

School Age Bible Reading Plan



Fall 2022

Fall Kick-Off for Kids & Parent 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!

1st-3rd

1 John 1:9 - **If** we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (August)

Genesis 1:1 - In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth (September)

Psalms 118:24 - This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (October)

Proverbs 3:5-6 - Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. (November)

EXTRA POINTS

Memorize the 10 Commandments - 7 points

Memorize the New Testament - Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2 & 3 John, Jude & Revelation. - 7 points

Please send videos & pictures of your child to encourage others.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20:3-17

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: _____

1 John 1:9

ESV If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Family Preparation: You will need dirty laundry or dirty dishes or dirty shoes. Print 1 John 1:9 on labels that will fit onto a bar of soap or a container of liquid hand soap.

Family Activity: Show the items from your house that need to be cleaned: laundry or dishes or shoes. Ask what would happen if you didn't do the laundry for several weeks? Or what would happen if you never cleaned your dishes or pots and pans? Or what would happen if you wore your sports shoes (dirty cleats or tennis shoes) or gardening shoes inside on the clean floors? Would you like to wear dirty, smelly clothes? Or eat from dirty dishes?

Ask: What is sin? Wait for answers. Make sure they know it is anything that we think (point to brain), say (point to mouth), or do that isn't pleasing to God. What happens if we never confess our sin? It builds up and makes us feel guilty, and it separates us from God. Read 1 John 1:9. God wants us to confess our sins to Him and to ask Him to forgive us. God will forgive us and make us clean again.

Give each child a bar of soap (unwrapped) or a bottle of hand soap. Have him place the Bible verse label on his soap. Each child should recite the verse. This week recite the verse each day as you help to clean the dishes or fold the laundry. Look for opportunities to use this verse as you tidy up all week.

Ask God to forgive you from sin. Ask God to help you make good choices.

Date Completed: _____

Genesis 1:1 (September Verse)

ESV In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Family Preparation: Gather an index card for each member in your family. Write the following phrases, one on each line of the index card: *something red, something blue, something yellow, something green, something brown, something black, something white, something orange*. Or print off one copy of this devotional for each family member. Cut off the chart at the bottom of the page. Think about a place where you can take your children for a nature scavenger hunt. You could walk around your neighborhood, take a trip to the zoo or simply drive around in your car.

Family Activity: Give each child an index card and a pen or pencil. Tell them that your family is going on a nature scavenger hunt. Ask the children to look for things that God made that match each color (i.e. green: tree; blue: sky; brown: stick). Let them write or draw their answers on the card. Go on your scavenger hunt. Work until each child has completed the card. Let each child share his/her answers.

Read Genesis 1:1. Tell the children to close their eyes. Ask them what they see (darkness). Before God created the world, the earth was formless and empty. Darkness covered everything. God loved people so much that He created a beautiful world to share with them. Think about all the beautiful things that your children saw on the nature scavenger hunt. Ask a child to pray thanking God for creating such a beautiful world for people to enjoy.

Practice saying Genesis 1:1. Use different voices and have the children repeat after you, mimicking your voice. You can squeak in a high pitch or rumble in a low pitch or speak in a fast tempo or exaggerate in a slow tempo. This week, say Genesis 1:1 as a family each morning as the children walk out the door to start their day.

Find something that God has made that is:

Red _____

Blue _____

Yellow _____

Green _____

Brown _____

Black _____

White _____

Orange _____

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 worshipping 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 worshipping.

Date Completed: _____

Psalm 118:24

ESV This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Family Preparation: Gather 7 index cards for each person in your family. Write the days of the week on each card. You could have your children make their set of cards.

Family discussion: Talk about the days of the week. Ask each family member to share which day of the week is their favorite and tell why.

Read Psalm 118:24. Explain that God has created all the days in the week, and He wants us to rejoice every day and be glad. Talk about why it is easier to rejoice and be glad on some days than it is on others. Discuss the attitudes we have that look for reasons to rejoice and cause us to be glad. When we look for ways to rejoice, it makes us glad.

What are some ways we can rejoice? Let the children give answers. Examples: saying aloud things we are thankful for, by singing, by dancing, by writing, by drawing, etc.

Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cccJhMVFrLs> and watch and sing with the video: This is the Day That the Lord has Made.

Practice saying Psalm 118:24. Each morning this week give each child an index card with the day of the week printed on it. Ask them to write or draw something each day that makes them rejoice. Each evening (at dinner or bedtime) look at their index cards together. Pray, thanking God for the day He has made and that we are able to rejoice and be glad in it. Recite Psalm 118:24 each night.

Date Completed: _____

Proverbs 3:5-6

ESV Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

The Appalachian Trail is a trail that goes from Georgia all the way to Maine. The highest point is Clingmans Dome in Tennessee. It is like climbing to the top of the Empire State Building three times.

There are lots of other trails that lead to the top of Clingmans Dome. Some go around it. Some go just to the top and then you have to go back the way you came. Some cross it, but go in a different direction than you want to go. The worst thing would be to accidentally take the wrong trail and end up somewhere that is not the top of Clingmans Dome. Then you would be lost.

Luckily the Appalachian Trail is marked very well. About every 70 feet there is a white mark on a tree or a rock. They are called "Blazes." Blazes let you know that you are on the right trail. They are like a map. Blazes always take you the best and safest way along the Trail.

There are times when it is tempting to take a short cut. But, that path may be too steep or not passable. You can get hurt. It is better to take the marked path.

Proverbs 3:5-6 says that we should trust God. We should seek God and find out what He would have us to do instead of doing what we think is probably best. The Bible says that if we will trust in God with all our heart, He will make our paths straight. That means when we are faced with doing something right or doing something wrong, that we should always choose to do what is right.

When we ask God to direct our paths, we are really asking him to show us or to help us make wise choices and to do what is right. Do you know how God directs our paths? Does He say, "Stop, turn right"! God directs our paths through reading the Bible (Proverbs 3:5-6) praying, worshipping, and trusting those that God has put in authority over us like our parents. God wants you and me to make wise choices. He tells us that when we trust Him, He will direct us.

Thank you, God, for caring and loving me enough to direct my paths.

Talk with your family about some choices that you make. Are they good choices? Are you following God's plan? Reading your Bible every day is a good choice! Pray that you can make good choices.

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