



It is our fervent prayer that this tool will inspire you to dig deeper into the Word of God, to discover the rich stories which envelope these events and characters, and to see God's plan working in us all.

Bible Reading Plan – Summer 2018

Topic	Beginners Bible	Regular Bible
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- Week 1 / June 24-30

<u>The Beginning</u>	Pgs 7-13	<u>Genesis 1</u>
Why is this creation story so important for us even today? What is the relationship between a creator (of any kind) and the created thing?		
<u>Adam and Eve</u>	Pgs 14-17	<u>Genesis 2:15-24</u>
What animal do you wish you could have named and what would you have named it?		
<u>The Sneaky Snake</u>	Pgs 18-25	<u>Genesis 3:1-13</u>
What happened? How devastating are the consequences?		
<u>Noah's Ark</u>	Pgs 26-33	<u>Genesis 6:9-14;17-22; 7:17-24; 8:15-19; 9:8-17</u>
How would you have felt staying on a boat with a "zoo" full of animals? Would you have liked a special job caring for specific animals? If so, which ones? How could you help care for them?		
<u>The Tall Tower</u>	Pgs 34-38	<u>Genesis 11:1-9</u>
What are your favorite things? Does God make your list?		

- Week 2 / July 1-7

<u>A New Home</u>	Pgs 39-45	<u>Genesis 12:1-9</u>
Have you ever moved to a new place? What were the good things, what were the bad things? If you haven't moved, what would imagine as the good/bad things?		
<u>The Visitors</u>	Pgs 46-51	<u>Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-3</u>
Sometimes God's miracles are quite a surprise...something we'd NEVER expect! Have you ever been surprised? Do you think it was a miracle? What happened?		
<u>A Bride for Isaac</u>	Pgs 52-57	<u>Genesis 24:12-26</u>
God loves to hear our prayers. Is there anything you'd like to ask God? He's listening!		

Isaac's Blessing

Pgs 58-62

Genesis 27:5-23

Do you think Jacob or Esau deserved Isaac's blessing? Why? Our parents/guardians love(d) us very much! What is your favorite thing they do/did for you?

Jacob's Dream

Pgs 63-65

Genesis 28:10-15

What would you have thought if you had Jacob's dream? Think about a recent dream? What was it about? Were you able to figure out what it actually meant?

- Week 3 / July 8-14

Jacob and Esau Meet Again

Pgs 66-70

Genesis 32:9-12; 33:1-11

Pretend you were either Jacob or Esau...would have acted the same way or differently? Do you have any siblings? Have you ever had a disagreement with them? How did you make up?

Joseph's Colorful Robe

Pgs 71-77

Genesis 37:3-36

Do you think Joseph brought hardships on himself? Sometimes we have different toys/hobbies/gifts than our siblings. Do you think it's fair that they are not the same?

Pharaoh's Dreams

Pgs 78-85

Genesis 41:1-16; 25-39

Do you think Joseph was a patient person? What makes you think that way? What can you do very well? Do you like doing this special talent? Who do you think gave you this skill?

Joseph Saves His Family

Pgs 86-91

Genesis 42:1-2; 6-8; 45:1-15

Do you think Joseph should have shown mercy to his brothers? What would you have done? Have you ever had a disagreement with a friend or sibling? How did it feel when "I'm sorry" was said?

A Baby in a Basket

Pgs 92-97

Exodus 1:8-22; 2:1-10

What would you have done if you found a baby in a basket? Have you ever given away a priceless gift that you really wanted to keep? Was it a hard decision? Why/why not?

- Week 4 / July 15-21

The Burning Bush

Pgs 98-103

Exodus 3:1-15

What would you have thought about a bush being on fire but not really burning? God speaks to his people, sometimes in unusual ways – whether through words, people, thoughts, or experiences. Has God spoken to you? If not, be still...quiet waiting for the Lord's action. (Psalm 37:7)

Ten Plagues

Pgs 104-110

Exodus 7:14-21; 8:1-6; 8:16-17; 8:20-24; 9:1-7; 9:8-10;

9:13-26; 10:3-15; 10:21-23; 11:4-8



Which of these plagues do you think would be the worst? Could you list them in a pretend order of worst to least? Try it! Have you ever been stubborn? Did you finally give in or did you wait things out? What were the results?

The Red Sea

Pgs 111-115

Exodus 14:13-31

Can you imagine walking on dry ground through a sea? What would you be thinking? Sometimes we find ourselves caught in a problem and see no way out. Don't panic; God can open up a way. How can God help you with your problem? (Ask him.)

Food From Heaven

Pgs 116-119

Exodus 16:1-36

How crazy would it be having our food fall from the sky? Think about your day...how do you see God giving you what you need?

Ten Commandments

Pgs 120-123

Exodus 20:1-17

Why do we have rules? What rules are easy/hard for you to follow?

- Week 5 / July 22-28

Twelve Spies

Pgs 124-127

Numbers 13:1-2; 17-25; 26-33

Have you ever given up on something because it seemed too hard? If so, what? Have you ever done something even when it was difficult? How did it go?

Joshua and the Spies

Pgs 128-131

Joshua 2:1-22

Can you think of a time when you and your friends helped someone? What did you do?

The Battle of Jericho

Pgs 132-135

Joshua 6:1-25

Can you believe that the actual walls tumbled down with the sound of footsteps and trumpets? Do you think the people using the horns thought that something this simple would have worked? What is something really hard for you to do? What simple thing can you do to make it happen? (pray)

Deborah Leads the Way

Pgs 136-139

Judges 4:1-16

Who do you consider leaders in your life? What makes them someone you'd follow?

Gideon's Battle

Pgs 140-145

Judges 6:1-24; 7:1-22

Why do you think Gideon kept asking God for signs? Did he not believe in himself or not trust God? Do you have something to do that seems really hard? Do you want to do it? Why or why not?

- Week 6 / July 29-August 4

Samson

Pgs 146-151

Judges 13:1-5; 24; 16:4-21; 25-30



What would it be like to wrestle with Samson? Are you strong? Can you think of something that you can do really well? How would you feel if you suddenly lost your strength?

Ruth and Naomi Pgs 152-155 Ruth 1:1-10; 14, 16-18; 2:1-3; 4:9-17

Would you have followed Naomi to her homeland? Or would you have gone back to your home? Why? When have you made a friend feel better when they were sad? What did you do to make them feel better? How did you both feel when they were happy again?

Hannah's Prayer Pgs 156-159 1 Samuel 1:1-20

Have you ever asked for something and had to wait a very long time? What was it? How did you feel after waiting so long and you finally got it?

A Voice in the Night Pgs 160-163 1 Samuel 3:1-19

Do you know that God knows your name? Not only does he know your name, he loves you very much! How does that make you feel?

Israel's First King Pgs 164-167 1 Samuel 1-21; 9:1-2; 10:1-27

Do you think it was a good idea for the people to have a king – just like all the other lands? Have you ever made a wrong choice because you wanted to be like everyone else? What was your choice? How did it make you feel knowing you made a wrong choice? Do you think you'd make a better choice next time?

- Week 7 / August 5-11

A Good Heart Pgs 168-172 1 Samuel 16:1-13

While everyone can see your face, only you and God know what's in your heart. Follow what God wants you to do and you'll always make the right decision.

David and Goliath Pgs 173-180 1 Samuel 17:1-51

How would you have felt being up against a GIANT like Goliath? Why does a sling shot seem silly? What weapon would you have used? How was David able to conquer such a huge foe with a simple weapon?

Best Friends Pgs 181-185 1 Samuel 18:1-9; 28-30; 19:1-7; 20:1-16; 42

David and Jonathan were great examples of friends. Who are your best friends? Can you name something that makes them so special to you?

King David Pgs 186-189 2 Samuel 2:6-7; 5:1-5; 1 Kings 2:1-3; 10-12

King David was blessed by God. Look at your life, how has God blessed you?

The Lord Is My Shepherd Pgs 190-193 Psalms 23



David wrote this song about God being his shepherd. What is a shepherd's job? How do you think we are like sheep? What do we need? Who is our shepherd?

- Week 8 / August 12-18

The Wise King Pgs 194-200 1 Kings 3:5-15; 6:1; 8:1; 9:1-9

Wisdom is using good judgment. How do you think Solomon became so wise? When was the last time you felt wise?

God Watches Over Elijah Pgs 201-205 1 Kings 16:29-34; 17:1-7

God loved Elijah and watched over him. How does it make you feel knowing that God does the same thing for you?

Elijah Helps a Widow Pgs 206-208 1 Kings 17:8-24

Elijah helped a widow who was sad. Have you ever helped someone who was sad? What did you do? Did you bring a smile to their face? How did that make you feel?

Fire From Heaven Pgs 209-215 1 Kings 18:16-39

Elijah loved God and stood up for him. Have you ever had to stand up for God? Have you ever had to stand up for a friend? What did you do to show your loyalty?

Chariot of Fire Pgs 216-221 2 Kings 2:1-13

What do you think it would have been like to see Elijah go up to heaven in a fiery wagon? Would it be hard to believe? Who are the people in your life who love God? What have they taught you?

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