, and since they hadn't eaten anything in a while, they wanted to go back to Egypt, even if it meant they died.*)

Q: When was a time that you were so hungry you became “hangry” and overly dramatic?

(A: *Let everyone think through how being hungry can sometimes affect our moods.*)

Q: How does this story apply to you?

(A: *First, we can start to understand the people of Israel and their silly behavior when we realize they were hungry. But just because we can identify with it doesn't mean it is excused. The next time we find ourselves cranky because we are hungry, we should maybe eat something, and keep our temper in check.*)

Pray – Luther’s Morning Prayer. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

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WEEK 8, DAY 3

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: What have I experienced that connects to this?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: Sometimes stories in Scripture connect with experiences in our lives. What do these stories remind you of?)

Read Exodus 16:13-20

Dig Deeper - Q: What does God give the people to eat? How are they supposed to handle this food? Why do you think God commands them to handle the food this way?

(A: God gives the people quail to eat in the evening and bread (manna) to eat in the morning. They are to gather what they need for each day, and not any more, or it will spoil. This means that they have to rely on God every day for the food that they will eat. They cannot store up food so as to not rely on God any longer.)

Q: When was a time when you were told to do something, ignored the order, and things didn't work out for you?

When was a time when you told your children to do or not do something, and they ignored you and did their own thing anyway?

(A: Each question is geared toward a different audience: the first question toward children who may be disobedient; the second to parents trying to parent disobedient children. That being said, even adults ignore rules given to them, because adults are just big children when it comes to rules.)

Q: How does this story apply to you?

(A: When we ignore the rules given to us, we need to ask for forgiveness and try better next time.)

Pray – Popcorn Prayer. (Head of household starts and ends the prayer; each additional member of the household prays asking God for something or thanking God for something.)

Dear Jesus, we love You and thank You for all You have done for us. You defeat our enemies for us and so we are very thankful for all You do. Please continue to care for us as we offer to You our prayer requests...

(each person prays their own request)... We submit to You all that we care for and hope for; if it is Your will, please grant these requests. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WEEK 8, DAY 4

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: What have I experienced that connects to this?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: Sometimes stories in Scripture connect with experiences in our lives. What do these stories remind you of?)

Read Romans 7:7-24

Dig Deeper - Q: What do you think Paul is saying in this passage?

(A: Sin is hard to beat. When we are tempted, we really want to do something sinful, but we know we shouldn't, so we end up sinning and not doing what we are supposed to.)

Q: When was a time you tried really hard not to sin, but kept finding yourself sinning over and over again?

(A: Repentance is hard, and we are not very good at it. This may be a good opportunity to invite everyone to reflect on how repetitive sin can be, and how hard it is to break sinful habits.)

Q: What should you do when you sin?

(A: Pray to Jesus and ask Him for forgiveness, so we can start fresh and try again.)

Pray – Using the P.R.A.Y. prayer model, pray your own family prayer.

P: Praise God for who He is and what He's done.

R: Repent of a sin you've committed this past week.

A: Ask God for something you need.

Y: Yield to God's will, even if you don't get what you asked for.

WEEK 8, DAY 5

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: What have I experienced that connects to this?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?
(A: *Sometimes stories in Scripture connect with experiences in our lives. What do these stories remind you of?*)

Read John 5:1-8

Dig Deeper - Q: What does Jesus do for the invalid?

(A: *He heals him.*)

Q: What does Jesus ask the man?

(A: *“Do you want to get well?”*)

Q: When was a time you were sick, and all you could think about was getting well?

(A: *For me, it’s every time I’m sick; even with just a common cold, all I can focus on is getting better.*)

Q: How does this story apply to you?

(A: *Jesus heals us from our sicknesses and helps us feel better. When we’re sick, we should pray to Him.*)

Pray – Using the P.R.A.Y. prayer model, pray your own family prayer.

P: Praise God for who He is and what He’s done.

R: Repent of a sin you’ve committed this past week.

A: Ask God for something you need.

Y: Yield to God’s will, even if you don’t get what you asked for.

WEEK 8, DAYS 6 & 7

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: *What have I experienced that connects to this?*)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: *Sometimes stories in Scripture connect with experiences in our lives. What do these stories remind you of?*)

Read – Open the Bible and choose your own passage.

Dig Deeper - Q: What have you experienced that connects to this passage? How does this passage apply to you?

Pray – Choose one of the other prayers for the week.

QUESTION 9: WHAT AM I FEELING?

WEEK 9, DAY 1

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: What am I feeling?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: Part of being human is feeling emotions. So when we read a story (such as a Bible story), we should pay attention to how we feel. This will help us better understand the story as we relate to the characters in the story and how their story impacts our lives.)

Read John 11:35

Dig Deeper - Q: How does Jesus feel?

(A: Jesus is so sad He is crying.)

Read John 11:17-44

Dig Deeper - Q: Why does Jesus feel this way?

(A: Because His friend Lazarus has died.)

Q: What does this tell us about Jesus?

(A: That He has emotions, and He was very sad because His friend had died.)

Q: What does this tell us about our emotions?

(A: Our emotions are part of who we are. It is a good thing to share those emotions with God and with other people.)

Pray – Dear Jesus, sometimes I'm sad, and I cry even as You cried when Your friend Lazarus died. Please help me to remember that as I cry, You cry with me. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

WEEK 9, DAY 2

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: What am I feeling?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: Part of being human is feeling emotions. So when we read a story (such as a Bible story), we should pay attention to how we feel. This will help us better understand the story as we relate to the characters in the story and how their story impacts our lives.)

Read Mark 4:35-41

Dig Deeper - Q: What is Jesus doing when the storm happens?

(A: He is sleeping.)

Q: What does this tell us about Jesus?

(A: He is human and has human emotions like weariness and exhaustion.)

Q: How do the disciples feel in this story?

(A: First, they feel scared that they'd drown, then annoyed that Jesus wasn't helping, then afraid again because Jesus had power to stop the storm.)

Q: How does this story make you feel?

(A: Open-ended story, but hopefully it will inspire a sense of awe and wonder at the might and power of Jesus.)

Pray – Dear Jesus, sometimes I'm surrounded by scary storms in my life. I know that You can calm not just the storms of the weather but the storms I face every day. Please be with me as I trust You to handle these scary situations. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

WEEK 9, DAY 3

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: What am I feeling?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?
(A: *Part of being human is feeling emotions. So when we read a story (such as a Bible story), we should pay attention to how we feel. This will help us better understand the story as we relate to the characters in the story and how their story impacts our lives.*)

Read Matthew 11:28-30

Dig Deeper - Q: What does Jesus promise His disciples?

(A: *That He'd make their burdens light.*)

Q: How does this make you feel?

(A: *Refreshed, because when I try to do things on my own, they become rather difficult, and I make them harder than they need to be.*)

Q: How can this verse encourage you when you have a lot of work to do?

(A: *Jesus doesn't make things this hard; learning from Him is a joy and not a burden.*)

Pray – Dear Jesus, thank You for promising me to make my burdens light. Sometimes I put too much work on myself and feel overwhelmed. Thank You for taking those burdens from me. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

WEEK 9, DAY 4

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: *What am I feeling?*)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: *Part of being human is feeling emotions. So when we read a story (such as a Bible story), we should pay attention to how we feel. This will help us better understand the story as we relate to the characters in the story and how their story impacts our lives.*)

Read Psalm 6

Dig Deeper - Q: What question does David ask God?

(A: "How long, Lord, how long?")

Q: How does this Psalm make you feel?

(A: No right or wrong answer, but since David is feeling abandoned, exhausted, and worn out, those are all reasonable responses.)

Q: What hope does David offer at the end of the Psalm?

(A: That God has heard his weeping, and He has come to David's rescue.)

Q: When would be a good time for you to pray this Psalm?

(A: When you feel alone and tired.)

Pray – Dear Jesus, sometimes I feel abandoned and lonely. I feel like no one understands me, and sometimes I feel like You're not listening either. I know that's not true, but sometimes I feel that way. Please help me to always trust You, as You have promised to hear my prayers. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

WEEK 9, DAY 5

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: What am I feeling?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: Part of being human is feeling emotions. So when we read a story (such as a Bible story), we should pay attention to how we feel. This will help us better understand the story as we relate to the characters in the story and how their story impacts our lives.)

Read Revelation 21:1-7

Dig Deeper - Q: What does John see in this story?

(A: A new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, dressed like a bride. God speaks and says that He will now live with His people, and every tear will be wiped from their eyes.)

Q: How does this story make you feel?

(A: Hopeful, because here we see God giving to His people relief from all their pain and suffering.)

Q: When you feel sad or scared, how can these verses help comfort you?

(A: This passage helps comfort us because we know that no matter what happens, we have a God who loves us, cares for us, and wants us to live with Him forever.)

Pray – Dear Jesus, I am so excited to live with You forever! When I read passages like Revelation 21 I can't help but be excited for when You and I get to live together. Please help me to share my excitement with others. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

WEEK 9, DAYS 6 & 7

Review – **Q:** Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: What am I feeling?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: Part of being human is feeling emotions. So when we read a story (such as a Bible story), we should pay attention to how we feel. This will help us better understand the story as we relate to the characters in the story and how their story impacts our lives.)

Read – Open the Bible and choose your own passage.

Dig Deeper - **Q:** What do you feel when you read this passage?

Q: How does this story apply to you?

Pray – Write your own prayer based on the story you chose to read.

QUESTION 10: WHERE HAVE I HEARD THIS BEFORE?

WEEK 10, DAY 1

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: Where have I heard this before?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: Sometimes we read a Bible story and it reminds us of something else in Scripture or something in a movie, song, TV show, or book. This question invites us to consider why we are reminded of these things, and how that connection helps us better understand our relationship with God.)

Read Isaiah 7:14

Dig Deeper - Q: Where have you heard this before?

Read Luke 1:26-38

Dig Deeper - Q: How does the second passage enrich your understanding of the first passage?

(A: It helps me understand that God has foretold the coming of Jesus a long time ago in the prophets. For children with whom you've not had "the talk" with, perhaps identifying a "virgin" as "a girl who wasn't old enough to have kids yet" might be a good substitute.)

Q: How does this help you get to know Jesus better?

(A: It tells me that God loves me so much that He planned my salvation a long time before Jesus even came.)

Pray – The Lord's Prayer. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WEEK 10, DAY 2

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: Where have I heard this before?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: Sometimes we read a Bible story and it reminds us of something else in Scripture or something in a movie, song, TV show, or book. This question invites us to consider why we are reminded of these things, and how that connection helps us better understand our relationship with God.)

Read Matthew 1:1-17

Dig Deeper - Q: Did you recognize a name from that list? What story does the name remind you of?

Read one or two of the stories brought up by members of your household. Consider the following: Genesis 15, 1 Samuel 17, Ruth 1-4

Dig Deeper - Q: Why do you think Matthew gives us a list of Jesus' ancestors?

(A: There are several reasons, but the reason that matters to this conversation is that Matthew is inviting his readers to go back and reread these stories so that we can know how God has been promising the coming of Jesus since Genesis. We can see how God has kept His promises and loved His people in spite of their sinful rebellions.)

Q: How does the second passage enrich your understanding of the first passage?

(A: God has protected His people and blessed His people in the past; now He will protect us and bless us through His Son.)

Q: How does this help you get to know Jesus better?

(A: These stories help me better understand Jesus and His relationship with me.)

Pray – Luther’s Morning Prayer. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Or

Luther’s Evening Prayer. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

WEEK 10, DAY 3

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: Where have I heard this before?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: Sometimes we read a Bible story and it reminds us of something else in Scripture or something in a movie, song, TV show, or book. This question invites us to consider why we are reminded of these things, and how that connection helps us better understand our relationship with God.)

Read John 6:30-35

Dig Deeper - Q: Where have you heard this before?

Read Exodus 16:1-3 and Exodus 16:13-20

Dig Deeper - Q: How does the second passage enrich your understanding of the first passage?

(A: We see that the people were asking for a miraculous sign like the one that their ancestors received in the wilderness. But Jesus is saying that He is better than manna, for He is the true “bread” that comes down from heaven.)

Q: How does this help you get to know Jesus better?
(A: *Jesus is the “Bread of life.” This doesn’t mean He is literally bread; it means that when we read His Word and believe Him and trust Him, then we receive eternal life. Notice how this sort of behavior is the opposite of what the Israelites did in the Exodus. There they whined and complained and didn’t trust God. Here Jesus is inviting His people to behave differently.*)

Pray – Popcorn Prayer. (Head of household starts and ends the prayer; each additional member of the household prays asking God for something or thanking God for something.)

Dear Jesus, we love You and thank You for all You have done for us. You defeat our enemies for us and so we are very thankful for all You do. Please continue to care for us as we offer to You our prayer requests...*(each person prays their own request)*... We submit to You all that we care for and hope for; if it is Your will, please grant these requests. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

WEEK 10, DAY 4

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: *Where have I heard this before?*)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: *Sometimes we read a Bible story and it reminds us of something else in Scripture or something in a movie, song, TV show, or book. This question invites us to consider why we are reminded of these things, and how that connection helps us better understand our relationship with God.*)

Read 1 Peter 3:20-21

Dig Deeper - Q: Where have you heard this before?

Read Genesis 6:9-22

Dig Deeper - Q: How does the second passage enrich your understanding of the first passage?

(A: In the Old Testament, God saw the wickedness of the world, and He decided to destroy it and start new. He instructed Noah to make an Ark and bring a bunch of animals on board. When Noah did so, the Ark allowed him and his family to survive the world-wide catastrophe of the flood. In a similar way, Baptism drowns all of our sin, and we are made new even as the world was made new. So the flood and Baptism both cleanse the sin of our lives and make us new and holy.)

Q: How does this help you get to know Jesus better?

(A: Jesus invites us to a new life, free from sin and rebellion against Him. He invites us to this by washing away our sin in the waters of Baptism.)

Pray – Using the P.R.A.Y. prayer model, pray your own family prayer.

P: Praise God for who He is and what He’s done.

R: Repent of a sin you’ve committed this past week.

A: Ask God for something you need.

Y: Yield to God’s will, even if you don’t get what you asked for.

WEEK 10, DAY 5

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: Where have I heard this before?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: Sometimes we read a Bible story and it reminds us of something else in Scripture or something in a movie, song, TV show, or book. This question invites us to consider why we are reminded of these things, and how that connection helps us better understand our relationship with God.)

Read Romans 4:1-8 and Romans 4:13-16

Dig Deeper - Q: Where have you heard this before?

Read Genesis 15:1-6 and Psalm 132

Dig Deeper - Q: How do Genesis 15 and Psalm 132 enrich your understanding of the first passage?

(A: Genesis 15 shows us that God promised Abraham many descendants, and Abraham believed God's Word. By trusting the Word of God, Abraham was declared righteous. Psalm 132 shows us that our sin separates us from God, and when we confess that sin to God and repent, He forgives us.)

Q: How does this help you get to know Jesus better?

(A: Jesus loves us, and He promises us that when we confess our sin and repent, He forgives us. When we believe Jesus' promise for forgiveness, we are made righteous even as Abraham was made righteous.)

Pray – The Lord's Prayer. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WEEK 10, DAYS 6 & 7

Review – Q: Does anyone remember the question for this week?

(A: Where have I heard this before?)

Q: Does anyone remember what this question means?

(A: Sometimes we read a Bible story and it reminds us of something else in Scripture or something in a movie, song, TV show, or book. This question invites us to consider why we are reminded of these things, and how that connection helps us better understand our relationship with God.)

Read – Open the Bible and choose your own passage.

Dig Deeper - Q: Where have you heard this before? Does this connection enrich your understanding of the first passage? How does this help you get to know Jesus better?

Pray – Choose one of the other prayers for the week.



BE CURIOUS, ASK QUESTIONS.