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July
Week 2

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

Yahweh is my rock, my fortress,
the one who brings me to safety;
he is my God, my rock;
I take refuge in him.
He is my shield, the horn of my salvation,
and my stronghold.
He reached down from above; he took hold of me!
He pulled me out of the surging water.
He rescued me from my strong enemy, from those
who hated me,
for they were too strong for me.
He set me free in a wide open place;
he saved me because he was pleased with me.
For you save afflicted people,
**but you bring down those with proud, uplifted
eyes!**
For you give light to my lamp;
Yahweh my God lights up my darkness.
You have given me the shield of your salvation. Your
right hand has supported me,
and your favor has made me great.

Psalm 18:2, 16-17, 19, 27-28, 35

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

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (page 5)
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (page 6)

4 Lessons



BIBLE BOOKS
OT History Books (Part 1)

Judges

Summary Statement

Israel is caught in a cycle of sin and rescue

Outline

- I. Failing Obedience (1-2)**
- II. Failing Leadership (3-16)**
- III. Failing Morality (17-21)**

Key Verses

2:18; 5:31; 21:25

Ruth

Summary Statement

The love story of a Moabite woman

Outline

- I. Following Naomi (1)**
- II. Marrying Boaz (2-4)**

Key Verses

1:16; 4:14

Daily Readings

Su	Jdg 2:10-23	Jdg 3:12-30
Mo	Jdg 6:11-16,36-40	Jdg 8:4-21
Tu	Jdg 8:22-35	Jdg 9:1-6,50-57
We	Jdg 11:29-40	Jdg 13:1-5,15-25
Th	Jdg 15:1-17	Jdg 17:1-13
Fr	Jdg 19:16-30	Jdg 21:16-25
Sa	Rut 2:1-16	Rut 3:1-13



BIBLE EVENTS

Exodus Era

Exodus 14:5-31 ★

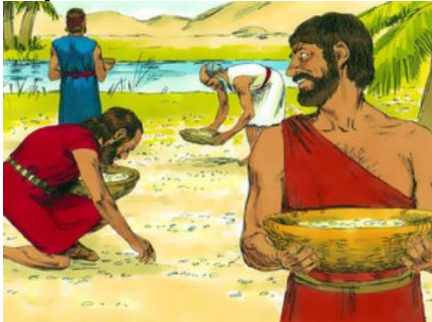
Crossing the Sea



- a. Whose heart did Yahweh harden? (14:8)
- b. What moved behind the Israelites to separate them from Pharaoh's approaching army? (14:19)
- c. What happened to the sea as Moses reached out his hand over it? (14:21)
- d. How many of the Egyptian army survived the crossing of the sea? (14:28)

Exodus 16:1-36 ★

Israel Complains



- a. Who did the Israelites complain against in the wilderness? (16:2)
- b. What did Yahweh say He would feed the Israelites with in the evening? In the morning? (16:12)
- c. What happened to the bread that Israel tried to leave until the following morning? (16:20)
- d. What did the Israelites call the bread Yahweh sent to them? (16:31)

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

Exodus 17:1-16

The Battle with the Amalekites



- a. Why did the people quarrel with Moses in Rephidim? (17:1-2)
- b. What did Yahweh tell Moses to do so the people could drink? (17:6)
- c. Who did Moses send to choose some men to fight with Amalek? (17:9)
- d. What happened in the battle when Moses' hands were up? (17:11)
- e. Who held up Moses' hands? (17:12)

Exodus 18:1-27

Jethro's Advice



- a. Who was Jethro, Moses father-in-law? (18:1)
- b. How long did Moses judge the people? (18:13)
- c. What did Jethro say about how Moses was handling all the disputes himself? (18:17-18)
- d. How did Moses divide up the various leaders he chose to help him settle disputes? (18:25)

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

Ten Commandments

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

Second Commandment

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use witchcraft, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

20. According to the Second Commandment, how must we use God's name?

- A. Call upon God in every trouble
- B. Pray to God
- C. Praise God
- D. Give thanks to God

A – Psalm 50:15; B – John 16:23; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; C – Psalm 145:2; Acts 4:20; 1 Peter 2:9; D – Psalm 118:1; Luke 17:15; Ephesians 5:19-20

Second Commandment

17. What does God's name consist of?

All that God reveals about Himself

Exodus 34:5-7; Psalm 111:9; Malachi 2:2; John 17:6-8; Revelation 15:4

18. According to the Second Commandment, how do we misuse God's name?

- A. Cursing
- B. Swearing
- C. Using witchcraft
- D. Lying by God's name, which is heresy
- E. Deceiving by God's name, which is hypocrisy

A – Romans 12:14; James 3:10; B – Leviticus 19:12; Matthew 26:63-64; Hebrews 6:16; James 5:12; C – Leviticus 19:31; Deuteronomy 18:10-12; D – Jeremiah 14:14; 23:31; Matthew 15:9; E – Matthew 15:7-8

19. When are we permitted to swear?

When swearing is for God's glory and our neighbor's welfare

Deuteronomy 6:13; Matthew 26:63-64

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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.



O Lord God, heavenly Father, You allowed Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, to become a stranger and a sojourner in Egypt for our sakes, and led Him safely home to His fatherland. Mercifully grant that we poor sinners, who are strangers and sojourners in this perilous world, may soon be called home to our true fatherland, the kingdom of heaven, where we shall live in eternal joy and glory. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



Text...Lord God, heavenly Father, through Your Son You have promised us that whatever we ask in His name You will give us. Keep us in Your Word, and grant us Your Holy Spirit, that He may govern us according to Your will. Protect us from the power of the devil, from false doctrine and worship, and also defend our lives against all danger. Grant us Your blessing and peace that we may in all things perceive Your merciful help, and both now and forever praise and glorify You as our gracious Father. 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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Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1. Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My great Re-deem - er's praise, The
 2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist me to pro - claim, To
 3. Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis
 4. He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He sets the pris - 'ner free. His
 5. Look un - to Him, ye na - tions; own Your God, ye fall - en race. Look

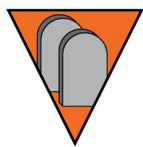
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glo - ries of my God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
 spread through all the earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.
 mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
 blood can make the foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.
 and be saved through faith a - lone, Be jus - ti - fied by grace.

6. See all your sins on Jesus laid;
 The Lamb of God was slain.
 His soul was once an off-ring made
 For ev'ry soul of man.

7. To God all glory, praise, and love
 Be now and ever giv'n
 By saints below and saints above,
 The Church in earth and heaven



Holy God, We Praise Thy Name



1. Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we
 2. Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
 3. Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred
 4. Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet
 5. Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,
 bow are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,
 three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fin - ite Thy
 In un - ceas - ing chor - us prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with
 And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to
 As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
 sweet ac - cord: Hol - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.
 bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.
 bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.