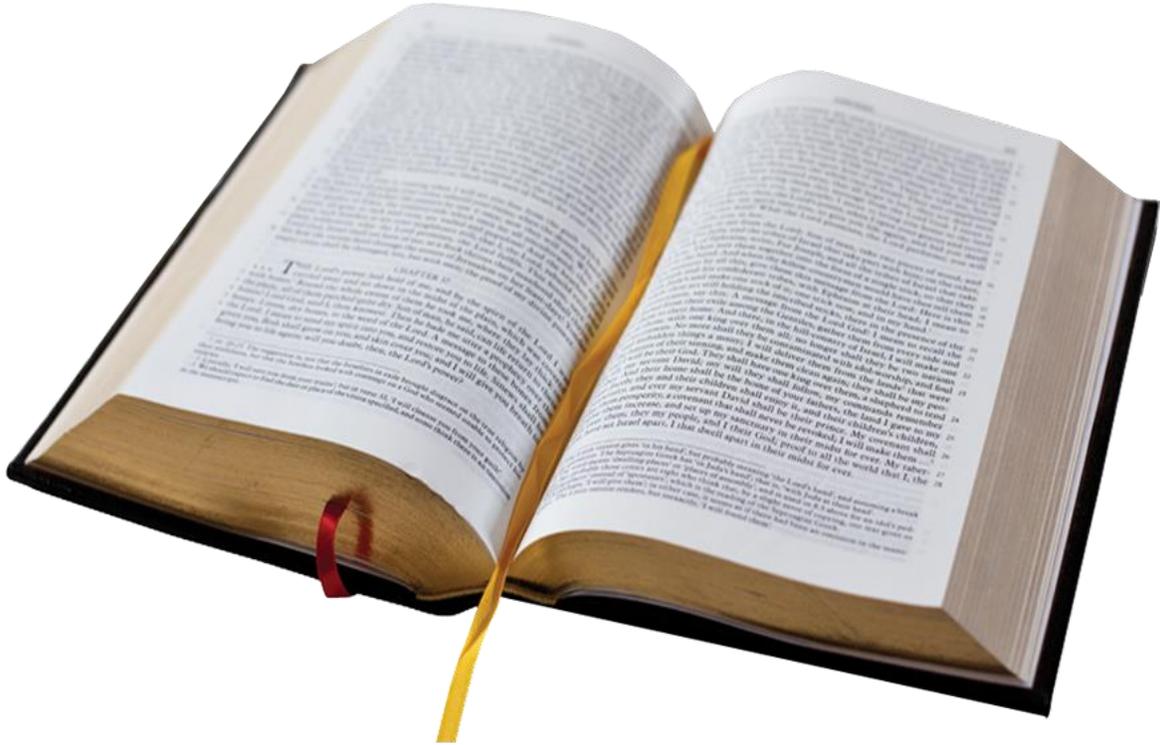


Preteen Bible Reading Plan



Fall 2022

Fall Kick-Off for Scoreboard

Circle your points and return to Sharon the **last Sunday of each month**. The **final scoring will be November 13**. High Scores will be entered into a drawing to pick a staff member on November 20 at our Thanksgiving luncheon!

August 28 - Come to Kickoff (7 points)

Field Goal (3 points) - Come to Church AND Sunday School

9/4 9/11 9/18 9/25 10/2 10/9 10/16 10/23 10/30 11/6 11/13

Field Goal (3 points) - Come to Missions & Music

9/7 9/14 9/21 9/28 10/5 10/12 10/19 10/26 11/2 11/9

Touch Down (7 points) - Memorize the monthly Bible Verse (2 points) if you can locate the passage in your Bible within 10 seconds!

Preteens

2 Timothy 3:16 – All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable and teaching for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. (August)

Revelations 4:11 – Worthy are you, our Lord and God to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things and by your will they existed and were created. (August)

Exodus 20:12 – Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. (September)

Psalms 119:105 – Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (October)

Proverbs 15:1 – A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. (November)

EXTRA POINTS

Memorize the 10 commandments - 7 points

Memorize the Books of the Old Testament - Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi - 7 points

Have your parents send videos & pictures of you to encourage others!

The first four commandments are about our relationship to God.

Read Exodus 20:3-17 and write down the ten commandments

Commandment 1

Commandment 2

Even more importantly, don't have ANYTHING in your life that is so important (baseball, football, cheerleading, or things like that) that you think more about it and give more time to it than you do to God.

Commandment 3

Back when Moses received the Ten Commandments people would not even say God's name. We have come a long way from that kind of respect. Don't answer this question out loud but think about how people misuse God's name today. WAIT! DON'T DO WHAT I JUST ASKED! Don't even think about those words. It is better that you show the respect that God deserves by not even thinking of a misuse of His name. Keep your mind clean – don't think it, don't stay around people who misuse God's name.

Commandment 4

Of all the commandments, this is the only one that is a process that can be measured. All the others are dos or don'ts. You either do it or you don't. Very little attention is given to remembering the Sabbath and keeping it holy. Yet, it is a COMMANDMENT. How important is this commandment? Would you believe it is important enough that God says it over and over throughout the Bible? Between fifty- and sixty-times God says it in the Bible. It is IMPORTANT to Him, and it should be important to us.

The next six commandments are about how we should relate to others.

Commandment 5

Commandment 6

Commandment 7

Commandment 8

Commandment 9

Commandment 10

What is the difference between coveting and stealing? (Answer – Stealing is linked completely to the act itself, in which someone takes that which belongs to another. Coveting has to do with an attitude deep within. It involves desires that are so strong that one is willing to reach out and take, or commit other unacceptable acts, to satisfy those desires. It also, often, involves an attitude of dislike or hate that lingers on toward the person from which you want to take something.

After nine commands that either focus on God or outer behavior, the tenth command enters the realm of the heart and mind. It concentrates on a person's thoughts, motives, and attitudes.

Date Completed: _____

Exodus 20:12

ESV “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.”

Read Exodus 20:12. God gave you parents. Parents take care of you by keeping you safe, meeting your needs, helping you learn, and leading you to know God. Children obey their parents by following their instructions. Children need to do what their parents ask them to do. When children obey their parents, they are obeying God’s Word. God is pleased when children obey His Word.

Memorize Exodus 20:12

Date Completed: _____

Proverbs 15:1

ESV A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

What does it mean to be soft? Think about various meanings of soft – a stuffed animal, a blanket, a soft voice.... Think about a soft and gentle tone of voice. What is the opposite of soft or gentle? There is a difference in a soft, gentle voice with a smile on your face or a harsh tone with a scowl on your face. Soft and gentle words are peaceful and show love. Harsh words make people angry and are usually LOUD!

Read Proverbs 15:1. Think about this verse. Do you usually answer softly or loudly?

Memorize Proverbs 15:1 this week. Use the verse this week in family interactions: Celebrate when soft and gentle words are used. Let peace reign in your home.

Date Completed: _____

Read Psalm 100.

Key Verse/s *Psalm 100:2b "Be joyful and sing as you come in to worship the LORD!"
(Contemporary English Version)*

Why Is This Key Passage Important? When you think about worshiping God, you can learn how to worship God from this PSALM OF PRAISE. When you go to church it should be with one main purpose – to worship and praise God!

Lesson Answer these questions:

- What is the best football team?
- What is the best TV show?
- Who is the best teacher in your school?

How are the "best team, show and teacher" praised?

Do you praise them, or do you leave the praising up to other people? You probably do not have much experience praising people, do you?

Activity: *Write a sentence of praise for the best football team, tv show and teacher.*

Now write 2 or 3 sentences of praise to God.

Is it easier to praise others or to praise/worship God. Sometimes we need to stop all that we are doing and praise God. This Psalm encourages us to praise God.

A quick look at the Psalm suggests there are several ways to praise God – With **words, songs, and worship.**

If you can remember back to the Ten Commandments, you will remember that the fourth commandment is, "Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy!" Nothing has changed since the commandments were given to Moses, and he gave the commandments to the people. In Psalm 100, which was written over a thousand years later, in verse 4, it says, "Be thankful and praise the Lord as you enter His temple." That is a very important commandment. Important enough for God to say something about keeping the Sabbath holy in over fifty places in the Bible. You, me, everybody should "remember the Sabbath and keep it holy," but most people don't. In keeping the Sabbath holy, there is no better way than to go to church and praise God by your words, by singing songs that praise Him, and by worshiping.

Date Completed: _____

2 TIMOTHY 3:16

ESV All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

Find different translations of the Bible in English (Christian Standard Bible, English Standard Version, or King James Version). Find the Bible in different languages (Spanish, Korean, Chinese, etc.) Borrow a Greek or Hebrew Bible from your pastor or a staff member. Use a digital version on a smart phone or the computer (biblegateway.com or blueletterbible.org).

Even though these Bibles look different, they all contain the Word of God. Read 2 Timothy 3:16 out of several different Bibles.

The Bible was inspired or breathed out by God. He gave the writers the exact words to use to communicate His message. The Bible teaches us to love God and love others. The Bible rebukes us or shows us the sin in our lives. The Bible corrects us and helps us follow God's plan for our lives. The Bible helps us think and act like Jesus – a person who is righteous does what is right.¹

We know what is right by reading and obeying God's Word.

What is something that you have learned this week by reading your Bible?

Pray. Ask God to help you know God more through His Word.

Memorize - 2 Timothy 3:16.

Date Completed: _____

Psalm 119:105

ESV Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Do you like to walk or hike? Walking at night can sometimes be scary and dangerous. One of the most important things to have is your flashlight. One time, my friend was walking on the trail at night. There were rocks, and roots and cliffs and lots of things to trip on. One wrong step and she could fall. Thankfully, she had her flashlight to keep her safe by lighting the path in front of her. The flashlight also shows things we might have miss.

God's Word, the Bible, is called a "lamp to my feet." By reading it, we know what God wants us to know or do. God's Word protects us from making the wrong choices just like our flashlight shows us where to step to avoid things that can harm us. The Bible shows us wonderful things that we may not know.

There are lots of people who do not read their Bibles. They wonder why they have no direction in their life. They wonder why they feel all alone. It may be because they are not using God's Word like a lamp to their feet. They are not allowing the Bible to help them make wise and good choices.

The Bible really is like a lamp to our feet. I am glad that God gave us His Word to help direct our paths. I am glad that His word helps us to make wise and good choices.

Take a flashlight and go outside one night. Don't turn on the flashlight yet! What can you see? Now, turn on your flashlight! What do you see? Thank God for your Bible. Ask him to help you understand what choices He wants you to make.

Memorize Psalm 119:105.

Date Completed: _____

Read Isaiah 40.

Key Verse/s – *Isaiah 40:8* “*The grass withers and the flowers fade; but the word of God stands forever.*” (*New Living Translation*)

Why Is This Key Passage Important? It is difficult to realize how great God is. This passage helps us realize how great God is.

Lesson

If someone were to tell you the Bible is old; it is about the past; it has no meaning for the way things are done today; it is outdated; you could answer that grass grows and then dies, flowers bloom and then fade away; but the Bible will always have meaning and purpose, and never be outdated.

Can you tell how big the oceans are? In Isaiah 40 it says God can. Scientists do not know for sure, but they say if all the irregularities on the Earth’s surface were to be smoothed out, such that there are no more holes or dents below the ocean water or mountains above, then the entire earth would be filled up with water that would be 12,000 feet deep. Scientists also say the ocean contains so much salt that if you take out the salt and spread it evenly on all the land of the earth, then you will have a 500-foot-thick salt layer. Over seventy two percent of the earth’s surface is covered with water. God knew that and a lot more.

Can you make what is in the sky? In Isaiah 40 it says God did. Scientists think there are about 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 (that’s 1 billion trillion) stars in the observable universe! God made each one of them and much, much more.

Can you tell how much the soil of the earth, hills, and mountains weigh? In Isaiah 40 it says God can tell you. Isaiah 40:12 says, “Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket, or weighed the mountains on the scales and the hills in a balance?” It can’t be done by us; but God knows.

How great is God? **GOD IS THE GREATEST!!**

Name some ways that God amazes you?

Date completed: _____

Revelation 4:11

ESV “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

Read Revelation 4:11. Why did God create all things?

(For His pleasure, by His will).

God alone is worthy. He is worthy of:

1. Glory – God is glorious above everything. He is worthy of our praise.
2. Honor – to give God respect and a place of authority in our lives.
3. Power – God is all-powerful, and we are to use our strength to worship Him.

Pray. Thank God for His creation and giving Him glory, honor, and power.

Memorize Revelation 4:11 this week.

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