

FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 2, 2019



BIBLE STORY:

Deuteronomy 4–6

BIBLE VERSE:

Deuteronomy 6:5

BABIES–PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

Love God. (BT)

Love God with all your heart. (P)

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

God wants us to love Him more than anyone or anything. (YK)

God wants us to love Him with all our heart, soul, and strength. (OK)

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

1 Timothy 1:1-17

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

1 Timothy 1:15

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *1 Timothy 1:3-5*

MONDAY: *1 Timothy 1:6-7*

TUESDAY: *1 Timothy 1:8-11*

WEDNESDAY: *1 Timothy 1:12-14*

THURSDAY: *1 Timothy 1:15-17*

FRIDAY: *1 Timothy 1:18-20*

SATURDAY: *1 Timothy 2:1-2*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study Deuteronomy and 1 Timothy together as a family:



- **Moses preached to the people.** The text of the Book of Deuteronomy is the last sermon of Moses before Moses died. For more than 40 years Moses had been leading Israel, from their departure from Egypt, to now standing on the banks of the Jordan River ready to receive the promise of land God had given them. Apart from Joshua, Caleb, and Moses himself, everyone in the crowd was younger than 20 years old when Israel sinned by refusing to enter the land. This sin led to their wilderness wanderings. Moses taught the people the law that God had given at Mount Sinai to help the people remember the rules God gave to help the people follow Him.
- **Remember God's blessing.** Moses recalled for Israel God's blessings of over the past 40 plus years. God had sustained the people as they wandered. God had given direction through a cloud during the day and pillar of fire at night. God had given people food to eat and water to drink. The clothes and shoes they wore did not wear out. All of these blessings had come from God, and Moses reminded the people to be thankful for God's blessings.
- **Love God most of all.** After recalling the Ten Commandments from God, Moses gave a quick instruction that summarized what the Ten Commandments taught: Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and teach these important things to your children. Following the rules would help the people live in ways that would please God and would set the people apart from other nations in the land.
- **God's truth is always constant.** God wanted the people of Israel to love Him with everything and to love other people. When Paul wrote his letter to Timothy—his true son in the faith—Paul told Timothy to do those same things as he pastored the church in Ephesus. Paul knew that Timothy would need to love God with his heart, soul, mind, and strength in order to effectively lead others to have the same devotion.

FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 9, 2019



BIBLE STORY:

Deuteronomy 31–34

BIBLE VERSE:

Deuteronomy 31:6

BABIES–PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

God is with us and helps us.

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

God loves us even when we sin against Him. (YK)

God is always faithful to His people, even when we are unfaithful to Him. (OK)

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

1 Timothy 2:1-15

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

1 Timothy 2:1

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *1 Timothy 2:3-4*

MONDAY: *1 Timothy 2:5-7*

TUESDAY: *1 Timothy 2:8-10*

WEDNESDAY: *1 Timothy 2:11-13*

THURSDAY: *1 Timothy 2:14-15*

FRIDAY: *1 Timothy 3:1*

SATURDAY: *1 Timothy 3:2-3*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study Deuteronomy and 1 Timothy together as a family:



- **Moses sees God's promise.** The end of the Book of Deuteronomy gives Moses' final instructions for the people. God allowed Moses to see the promised land, though Moses was not allowed to enter the land, himself. (*Moses had previously sinned during the wilderness wanderings and God told Moses that he could not go into the land.*) From the top of Mount Nebo, Moses looked out over the land that God was giving the Israelites and then Moses died. The Bible tells us that God Himself buried Moses so that no one would know where his body was.
- **A new leader for Israel.** Before Moses went up Mount Nebo, he revealed God's plan for Joshua to become the new leader of Israel. Moses, Joshua, and Caleb were the only adults alive when Israel originally refused to enter the promised land. Because Joshua spoke favorably of God's ability to help Israel conquer the land, God allowed Joshua to not only enter the promised land, but to be the new leader of the nation.
- **Be strong and courageous.** Moses knew that the people of Israel were to be representatives of God in the new land. As God's representatives, Moses knew the people would need to be strong in the face of danger and obey God's instructions with courage. The theme of strength and courage would lead the people to faithfully represent God in their new land.
- **Be God's representatives.** Just as the nation of Israel was to represent God as they lived in the promised land, Paul encouraged Timothy to faithfully represent God to the people to whom Timothy preached. Paul shared with Timothy that church leaders and church members should remember they represent God and need to show that through their actions. Paul urged Timothy to be an example through prayer. Through prayer, with love and unity, godly people pray diligently for the lost.

FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 16, 2019



BIBLE STORY:

Job 1-2

BIBLE VERSE:

Psalm 90:1

BABIES-PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

God is always with us.

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

God is always in control. (YK)

God is always sovereign, sufficient, and righteous. (OK)

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

1 Timothy 3:1-13

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

1 Timothy 3:13

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *1 Timothy 3:4-5*

MONDAY: *1 Timothy 3:6-7*

TUESDAY: *1 Timothy 3:8-10*

WEDNESDAY: *1 Timothy 3:11-13*

THURSDAY: *1 Timothy 3:14-15*

FRIDAY: *1 Timothy 3:16*

SATURDAY: *1 Timothy 4:1-2*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study *Job* and *1 Timothy* together as a family:



- **Faithful friend.** Job was most likely a contemporary of Abraham. The Book of Job gives few clues about Job but describes Job as a man who did what was right and who was a worshiper of God. Job had been tremendously blessed by God, and because of the amount of livestock Job possessed, Job was considered very wealthy for his time. Job knew God had always been faithful to Job.
- **Faithfulness tested.** The Bible records a conversation between God and Satan. Satan questioned Job's loyalty to God and God allowed Satan to test Job. In what can only be described as the most horrific day ever, Job lost everything he had; his children, his livestock, and all his wealth. Job also suffered with boils. Job's wife even encouraged Job to speak against God, but, through all of the testing, Job remained faithful to God.
- **Worship God.** Job chose to worship God during the circumstances he encountered. Job knew, as should we, that God is sovereign. God's sovereignty shows that God is always in control of every circumstance and situation. God was not surprised by what happened to Job since He knew it was happening. Job remained faithful and worshiped God with a pure heart.
- **Godly character leads to spiritual health.** Job was known as a man who worshiped God. Through the testing Job endured, he never lost his godly character. He was strengthened against the hardships that came his way. Paul encouraged Timothy to remain a man of unquestioned character because he was an example to other church leaders of how a pastor should conduct himself. Paul listed for Timothy the characteristics pastors and other church leaders should exhibit. These qualities would lead those in authority over the church to seek a life lived to honor God. Paul's commission was not just for Timothy, but also served as instruction for those in the church. Paul told Timothy he should teach the people to trust God to provide and know that God is always in control when persecution comes.

FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 23, 2019



BIBLE STORY:

Job 3–42

BIBLE VERSE:

Job 12:10

BABIES–PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

God always cares about people.

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

*Tough times can help us learn how to trust God more. (YK)
Suffering can strengthen our faith and trust in God. (OK)*

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

1 Timothy 4:1-13

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

1 Timothy 4:13

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *1 Timothy 4:3-4*

MONDAY: *1 Timothy 4:5-6*

TUESDAY: *1 Timothy 4:7-10*

WEDNESDAY: *1 Timothy 4:11-12*

THURSDAY: *1 Timothy 4:13-14*

FRIDAY: *1 Timothy 4:15-16*

SATURDAY: *1 Timothy 5:1-2*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study *Job* and *1 Timothy* together as a family:



- **Helpful friends.** As Job began to process his predicament, he knew God was in control. Job was paid a visit from some well-meaning friends who tried to help assess the situation. Job's friends, however, were not as helpful as they could have been. Instead of helping Job answer questions about his current state, the three friends launched into chastising Job for some apparent sin he had committed for which he was being punished. Job knew better and maintained his blameless position before God.
- **A whirlwind experience.** Job was convinced that he had done nothing wrong, so he began to question God about his situation. Job wanted to know if God's treatment of him was just. Job further wondered why God was refusing to answer him. Soon, another friend of Job's, Elihu, showed up and reminded Job that God was indeed just, righteous, and thankfully, merciful! Suddenly God appeared to Job in a whirlwind and helped Job recall that God is the one Who made everything and God is the one in charge. God assured Job that the bad things that had happened to Job could be used to glorify God. Job's response, appropriately, was to worship God. God helped Job's friends also know that God was sovereign and they were not. Job accepted God's response and ultimately God restored all that Job had lost and more. God loves us even when we have tough times!
- **God's words can nourish our souls.** Job experienced God on a level most people don't experience. The words God shared with Job encouraged Job and filled his life with satisfaction. God's Word, the Bible, encourages our hearts today. While we don't typically hear audibly from God, we read His words in the Bible. Paul encouraged Timothy to be a student of God's Word and to allow the words of Scripture to nourish and satisfy Timothy's heart. When believers dwell in His Word, God will help them know the truth. God's Word guides believers to be examples of godly living. Knowing and trusting in God's Word will satisfy our hearts and give us a greater desire to live lives that honor God.

FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 30, 2019



BIBLE STORY:

Ecclesiastes 1-12

BIBLE VERSE:

Ecclesiastes 3:14

BABIES-PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

God is more important than anything.

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

We should honor God and obey His commands.

(YK)

Our purpose is to honor God and obey His commands. (OK)

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

1 Timothy 5:1-8,17-21

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

1 Timothy 5:25

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *1 Timothy 5:3-7*

MONDAY: *1 Timothy 5:8*

TUESDAY: *1 Timothy 5:9-10*

WEDNESDAY: *1 Timothy 5:11-13*

THURSDAY: *1 Timothy 5:14-16*

FRIDAY: *1 Timothy 5:17-18*

SATURDAY: *1 Timothy 5:19-21*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study *Ecclesiastes* and *1 Timothy* together as a family:



- **A word of wisdom.** Solomon, the wisest man to ever live, wrote the words of the Book of Ecclesiastes. As with much of the Bible, Solomon's words share wise sayings that help people learn about honoring God with one's life. Solomon's book shares wisdom from Solomon's own experiences. Solomon had tried many things to fill the emptiness he felt. Solomon, besides being wise, had amassed great wealth. Solomon had magnificent gardens, and libraries full of books. Solomon worked hard, and he was faithful in his religious pursuits. Through all of this, Solomon still was not full of joy.
- **Vanity of vanities.** In the end, Solomon concluded that man's pursuit to find joy would ultimately be in vain. Solomon discovered that only through God could someone find joy and satisfaction. Through a relationship with God, a person would discover meaning and purpose in his life. Anything else was like trying to catch the wind, a futile effort that used great energy and accomplished absolutely nothing. Once a person is in a relationship with God, God would help him discover God's plan for his life.
- **Be responsible.** Solomon discovered that meaning and purpose came from a relationship with God. Being in relationship with God would guide believers to do those things God teaches. Paul shared with Timothy some of the things God commanded people who live in relationship with Him to do. God wanted believers to be responsible and show care for others, particularly widows. Early Christians still followed typical Jewish law which gave the church great responsibility to care for widows. Women of the day could not earn a living wage to provide for their expenses, so widows relied on family members or the church to care for them. Obedience to God will always honor Him and will bring joy and satisfaction to the one who obeys.

FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 7, 2019



BIBLE STORY:

Mark 9:33-37;10:13-16

BIBLE VERSE:

Mark 10:14b

BABIES—PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

Jesus talked about children.

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

*Jesus welcomed and blessed the kids. (YK)
Jesus welcomes everyone to the kingdom of
God. (OK)*

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

1 Timothy 6:6-19

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

1 Timothy 6:10

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *1 Timothy 5:22-25*

MONDAY: *1 Timothy 6:1-2*

TUESDAY: *1 Timothy 6:3-5*

WEDNESDAY: *1 Timothy 6:6-10*

THURSDAY: *1 Timothy 6:11-12*

FRIDAY: *1 Timothy 6:13-16*

SATURDAY: *1 Timothy 6:17-21*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study Mark and 1 Timothy together as a family:



- **Jesus welcomes all.** Jesus' life served as an example for believers in many ways. The things Jesus did when He lived on earth help people today know how to honor God. The world Jesus lived in was a world that held men in highest regard. Women were not respected and they relied on their husbands or other family members to care for them. Widowed women also received help from the church if they needed it. Children were considered the least important of all. Until a young man turned 12, he was restricted in his participation in any part of Jewish life, especially religious life. Jesus broke down traditional barriers and welcomed not only women but children into His teaching environments.
- **Be My example.** In two instances recorded in Mark's Gospel, Jesus used children as an object lesson to help the disciples and others know how important children were to God and His kingdom. On one occasion, the disciples had been arguing over which of them was the greatest. Jesus knew what they had been arguing about and brought a small child into their midst. Jesus helped the disciples see that the gospel was for all people, including small children. The disciples needed to stop fighting over greatness and remember God's message.
- **Don't deny them.** On another occasion, Jesus welcomed children whom the disciples had rebuked, thinking Jesus was too busy to be bothered by them. The parents of the children may have been indignant over their treatment, but once again, Jesus showed compassion for the children and announced that all people had access to Him.
- **Act as Jesus acted.** Jesus' example of including all serves as a good example of living a godly life that includes welcoming everyone and respecting God's Word. Believers should follow Jesus' example, be motivated by love for people, and live in ways that honor God. A Christian's life needs to be focused on work for God's kingdom and not on gaining material possessions or personal greatness.

FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 14, 2019



BIBLE STORY:

Mark 10:17-31

BIBLE VERSE:

Mark 12:30

BABIES—PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

Jesus wants us to love Him. (BT)

Jesus wants us to love Him more than anything. (P)

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

We can have eternal life when we trust Jesus as our Savior. (YK)

We cannot earn eternal life with God. It is a gift we receive when we trust in Jesus. (OK)

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

2 Timothy 1:3-14

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

2 Timothy 1:12

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *2 Timothy 1:1-4*

MONDAY: *2 Timothy 1:5-6*

TUESDAY: *2 Timothy 1:7*

WEDNESDAY: *2 Timothy 1:8-10*

THURSDAY: *2 Timothy 1:11-12*

FRIDAY: *2 Timothy 1:13-15*

SATURDAY: *2 Timothy 1:16-18*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study Mark and 2 Timothy together as a family:



- **Questioning the master.** The story of the rich young ruler is a curious story. As with several other stories recorded in the Bible, this story focuses on someone coming to Jesus asking a question. There were several scenarios at play in these instances. Sometimes people would come to Jesus trying to trip Him up or trick Him into giving an answer that would fit their particular paradigm. Sometimes people would ask questions to get Jesus to condemn their friends instead of themselves. Sometimes people would ask legitimate questions truly seeking clarity on a topic. The rich young ruler appears to be asking Jesus a genuine question, wanting to know what he could do to get into heaven.
- **Love God.** Jesus sensed the man's true desire and in turn told the man to follow the commandments. The man responded quickly that he had been a faithful follower of the commandments. Jesus, however, showed the man that through his attempt to follow God's commands he had forgotten one thing. It was revealed that he cared more about his abundant wealth than he cared about following God. Jesus told the man to sell his many possessions and give the proceeds to the poor; then he would be unhindered to follow Jesus.
- **With God all things are possible.** The disciples were shocked and wondered how anyone could get into heaven. Jesus explained salvation was from God and nothing man could do would earn it. Salvation is possible only through God!
- **Confidence in Christ.** Paul suggested to Timothy that he use Jesus as an example of godly living. Timothy had been taught the Scriptures and knew of Jesus' life from the testimony of his mother and grandmother. Timothy was encouraged to expand on this heritage and share the knowledge of Jesus with others. Through Timothy's relationship with Christ, Timothy could have confidence that the message of Christ was good for everyone.

FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 21, 2019



BIBLE STORY:

Mark 10:46-52

BIBLE VERSE:

Mark 10:45

BABIES-PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

Jesus cares about every person.

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

*Jesus answers when we call Him. (YK)
When we call to Jesus for help, He answers us.
(OK)*

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

2 Timothy 2:1-13

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

2 Timothy 2:10

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *2 Timothy 2:1-2*

MONDAY: *2 Timothy 2:3-7*

TUESDAY: *2 Timothy 2:8-10*

WEDNESDAY: *2 Timothy 2:11-13*

THURSDAY: *2 Timothy 2:14-15*

FRIDAY: *2 Timothy 2:16-19*

SATURDAY: *2 Timothy 2:20-21*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study Mark and 2 Timothy together as a family:



- **Headed toward Jerusalem.** This passage includes a very important detail that Mark found important. Mark mentions that Jesus was heading toward Jerusalem when He passed through Jericho. This detail is significant because Jesus was headed toward Jerusalem in order to offer Himself as the sacrifice for sin. Jesus was about to complete what God had sent Him to earth to do. Yet Jesus still had time to meet the needs of a blind man in the city of Jericho.
- **A blind man sees.** While Jesus was in the city, a blind man named Bartimaeus heard that Jesus was there. Bartimaeus began calling for Jesus, but the crowd, as they often did, encouraged Bartimaeus to be quiet since Jesus was far too busy to worry about some blind man on the side of the road. Hearing the cries of Bartimaeus, Jesus sent for Bartimaeus and asked what he wanted. Bartimaeus asked for sight, Jesus responded that Bartimaeus's faith had healed him and the man now could see. Bartimaeus displayed great faith in Jesus, and Jesus healed Bartimaeus from both his sin and his physical blindness.
- **God's grace.** Jesus showed grace to Bartimaeus by forgiving his sin because of his faith. Bartimaeus suffered many hardships as a blind man. Bartimaeus would have been led around by others in order to sit on the road and beg. Paul shared with Timothy that God's grace is sufficient for Christians to be sustained through hardships that they would suffer. Paul, having suffered hardship himself, was well acquainted with God's grace through those hardships. Paul shared with Timothy that if believers maintained their faithfulness to God, God would faithfully provide for them. Paul used three analogies to make the connections for his readers. Paul identified a faithful soldier, obedient to his leaders commands; a disciplined athlete who rigidly trains; and a hard-working farmer who reaps abundantly when he faithfully works.

FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 28, 2019



BIBLE STORY:

Mark 12:28-34,41-44

BIBLE VERSE:

Mark 12:30-31

BABIES—PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

Jesus told people to love God.

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

We should love God and others. (YK)

We should love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We should also love others. (OK)

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

2 Timothy 2:14-26

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

2 Timothy 2:15

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *2 Timothy 2:22-26*

MONDAY: *2 Timothy 3:1-5*

TUESDAY: *2 Timothy 3:6-9*

WEDNESDAY: *2 Timothy 3:10-11*

THURSDAY: *2 Timothy 3:12-13*

FRIDAY: *2 Timothy 3:14-15*

SATURDAY: *2 Timothy 3:16-17*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study Mark and 2 Timothy together as a family:



- **What is important?** One day when Jesus was teaching, He was met by a man who wanted to know the answer to a simple question. This man—one of the religious leaders—approached and asked Jesus to tell him which of the commandments was the most important. Jews of the day did not follow just the Ten Commandments. In an attempt to ensure they did not break one of those commandments, they had built a complicated list of rules that, if kept, would keep them faithful to the original law. The man who approached Jesus likely was asking which of these numerous laws was the most important. Jesus quoted from the Book of Deuteronomy when responding and told the man the most important commandment was to love God most of all.
- **All there is.** In the temple complex, Jesus watched as people brought their offerings and placed them in the temple treasury. Typical treasury boxes were square-shaped and had a large trumpet-shaped tube on the top into which people would place their offerings. Dropping the coins against the metal tube would make different sounds depending on the offering. While Jesus was watching, a woman placed two tiny coins inside the box. Her offering would not have been noticed by those in the complex, but for Jesus, this was a grand offering. By giving all she had, this woman made the greatest sacrifice. Jesus explained that what is important is not how much is given, but the intent of the giver's heart. It is important to love God with all the heart, soul, mind and strength.
- **Love God most of all.** Timothy learned from Paul that loving God most of all would lead to discovery of the truth. Believers find God's truth by diligently studying His Word. Timothy was charged to faithfully preach the truth from the Word so the believers to whom Timothy preached would not be led astray by false teachers. Maintaining one's focus on God's Word would ground believers to fend off false teachings.

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 4, 2019



BIBLE STORY:

Isaiah 6:1-13

BIBLE VERSE:

Isaiah 6:3

BABIES–PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

Tell about God. (BT)

God calls on people to tell about Him. (P)

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

God is holy. (YK)

*God is holy. Sin cannot be in His holy presence.
(OK)*

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

2 Timothy 3:12-17; 4:1-8

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

2 Timothy 4:7

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *2 Timothy 4:1-2*

MONDAY: *2 Timothy 4:3-4*

TUESDAY: *2 Timothy 4:5*

WEDNESDAY: *2 Timothy 4:6-8*

THURSDAY: *2 Timothy 4:9-11*

FRIDAY: *2 Timothy 4:12-15*

SATURDAY: *2 Timothy 4:16-17*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study Isaiah and 2 Timothy together as a family:



- **In the presence of God.** The prophet Isaiah ministered to the nation of Judah about 700 years before Jesus was born. The Bible tells that Isaiah prophesied during the reigns of four kings: Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah. Isaiah had the distinction of serving as prophet under some of the good kings of Judah; with the exception of Ahaz, we know that the other three men followed God, as had David their ancestor.
- **Seen in a vision.** In the year that King Uzziah died, Isaiah saw a vision of God seated on His throne. Surrounding the throne were angels. Isaiah knew that to be in the presence of God as a sinner was not a good thing. Isaiah cried out, fearing he was about to die. God sent an angel to purify Isaiah from his sin. Isaiah was then sent out for service. The vision Isaiah had left no doubt that God wanted Isaiah to be a witness for God. Isaiah knew how important it was for the people to follow God and he readily agreed to be God's messenger. God told Isaiah that the people wouldn't listen, but Isaiah was to faithfully preach until the consequences Isaiah preached came to Judah. Isaiah did what God called him to do!
- **Remain faithful.** Isaiah took seriously God's command to preach. Isaiah remained faithful to God even when his message was ignored. Paul gave Timothy an identical command to remain faithful to God's truth even when persecution came. Paul was not immune to persecution, so again, Paul shared with Timothy that the reality of persecution existed for believers. Paul challenged Timothy to teach his congregation that they needed to be grounded in God's Word in order to face the persecution. Remaining faithful to God and His Word would allow believers to see deliverance. One day God would send Jesus back to earth, providing the ultimate deliverance from sin and persecution.

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 11, 2019



BIBLE STORY:

Isaiah 36–37

BIBLE VERSE:

Psalms 46:1

BABIES–PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

Ask God to help.

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

When we are afraid, we can pray to God for help. (YK)

When we don't know what to do, we can ask God for help. (OK)

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

Titus 1:1-5,10-16

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

Titus 1:2

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: 2 Timothy 4:18

MONDAY: 2 Timothy 4:19-22

TUESDAY: Titus 1:1-4

WEDNESDAY: Titus 1:5-6

THURSDAY: Titus 1:7-9

FRIDAY: Titus 1:10-11

SATURDAY: Titus 1:12-14

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study Isaiah and Titus together as a family:



- **Hezekiah, king of Judah.** Hezekiah was the son of Ahaz—one of the more cruel, ungodly kings of Judah. Following Ahaz's sixteen-year reign which led Judah down a path of idol worship and sin, Hezekiah's ascent to the throne was likely welcomed by the nation. The first thing Hezekiah did for Judah was bring some much needed religious reform. Despite his father's cruelty and idol worship, it appears that Hezekiah faithfully followed God and knew it would be important for him as king to lead the nation to worship the one true God.
- **Assyria, the enemy.** In ancient times it was not uncommon for nations to make friends with one another on the basis of money. In that day, Assyria was considered to be what we would commonly call a superpower. Assyria held power over all the nations around them, and Ahaz spent considerable amounts of gold and silver to keep Assyria from invading Judah. Hezekiah trusted that God was more powerful than Assyria, so Hezekiah refused to send tribute money to Assyria. Shortly thereafter, Hezekiah received a letter from the Assyrian king threatening an attack if Hezekiah did not send money. Hezekiah took the letter to the temple, laid the letter on the floor before the altar, and begged God to take care of the situation. God, of course, heard Hezekiah's prayer, and Assyria tried, but failed, to invade Judah.
- **Turn to God.** Hezekiah knew that God was in control, so he turned to God when his nation was threatened. Likewise, Paul instructed Titus, a preacher in Crete, to do the same—turn to God! The island of Crete was well-known in the ancient world for heresy and the worship of false gods. Paul had sent Titus to Crete to start churches that would teach the truth of God and help those who were struggling to find true answers to their questions. Paul warned Titus about a group of people who had infiltrated the churches of Crete and were preaching false truth that if a Gentile believer wanted to become a Christian, he must do things that Jews did.

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 18, 2019



BIBLE STORY:

Isaiah 1–66

BIBLE VERSE:

Isaiah 9:6

BABIES–PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

*Isaiah wrote about Jesus. (BT)
Isaiah told that Jesus would come to help people. (P)*

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

*God promised a Savior. (YK)
The prophets told Israel that God promised to send a Savior. (OK)*

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

Titus 2:1-15

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

Titus 2:13

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *Titus 1:15-16*

MONDAY: *Titus 2:1-2*

TUESDAY: *Titus 2:3-5*

WEDNESDAY: *Titus 2:6-7*

THURSDAY: *Titus 2:8*

FRIDAY: *Titus 2:9-10*

SATURDAY: *Titus 2:11-13*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study Isaiah and Titus together as a family:



- **Isaiah tells about Jesus.** Old Testament prophets, often delivered prophecies that had multiple fulfillments. Some prophecies had immediate fulfillment; for instance, God's promise of impending destruction if unfaithfulness continued. These prophecies would have been fulfilled quickly. Other prophecies looked forward to future events, such as the announcement of Jesus' birth. Many parts of the Book of Isaiah are quoted in the New Testament because much of what Isaiah prophesied was about Jesus' birth and life.
- **Jesus was coming.** One day, God instructed Isaiah to go meet King Ahaz by a water stream and give him a message. When Ahaz and Isaiah met, God gave Isaiah a message that may have sounded strange to Ahaz—the promise of a Messiah born of a virgin. Ahaz was concerned Assyria was about to attack, so the message of hope offered by Isaiah may have calmed Ahaz a bit; and the future promise of a king to provide salvation would have been a great comfort for Israel. This conversation happened about 700 years before Jesus was born.
- **A light in the darkness.** At the right time God provided the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy when Jesus was born. Prophetic speech was sometimes confusing for the immediate audience, but God's Word was ultimately fulfilled. Sometime believers struggle to read God's Word and understand it. Paul told Titus that because the island of Crete was filled with people who may not know anything about Jesus, Titus should continue to preach the truth so the people could learn what they needed to learn. God is powerful, and His message to the people would be clear and understandable through the power of God's Spirit. Titus shared the message and the people understood.

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 25, 2019



BIBLE STORY:

Micah 1-7; Matthew 2:2,5-6

BIBLE VERSE:

Micah 7:18

BABIES-PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

*God has a plan for us. (BT)
God has always had a plan for people. (P)*

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

*God calls us to love faithfulness, act justly, and walk humbly with Him. (YK)
God calls His people to turn from their sin and love faithfulness, act justly, and walk humbly with Him. (OK)*

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

Titus 3:1-11

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

Titus 3:14

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *Titus 2:14-15*

MONDAY: *Titus 3:1-3*

TUESDAY: *Titus 3:4-5*

WEDNESDAY: *Titus 3:6-8*

THURSDAY: *Titus 3:9-11*

FRIDAY: *Titus 3:12-13*

SATURDAY: *Titus 3:14-15*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study Micah and Titus together as a family:



- **Micah, prophet to Israel.** Micah lived about the same time as Isaiah. Instead of prophesying to the nation of Judah, as did Isaiah, Micah spoke mainly to the nation of Israel. Micah's message was similar to that of Isaiah. Micah warned the nation of Israel to turn from their sin and follow God. This message was continuously repeated for these nations through various prophets. The people did not listen to these repeated warnings and fell under God's judgment.
- **Into captivity.** Micah was going to be the last prophet to prophesy to Israel. The nation had never, since it began, followed God. Certainly, there may have been individuals who remained faithful to God, but the nation as a whole never had a king who led them faithfully to follow God. As the last prophet to Israel, Micah had a unique message. Micah's message was not one of change or God will punish you, instead Micah's message was that because people were not going to change destruction would be the result. The people had run out of time and God would send a conquering nation to take the people into captivity.
- **Bethlehem.** Most people will be familiar with Micah's prophecy about Bethlehem being the birthplace of Jesus. Not only did Micah announce the birth of the Messiah, he actually named the city in which the Savior would be born. Many years later, wise men studied the stars and knew a king had been born. Those wise men were directed to Bethlehem as the Scriptures had announced. In Bethlehem they found Jesus!
- **Jesus, the hope of salvation.** Micah announced a savior's birth and, when Jesus was born, creation celebrated. Paul encouraged Titus to have the same kind of enthusiasm for Christ as the angels on the night of His birth. Paul understood that Jesus' birth as Savior of the world would provide hope for Titus's congregation as they sought the salvation Christ provided.