

**BIBLE**  
**READING GUIDE**





# JESUS WANTS A RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU!

It's why he came and lived and died and rose again. One of the best ways to get to know him is to spend time with him by reading and reflecting on the Bible.

## **THIS GUIDE SHOULD**

- Show you where to read
- Help you understand what you're reading
- Connect you with others for encouragement

Reading God's word will teach you how to recognize God's voice, help you make wise decisions, and give him the opportunity to speak directly into your life.

## READ

We get to know Jesus by spending time in the Bible—you can follow along in the New Testament with the yellow track, and the Old Testament in blue.

If it's your first time reading the Bible, reading the New Testament through the yellow track is a great place to start!

Tracks are listed each day (🟡 for **Yellow**, 🔵 for **Blue**). Pick whichever suits your goals and read with someone—it's better together! You'll grow your understanding of the Bible and your love for Jesus.

### Find an easy-to-read translation!

From the original text, the Bible can be translated strictly word for word, or loosely thought for thought. There are merits to both and are each useful for connecting with God and growing in your faith.

We recommend the NIV and the NLT: The New International Version (NIV) tries to balance the two philosophies, and The New Living Translation (NLT) leans more toward thought for thought. Both versions are easy to understand and apply!

## READ TOGETHER

### In groups

Talk about what you're learning with family or friends. Discuss the things that stood out to you, confusing passages, and the things the Holy Spirit is highlighting for you to apply as you grow in faith.

### In YouVersion


Read with us in this great Bible app! Go to [lifecenter.net/bibleplan](https://lifecenter.net/bibleplan) to access this plan in YouVersion.



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## WATCH

We've included videos from the Bible Project which will give you insight and help you understand the big picture. The  icon shows which days have a relevant video and you can watch them by scanning the QR code at the start of each week (just use your phone's camera), or by visiting [lifecenter.net/bibleplan](http://lifecenter.net/bibleplan).

## JOURNAL

As you read, we encourage you to journal! There's no right (or wrong!) way to journal, but here's the format we use:

SCRIPTURE: Record the verse or reference

OBSERVATION: What is this passage communicating


APPPLICATION: How can you apply this to your life

PRAYER: Ask for God's help to change

Trust the process! Pick a verse and just start writing. It doesn't need to be eloquent or complete.

### FRIDAY—MAY 1

 Matthew 19

 Matthew 19 + 1 Chronicles 16, Psalm 106

S: Matthew 19:29 - And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive 100 times as much and will inherit eternal life.

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O: Following Jesus then required leaving things behind. Now, I don't have to physically leave things/people, but I do have to put Jesus first in all things.

A: Elevate Jesus above the ones I love, and in doing so I will end up loving them better.

P: Jesus, help me to put you first!

MANY YEARS AGO, WHEN I WAS FIRST LEARNING ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS DAILY TIME WITH GOD TO BUILD OUR RELATIONSHIP, I MISSED A FEW DAYS. WHEN I SHOWED UP AGAIN AT OUR MEETING PLACE (A SMALL ROOM IN MY COLLEGE DORM), I FELT LIKE GOD SPOKE TO ME. "I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE; I'VE MISSED

OUR TIMES TOGETHER."

IT BLEW MY MIND! GOD

REALLY WANTED TO SPEND TIME WITH ME!

IT'S KIND OF LIKE HE WAS SAYING, "I'VE BEEN HERE; WHERE WERE YOU?"

I'M  
GLAD  
YOU'RE  
HERE

THIS CHANGED THE WAY I LOOKED AT THAT TIME. IT WASN'T A LAW— SOMETHING I HAD TO DO OR I WAS IN TROUBLE. IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE WITH GOD AND GET TO KNOW HIM BETTER—AND HE WANTS IT MORE THAN ME!

# YELLOW TRACK

## 3 Month Reading Overview

**OCT**

- 1  Luke 15
- 2  Luke 16
- 3  Luke 17
- 4  Luke 18
- 5  Luke 19
- 6  Luke 20
- 7  Luke 21
- 8  Luke 22
- 9  Luke 23
- 10  Luke 24
- 11  Acts 1
- 12  Acts 2
- 13  Acts 3
- 14  Acts 4
- 15  Acts 5
- 16  Acts 6-7
- 17  Acts 8-9
- 18  Acts 10-11
- 19  Acts 12
- 20  Acts 13-14
- 21  Acts 15-16
- 22  Acts 17-18
- 23  Acts 19-20
- 24  Acts 21-23
- 25  Acts 24-26
- 26  Acts 27-28
- 27  Mark 1-2
- 28  Mark 3-4
- 29  Mark 5-6 1
- 30  Mark 7-8
- 31  Mark 9-10

**NOV**

- 1  Mark 11-12
- 2  Mark 13-14
- 3  Mark 15-16
- 4  Galatians 1-2
- 5  Galatians 3-4
- 6  Galatians 5-6
- 7  1 Corinthians 1-3
- 8  1 Corinthians 4-6
- 9  1 Corinthians 7-8
- 10  1 Corinthians 9-11
- 11  1 Corinthians 12
- 12  1 Corinthians 13-14
- 13  1 Corinthians 15-16
- 14  2 Corinthians 1-2
- 15  2 Corinthians 3-6

- 16  2 Corinthians 7-10
- 17  2 Corinthians 11-13
- 18  Matthew 1-4
- 19  Matthew 5-7
- 20  Matthew 8-10
- 21  Matthew 11-13
- 22  Matthew 14-16
- 23  Matthew 17-19
- 24  Matthew 20-22
- 25  Matthew 23-25
- 26  Matthew 26-27
- 27  1 Thessalonians 1-3, Matthew 28
- 28  1 Thess. 4-5, 2 Thess. 1-3
- 29  Romans 1-4
- 30  Romans 5-8

**DEC**

- 1  Romans 9-12
- 2  Romans 13-16
- 3  Ephesians 1-4
- 4  Ephesians 5-6
- 5  Philippians 1-4
- 6  Colossians 1-4
- 7  1 Timothy 1-4
- 8  1 Timothy 5-6, Titus 1-3
- 9  2 Timothy 1-4
- 10  Philemon, Hebrews 1-4
- 11  Hebrews 5-8
- 12  Hebrews 9-11
- 13  Hebrews 12-13, Jude
- 14  James 1-5
- 15  1 Peter 1-5
- 16  2 Peter 1-3, John 1
- 17  John 2-4
- 18  John 5-6
- 19  John 7-8
- 20  John 9-11
- 21  John 12-14
- 22  John 15-18
- 23  John 19-21
- 24  1 John 1-5
- 25  2 John, 3 John
- 26  Revelation 1-4
- 27  Revelation 5-9
- 28  Revelation 10-14
- 29  Revelation 15-18
- 30  Revelation 19-22
- 31  You choose

# BLUE TRACK

## 3 Month Reading Overview

**OCT** 1  Luke 15 + Zechariah 13-14, Psalm 147

2  Luke 16 + Ezra 5-6, Psalm 138

3  Luke 17 + Esther 1-2, Psalm 150

4  Luke 18 + Esther 3-8

5  Luke 19 + Esther 9-10

6  Luke 20 + Ezra 7-8

7  Luke 21 + Ezra 9-10, Psalm 131

8  Luke 22 + Nehemiah 1-2, Psalm 133

9  Luke 23 + Nehemiah 3-4

10  Luke 24 + Nehemiah 5-6, Psalm 146

11  Acts 1 + Nehemiah 7-8

12  Acts 2 + Nehemiah 9-10

13  Acts 3 + Nehemiah 11-12, Psalm 1

14  Acts 4 + Nehemiah 13, Malachi 1-2

15  Acts 5 + Malachi 3-4, Psalm 148

16  Acts 6-7 + Job 1-2

17  Acts 8-9 + Job 3-4

18  Acts 10-11 + Job 5, Psalm 108

19  Acts 12 + Job 6-8

20  Acts 13-14 + Job 9-10

21  Acts 15-16 + Job 11-12

22  Acts 17-18 + Job 13-14

23  Acts 19-20 + Job 15

24  Acts 21-23 + Job 16

25  Acts 24-26 + Job 17

26  Acts 27-28 + Job 18, Psalm 114

27  Mark 1-2 + Job 19

28  Mark 3-4 + Job 20

29  Mark 5-6 + Job 21

30  Mark 7-8 + Job 22

31  Mark 9-10 + Psalm 121

**NOV** 1  Mark 11-12 + Job 23-24

2  Mark 13-14 + Job 25

3  Mark 15-16 + Job 26-27

4  Galatians 1-2 + Job 28-29

5  Galatians 3-4 + Job 30, Psalm 120

6  Galatians 5-6 + Job 31-32

7  1 Corinthians 1-3 + Job 33

8  1 Corinthians 4-6 + Job 34

9  1 Corinthians 7-8 + Job 35-36

10  1 Corinthians 9-11 + Psalm 122

11  1 Corinthians 12 + Job 37-38

12  1 Corinthians 13-14 + Job 39-40

13  1 Corinthians 15-16 + Psalm 149

14  2 Corinthians 1-2 + Job 41-42

15  2 Corinthians 3-6

16  2 Corinthians 7-10

17  2 Corinthians 11-13 + Psalm 124

18  Matthew 1-4

19  Matthew 5-7

20  Matthew 8-10

21  Matthew 11-13

22  Matthew 14-16

23  Matthew 17-19

24  Matthew 20-22

25  Matthew 23-25

26  Matthew 26-27 + Psalm 125

27  1 Thessalonians 1-3, Matthew 28

28  1 Thess. 4-5, 2 Thess. 1-3

29  Romans 1-4

30  Romans 5-8

**DEC** 1  Romans 9-12

2  Romans 13-16

3  Ephesians 1-4

4  Ephesians 5-6 + Psalm 119:1-80

5  Philippians 1-4

6  Colossians 1-4

7  1 Timothy 1-4

8  1 Timothy 5-6, Titus 1-3

9  2 Timothy 1-4

10  Philemon, Hebrews 1-4

11  Hebrews 5-8

12  Hebrews 9-11

13  Hebrews 12-13, Jude

14  James 1-5

15  1 Peter 1-5

16  2 Peter 1-3, John 1

17  John 2-4

18  John 5-6

19  John 7-8

20  John 9-11

21  John 12-14

22  John 15-18

23  John 19-21

24  1 John 1-5

25  2 Jn., 3 Jn. + Psalms 117 & 119:81-176

26  Revelation 1-4

27  Revelation 5-9

28  Revelation 10-14

29  Revelation 15-18

30  Revelation 19-22

31  You choose

# SEASON 4

## BOOK OVERVIEW

### **LUKE** (Cont. from Sept) ●○

Luke writes the most thorough account of Jesus' life, pulling together eyewitness testimonies to tell the full story of Jesus. Pay special attention to how Luke portrays Jesus ministering to the outsider.

### **EZRA** (Cont. from Sept) ●○

The Israelites rebuild the temple in Jerusalem, and a scribe named Ezra teaches the people to once again obey God's laws.

### **ESTHER** Oct 3 ○

Someone hatches a genocidal plot to bring about Israel's extinction, and Esther must face the emperor to ask for help.

### **NEHEMIAH** Oct 8 ○

The city of Jerusalem is in bad shape, so Nehemiah rebuilds the wall around the city.

### **ACTS** Oct 11 ●○

Jesus returns to the Father, the Holy Spirit comes to the church, and the gospel of Jesus spreads throughout the world.

### **MALACHI** Oct 14 ○

God has been faithful to Israel, but they continue to live disconnected from him—so God sends Malachi to call them out.

### **JOB** Oct 16 ○

Satan attacks a righteous man named Job, and Job and his friends argue about why terrible things are happening to him.

### **MARK** Oct 27 ●○

This brief account of Jesus' earthly ministry highlights Jesus' authority and servanthood.

### **GALATIANS** Nov 4 ●○

Paul hears the Galatian churches have been led to think that salvation comes from the law of Moses, and writes a (rather heated) letter telling them where the false teachers have it wrong.

### **1 CORINTHIANS** Nov 7 ●○

Paul writes a disciplinary letter to a fractured church in Corinth, and answers some questions that they've had about how Christians should behave.

### **2 CORINTHIANS** Nov 14 ●○

Paul writes a letter of reconciliation to the church at Corinth and clears up some concerns they have.

### **MATTHEW** Nov 18 ●○

This account of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection focuses on Jesus' role as the true king of the Jews.

### **1 THESSALONIANS** Nov 27 ●○

Paul hears a good report on the church at Thessalonica and encourages them to "excel still more" in faith, hope, and love.

### **2 THESSALONIANS** Nov 28 ●○

Paul instructs the Thessalonians on how to stand firm until the coming of Jesus.



## **ROMANS** Nov 29 ●●

Paul summarizes how the gospel of Jesus works in a letter to the churches at Rome, where he plans to visit.

## **EPHESIANS** Dec 3 ●●

Paul writes to the church at Ephesus about how to walk in grace, peace, and love.

## **PHILIPPIANS** Dec 5 ●●

An encouraging letter to the church of Philippi from Paul, telling them how to have joy in Christ.

## **COLOSSIANS** Dec 6 ●●

Paul writes the church at Colossae a letter about who they are in Christ, and how to walk in Christ.

## **1 TIMOTHY** Dec 7 ●●

Paul gives his protégé Timothy instruction on how to lead a church with sound teaching and a godly example.

## **TITUS** Dec 8 ●●

Paul advises Titus on how to lead orderly, counter-cultural churches on the island of Crete.

## **2 TIMOTHY** Dec 9 ●●

Paul is nearing the end of his life and encourages Timothy to continue preaching the word.

## **PHILEMON** Dec 10 ●●

Paul strongly recommends that Philemon accept his runaway slave as a brother, not a slave.

## **HEBREWS** Dec 10 ●●

A letter encouraging Christians to cling to Christ despite persecution, because he is greater.

## **JUDE** Dec 13 ●●

A letter encouraging Christians to contend for the faith even though ungodly persons have crept in unnoticed.

## **JAMES** Dec 14 ●●

A letter telling Christians to live in ways that demonstrate their faith in action.

## **1 PETER** Dec 15 ●●

Peter writes to Christians who are being persecuted, encouraging them to testify to the truth and live accordingly.

## **2 PETER** Dec 16 ●●

Peter writes a letter reminding Christians about the truth of Jesus and warning them that false teachers will come.

## **JOHN** Dec 16 ●●

John lists stories of signs and miracles with the hope that readers will believe in Jesus.

## **1 JOHN** Dec 24 ●●

John writes a letter to Christians about keeping Jesus' commands, loving one another, and other important things they should know.

## **2 JOHN** Dec 25 ●●

A very brief letter about walking in truth, love, and obedience.

## **3 JOHN** Dec 25 ●●

An even shorter letter about Christian fellowship.

## **REVELATION** Dec 26 ●●

John sees visions of things that have been, things that are, and things that are yet to come.

## **PSALMS** ○

A collection of 150 songs that Israel sang to God (and to each other) —kind of like a hymnal for the ancient Israelites.



# NOTES

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