



Personal and Family Devotions • Small Groups • Church meetings

1 Invocation

Make the sign of the cross and say:
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

2 Psalm

O Yahweh, do not rebuke me in your anger;
do not punish me in your wrath.
For your arrows pierce me,
and your hand presses me down.
For my iniquities overwhelm me;
they are a burden too heavy for me.
Lord, you understand my heart's deepest yearnings,
and my groanings are not hidden from you.
Surely I wait for you, Yahweh;
you will answer, Lord my God.
Come quickly to help me,
Lord, my salvation.

Psalm 38:1, 2, 4, 9, 15, 22

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

3 Hymns

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (page 5)
Salvation Unto Us Has Come (page 6)

4 Lessons



BIBLE BOOKS
OT Major Prophets

Daniel

Summary Statement

God's presence and protection in Babylon

Outline

I. Daniel's Victories (1-6)

II. Daniel's Visions (7-12)

Key Verses

2:44; 3:25; 7:13; 9:24; 12:2

Daily Readings

Su	Dan 4:4-18	Dan 4:19-37
Mo	Dan 5:1-12	Dan 5:13-31
Tu	Dan 7:1-14	Dan 7:15-28
We	Dan 8:1-14	Dan 8:15-27
Th	Dan 9:4-19	Dan 9:20-27
Fr	Dan 10:1-21	Dan 11:3-20
Sa	Dan 11:21-35	Dan 12:1-13



BIBLE EVENTS

Divided Kingdom Era

2 Kings 18:17—19:37

The Assyrian Invasion



- Who did Sennacherib, king of Assyria, taunt as he threatened Jerusalem? (18:29-30)
- Who was the prophet that told Hezekiah not to be afraid of Sennacherib's threats? (19:6)
- What did Hezekiah spread before Yahweh in the temple as he prayed? (19:14)
- How many Assyrian soldiers were killed by the angel of Yahweh in a single evening? (19:35)

2 Kings 20:1-21 ★

Hezekiah's Illness



- What did Hezekiah do when he was told he was going to die? (20:2-3)
- How many years did Yahweh promise to add to Hezekiah's life? (20:6)
- What did Hezekiah ask to happen to a shadow to verify what Isaiah had told him? (20:10)
- Where did Isaiah tell Hezekiah that all the stored things would be carried off to? (20:17)

Events labeled with a star (★) are appropriate for disciples of all ages. Other events may contain more mature content.

2 Kings 22:1-20 ★

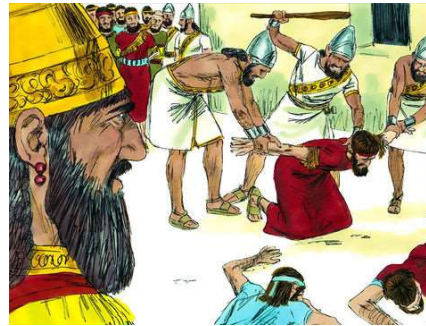
Josiah Finds the Law



- Where did Hilkiah find the book of the law? (22:8)
- What did Josiah do when he heard the book of the law read to him? (22:11)
- Who was the prophetess that Hilkiah went to see? (22:14)
- Because Josiah humbled himself, tore his robes and wept, what would he not see in his lifetime? (22:20)

2 Kings 24:18—25:30

The End of Judah



- Who laid siege to Jerusalem during the reign of Zedekiah? (25:1)
- What did the king of Babylon do to the temple in Jerusalem? (25:9)
- Where did the people flee for fear of the Babylonians? (25:26)
- Who did Awel-Marduk release from prison after thirty-seven years of captivity? (25:27)

For application: IDEA What is stated in the verse, passage or selection? **THANK** What does this verse, passage or selection make me thankful for? **CONFESS** What does this verse, passage or selection make me sorry for? **HELP** What help do I need from God to act on what I have read?



BIBLE TEACHINGS

Confession & Absolution

Younger disciples should focus on the content in the yellow box from Martin Luther's Small Catechism.

Confession & Absolution

What is confession?

Confession has two parts: first, that we confess our sins; second, that we receive absolution, or forgiveness, from the confessor, as from God Himself, and that we in no way doubt, but firmly believe, that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those of which we are unaware, as we do in the Lord's Prayer. But before the confessor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Which are these?

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Are a father, mother, son, daughter, employer or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful or lazy? Have you grieved anyone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, neglected or wasted anything, or done other harm?

147. What are the only two sacraments of the Christian church?

- A. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
- B. The Sacrament of the Altar

148. How were the sacraments typified in the Old Testament?

- A. Circumcision was a type of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism
- B. The Passover meal was a type of the Sacrament of the Altar

A – Genesis 17:9-14; Colossians 2:11-12; B – Exodus 12:14, 25-27; 1 Corinthians 5:7

Sacraments

145. What are the means of grace the Holy Spirit uses to create and continue our faith?

- A. God's Word
- B. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
- C. The Sacrament of the Altar

A – Romans 10:17; 2 Timothy 3:15; B – Acts 2:38; C – Matthew 26:28

146. What makes something a sacrament?

- A. A sacrament is instituted by Jesus
- B. A sacrament has visible elements
- C. A sacrament promises forgiveness of sins

A – Matthew 28:19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25; B – Acts 8:36; 1 Corinthians 11:26; C – Matthew 26:28; Acts 2:38

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5 Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

6 Prayers

Pray for your family and friends, your church, your community, your nation, your world, and your own personal needs. As you C.H.A.T. with God, remember to Confess your sins, Honor and praise God, Ask Him your requests, and Thank Him for His blessings.



Grant, almighty God, that we who deserve to be punished for our evil deeds may mercifully be relieved by the comfort of Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



O God, by the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people perpetual gladness, and those whom You have delivered from the danger of everlasting death, make partakers of eternal joys. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and all evil, that all my actions and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

OR

Luther's Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

7 Blessing

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (2 Corinthians 13:14) **Amen.**

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Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1. Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2. Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3. Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling pil - grim way,



Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing, Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace,
May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion In our hearts and lives a - bound.
Let not fear of death ap - pall us, Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey.



O re - fresh us; O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.



Salvation Unto Us Has Come



1. Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and fa - vor; Good
 2. What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could ren - der Caused
 3. It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had giv - en That
 4. From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un - ceas - ing; The



works can - not a - vert our doom, They help and save us nev - er. Faith
 wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For man, the vile of - fend - er. Our
 sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And by their works gain heav - en. The
 task was use - less and in vain, Our guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None



looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
 flesh has not those pure de - sires The spir - it of the
 Law is but a mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
 can re - move sin's poi - soned dart Or pur - i - fy our



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
 Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
 sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
 guile - ful heart, So deep is our cor - rup - tion.

5. Yet as the Law must be fulfilled
 Or we must die despairing,
 Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
 Our human nature sharing.
 He has for us the Law obeyed
 And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
 Which over us impended.

6. Since Christ has full atonement made
 And brought to us salvation,
 Each Christian therefore may be glad
 And build on this foundation.
 Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
 Your death is now my life indeed,
 For You have paid my ransom.

7. Let me not doubt, but truly see
 Your Word cannot be broken;
 Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"
 No falsehood have You spoken.
 Baptized into Your precious name,
 My faith cannot be put to shame,
 And I shall never perish.

8. The Law reveals the guilt of sin
 And makes us conscience-stricken;
 But then the Gospel enters in
 The sinful soul to quicken.
 Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
 The Law no peace can ever give,
 No comfort and no blessing.

9. Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
 And rests in Him unceasing;
 And by its fruits true faith is known,
 With love and hope increasing.
 For faith alone can justify;
 Works serve our neighbor and supply
 The proof that faith is living.

10. All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
 To Father, Son, and Spirit,
 The God who saved us by His grace;
 All glory to His merit.
 O triune God in heav'n above,
 You have revealed Your saving love;
 Your blessed name we hallow.