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March
Week 1

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

Blessed is the person whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
When I remained silent,
my bones were wasting away while I groaned all day long.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I no longer hid my iniquity.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to Yahweh,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
You are my hiding place;
you will guard me from trouble.
You will surround me
with the songs of victory.
The wicked have many sorrows,
but Yahweh's covenant faithfulness will surround the one who trusts in him.

Psalm 32:1, 3, 5, 7, 10

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

Beautiful Savior (page 5)
Abide with Me (page 6)

4 Lessons



BIBLE BOOKS

Personal Letters

1 Timothy

Summary Statement

Paul instructs on how to lead a church

Outline

I. Plans for Church Life (1-3)

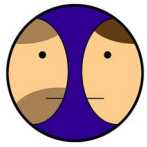
II. Problems for Church Leaders (4-6)

Key Verses

1:15; 2:3-4; 3:16; 4:16; 6:10

Daily Readings

Su	1:1-11	1:12-20
Mo	2:1-7	2:8-15
Tu	3:1-7	3:8-13
We	3:14-16	4:1-5
Th	4:6-10	4:11-16
Fr	5:1-16	5:17-25
Sa	6:1-10	6:11-21



BIBLE EVENTS

Jesus' Encounters

John 2:12-25 ★ Cleansing the Temple



- What did Jesus make to drive the sheep and oxen out of the temple? (2:15)
- What did Jesus accuse the people of making His Father's house? (2:16)
- How many days did Jesus say He could raise up "this temple" after it was destroyed? (2:19)
- What was the temple that Jesus was speaking of? (2:21)

John 3:1-21 Nicodemus



- Who was Nicodemus? (3:1)
- When did Nicodemus come to talk with Jesus? (3:2)
- What did Jesus tell Nicodemus a person must be born of to enter the kingdom of God? (3:5)
- What Old Testament illustration pointed to how the Son of Man must be lifted up? (3:14)
- Why did Jesus say God sent His Son into the world? (3:17)

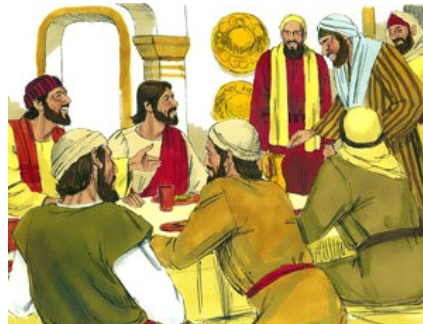
Events labeled with a star (★) are appropriate for disciples of all ages. Other events may contain more mature content.

John 4:1-26 The Samaritan Woman



- Why was it strange that Jesus spoke with the woman at the well? (4:9)
- What did Jesus say would happen to everyone who drank the water He gives? (4:14)
- How many husbands did the woman have before the man she was now living with? (4:18)
- How did Jesus say true worshippers of God must worship? (4:24)

Matthew 9:9-13 ★ Matthew Follows Jesus



- Where was Matthew sitting when Jesus passed by? (9:9)
- Who came to Matthew's house and dined with Jesus and his disciples? (9:10)
- Who did Jesus say need a physician? (9:12)
- Who did Jesus come to call to repent? (9:13)

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

Lord's Prayer

Sixth Petition

And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean?

God tempts no one. However, we pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us, so that the devil, the world, and our flesh may not deceive us, or seduce us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice; and that, though they may attack us, we may finally overcome them and gain the victory.

Sixth Petition

133. According to the Sixth Petition, who does God tempt?

God tempts no one

James 1:13

134. What is the difference between temptation and testing?

- A. Temptation comes from the devil to destroy our faith
- B. Testing comes from God to strengthen our faith

A – Mark 14:38; James 1:13-14; B – John 6:5-6; James 1:2-3

135. According to the Sixth Petition, what would the devil, the world and our flesh lure us into?

- A. False belief
- B. Despair
- C. Other great shame and vice

A – 1 Thessalonians 3:5; B – Romans 8:35; 2 Corinthians 2:7; 4:8; C – Proverbs 1:10; 1 Timothy 6:9-10

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

136. In the Sixth Petition, what do we ask to happen even if the Devil, the world and our flesh attack us?

That we may finally overcome them and gain the victory

Romans 8:37-39; Hebrews 2:18

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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.



Lord God, heavenly Father, You gave Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to become Man and to come into the world that He might destroy the works of the devil. Deliver us poor offenders from sin and death, and give us everlasting life. Rule and govern our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may seek no other refuge than His Word, and thus avoid the sin to which we are by nature inclined, in order that we may always be found among the faithful followers of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and by faith in Him obtain eternal salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



Almighty God, You know that we are set in the midst of so many and great dangers, and that because of the weakness of our mortal nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord's 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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Beautiful Savior



1. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee,
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er,
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er,
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,



Tru - ly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
Je - sus is pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
Praise, ad - o - ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!



Abide with Me



1. A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide. The dark-ness deep - ens;
 2. I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour; What but Thy grace can
 3. Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings, But kind and good, with
 4. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day; Earth's joys grow dim, its



Lord, with me a - bide. When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 foil the tempt - er's pow'r? Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 heal - ing in Thy wings; Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.
 glo - ries pass a - way; Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
 Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.
 O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.

5. I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
 Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy
 victory?
 I triumph still if Thou abode with me!

6. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
 Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows
 flee;
 In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.