

Ephesians

BIBLE READING PLAN

April 9	Ephesians 1:1-3 Corinthians 12:1-11	<i>Spiritual Blessings</i> – God’s gifts to his children. Q – How do you see these blessings at work in your life?
April 10	Ephesians 1:4-6 Thessalonians 2:13-17	<i>Chosen</i> – God chose us. Q – What rights and privileges belong to adopted children?
April 11	Ephesians 1:7-10 Romans 3:21-26	<i>Redemption, Forgiveness</i> – Our sins are taken away and we are forgiven. Q – What does total forgiveness mean to you?
April 12	Ephesians 1:11-14 2 Corinthians 5:5 Romans 8:28-30 1 Peter 1:3-5	<i>Inheritance</i> – We are marked by the Holy Spirit and are called into God’s family. Q – Knowing that God has a plan for you, how does this affect your thoughts and actions?
April 13	Ephesians 1:15-23 Colossians 1:3-6	<i>Wisdom, Revelation, Knowledge, Hope, Power</i> – All available for us through the study of God’s Word and prayer. If you haven’t committed to personal prayer time with God, make today your day. Pray this simple prayer: <i>God, thank you for loving me. I ask you to enter my heart. Show me your will for my life.</i>
April 16	Ephesians 2:1-3 Galatians 5:16-21	<i>Sin</i> – Following the ways of the present world, influenced by the unbelieving. Q - Worldly temptations are all around us...which ones tempt you?



April 17	Ephesians 2:4-7 1 Timothy 1:15-17	<i>Mercy – God has great compassion for those He loves. Q – How does knowing Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners reassure you of your salvation?</i>
April 18	Ephesians 2:8-10 Romans 6:1-4	<i>Grace – God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense – Through grace and faith (not works) we have been saved...a free gift from God. Q – Why do you think God covers you in grace freely?</i>
April 19	Ephesians 2:11-13 Romans 3:28-30	<i>Salvation – A free gift to all, from God, through our faith in Jesus Christ. Q – We have all felt separated, excluded, and hopeless. What would be the opposite? What is God’s free gift?</i>
April 20	Ephesians 2:14-16 Galatians 3:26-29	<i>Unity – Christ has knocked down all barriers – our unity lies in the cross. Q – Do you make distinctions that Christ has removed?</i>
April 23	Ephesians 2:17-18 Romans 5:1-11	<i>Access – God is available for all. Q – What is the benefit of God being accessible to us?</i>
April 24	Ephesians 2:19-20 1 Peter 2:4-10	<i>Cornerstone – Jesus is our cornerstone. Q – Structures fall without a firm foundation. Why? Relate this to your life or someone you know.</i>
April 25	Ephesians 2:21-22 Colossians 3:15-17	<i>Dwelling – God’s people are a dwelling (God’s household) and He dwells (lives) in us. Q – Describe times you feel God presence dwelling in you or you see God working.</i>
April 26	Ephesians 3:1-3 Psalm 31:23-24	<i>Faithful – Paul was faithful even in trials. Q- What circumstances make you wonder if God has lost control of His world?</i>

April 27	Ephesians 3:4-6 Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8	<i>Perfect Timing</i> – God has a plan for all people. Q – Waiting is hard. What are you asking God for and His timing isn't your timing?
April 30	Ephesians 3:7-9 Luke 1:35-38	<i>God's Servant</i> – God has a plan for us all. Q – How does God want to use you?
May 1	Ephesians 3:10-13 1 Peter 3:13-22	<i>Suffering</i> – Obeying God is never easy. He calls us to take up our cross and follow him. Q – What obstacles have you encountered on your Christian "journey"?
May 2	Ephesians 3:14-15 Acts 2:42-47	<i>Family</i> – Believers have a vast spiritual wealth that is theirs in Christ. Q – Who do you claim to be your Christian family?
May 3	Ephesians 3:16-19 1 John 4:7-21	<i>Love</i> – God's love is total. Q – Describe the deep love a parent must have in order to sacrifice his only child for the sake of others.
May 4	Ephesians 3:20-21 Psalm 100: 1-5	<i>Praise</i> – <i>Doxology is an expression of praise to God.</i> Q – How would you close a "worship" time?
May 7	Ephesians 4:1 Philippians 1:27-30	<i>Chosen</i> – We are chosen to be Christ's representatives on earth. Q – How does it make you feel being called Christ's very own? Does this change your thinking, actions, or desires?
May 8	Ephesians 4:2-3	<i>Peace</i> – Unity takes work, we are not perfect people.

	Colossians 3:12-14	Q – How have you learned to appreciate people who are different from you?
May 9	Ephesians 4:4-6 1 Corinthians 12:12-26	<i>Unity</i> – Believers are united under one God. Q – How are you united with other believers?
May 10	Ephesians 4:7-10 Matthew 4: 1-11	<i>Assurance</i> – Christ rules all – past, present, future. Q – Knowing God has defeated evil, how does this comfort us as sinners?
May 11	Ephesians 4:11-13 Romans 12:3-8	<i>Spiritual Gifts – Together as a body of Christ, we can accomplish the fullness of Christ.</i> <i>Q – What are your spiritual gifts? How can these help to grow God’s church?</i>
May 14	Ephesians 4:14-16 1 Timothy 4:1-16	<i>Truth</i> – As we mature as believers, we follow Christ and His teachings with our words and actions. Q – Why is speaking the truth in love necessary if the church is going to do Christ’s work in the world?
May 15	Ephesians 4:17-19 Proverbs 3:1-35	<i>Christian Living</i> – Christian life is a process. Q- How do you stay on track following Christ-like living?
May 16	Ephesians 4:20-24 Romans 6:6-14	<i>Change</i> – Our old way of life, before Christ, is in the past. Q – As you look over your past, what current changes have you made in order to follow Christ?



May 17	Ephesians 4: 25-28 Galatians 6:1-10	<i>Christ-Like</i> – Jesus Christ is our example. Q – Is there someone you know needing help? What can you do that shows Christ-like support?
May 18	Ephesians 4: 29-32 Matthew 12:30-37	<i>Holy Spirit</i> – All believers have the Holy Spirit within themselves. Q – What kind of words come from your mouth?
May 21	Ephesians 5:1-5 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10	<i>Imitators of God</i> – God’s gracious presence. Q - In what situations is it easy/hard to imitate God?
May 22	Ephesians 5:6-14 John 3:16-21	<i>Christ is the Light</i> – Our “light” should reflect our faith in Jesus. Q – In what areas of your life do you need to change to let Christ’s light shine?
May 23	Ephesians 5:15-20 Romans 8:1-17	<i>Godly Wisdom</i> – Understanding God’s will and acting obediently. Q – Is wisdom reserved for the elderly only? Explain.
May 24	Ephesians 5:21-24 1 Peter 3:1-6	<i>Submission</i> – Voluntary yielding to another. Q – Is God’s call for submission a positive or negative? Explain.
May 25	Ephesians 5:25-33 1 Peter 3:7	<i>Respect</i> – <i>Christ is the head of the church, Christ loved the church.</i> Q – <i>How do you show respect in your Christian relationships?</i>
May 28	Ephesians 6:1-4 Proverbs 22:6 Deuteronomy 4:9-10 Psalm 32:8	<i>Instruction</i> – Guides for Christ-like living. Q – As a child of God, how do we learn more about Him?



THE DWELLING

May 29

Ephesians 6:5-9
Hebrews 13:17

Obedience – Submitting to authority.
Q – How are we called to respond to someone in authority over us?

May 30

Ephesians 6:10-15
Deuteronomy 31: 6

Be Strong – Christ is our defense.
Q – What defenses are we given in our ongoing struggle with the forces of evil?

May 31

Ephesians 6:16-18
2 Corinthians 10:1-6
1 Corinthians 16:13
Romans 13:11-14

Be Alert – Watch your life and doctrine closely.
Q- In what specific ways or areas does Satan tempt you? Why those ways?

June 1

Ephesians 6:19-24
Matthew 6:5-15

Prayer – *An open and continual conversation with God.*
**Thank God for His word that we can study, His workers that spread The Word, and His everlasting love for all, His children. Ask for His continued support in our lives as we strive to become more like Him.*

**Parents, these readings can be adapted for your children. God's word is a treasure they can keep in their hearts forever!*

Suggested memory verses: for Ephesians chapter 1-3: Ephesians 2:8-10

for Ephesians chapter 4-6: Ephesians 6:13-17

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