



February  
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

The heavens declare the glory of God,  
**and the skies make his handiwork known!**  
Yet their words go out over all the earth, and their speech to the end of the world.  
**He has pitched a tent for the sun among them.**  
The law of Yahweh is perfect,  
**restoring the soul;**  
the testimony of Yahweh is reliable,  
**making the simple wise.**  
The instructions of Yahweh are right,  
**making the heart glad;**  
the commandment of Yahweh is pure,  
**bringing light to the eyes.**  
They are of greater value than gold, even more than much fine gold;  
**they are sweeter than honey and the dripping honey from the honeycomb.**  
Yes, by them your servant is warned;  
**in obeying them there is great reward.**

*Psalm 19:1, 4, 7-8, 10-11*

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

**My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less** (page 5)  
**Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast** (page 6)  
**We Give Thee but Thine Own** (page 7)

## 4 Lessons



**BIBLE BOOKS**  
Church Letters

### Galatians

*Summary Statement*

**Paul writes about Christian freedom**

*Outline*

**I. Defending Christian Freedom (1-2)**

**II. Explaining Christian Freedom (3-4)**

**III. Applying Christian Freedom (5-6)**

*Key Verses*

**2:20; 3:28; 4:4-5; 5:22-23; 6:9**

*Daily Readings*

<b>Su</b>	Gal 1:1-10	Gal 1:11-24
<b>Mo</b>	Gal 2:1-14	Gal 2:15-21
<b>Tu</b>	Gal 3:1-9	Gal 3:10-14
<b>We</b>	Gal 3:15-29	Gal 4:1-7
<b>Th</b>	Gal 4:8-20	Gal 4:21-31
<b>Fr</b>	Gal 5:1-15	Gal 5:16-26
<b>Sa</b>	Gal 6:1-10	Gal 6:11-18

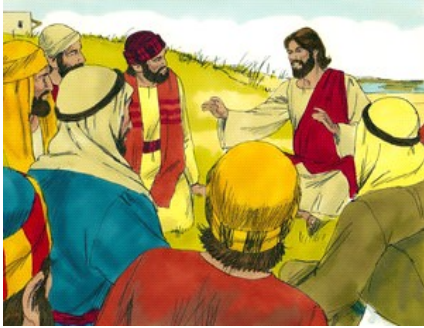


## BIBLE EVENTS

Jesus' Teachings

### Matthew 5:1-12

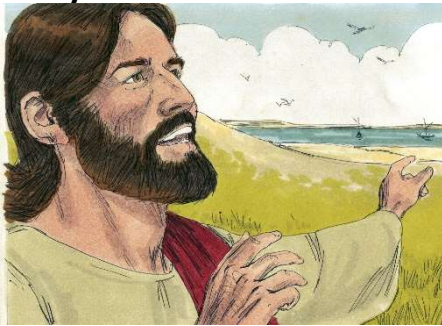
#### The Beatitudes



- Where did Jesus go when he saw the crowds? (5:1)
- Fill in the blanks:  
"Blessed are the \_\_\_\_ in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be \_\_\_\_.  
Blessed are the meek, for they will \_\_\_\_ the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for \_\_\_\_, for they will be filled. (5:3-6)  
c. Why did Jesus say the persecuted should rejoice? (5:12)

### Matthew 6:24-34

#### Do Not Worry



- What did Jesus say not to worry about? (6:25)
- What did Jesus use as an example of not worrying about food? (6:26)
- What did Jesus use as an example of not worrying about clothing? (6:28-29)
- What did Jesus say we should seek first? (6:33)

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

### Matthew 7:24-29 ★

#### The Two Builders



- Where did the wise man build his house? (7:24)
- Where did the foolish man build his house? (7:26)
- Who is like the foolish man? (7:26)
- Why were the crowds astonished by Jesus' teaching? (7:28-29)

### Matthew 13:1-23 ★

#### The Four Soils



- What happened to the seed that fell beside the road? (13:4)
- How much crop was produced by the seed that fell on good soil? (13:8)
- What did Jesus compare to the rocky ground where the seed sprang up but soon withered away? (13:20-21)
- What did Jesus compare the thorn plants to? (13:22)

**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.

#### Seventh Commandment

You shall not steal.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God that we do not take our neighbor's money or property, or get them by deception or dishonesty, but help him to improve and protect his property and income.

#### Seventh Commandment

##### 37. Who is the owner of all things?

God

*Psalm 24:1*

##### 38. How does God give us money and property?

- A. The ability to work for them
- B. As gifts from others

*A – 2 Thessalonians 3:10; B – Genesis 24:52-53; 1 Kings 21:3*

##### 39. What does God forbid regarding money and property?

- A. Taking things secretly or by force
- B. Taking things by trickery or deception
- C. Being wasteful or lazy

*A – Luke 10:30; John 12:6; B – Leviticus 19:35; Proverbs 16:8; C – Matthew 14:20; Luke 15:13*

##### 40. How does God want us to use the money He has given us?

- A. Taking care of our family
- B. Helping the poor
- C. Paying taxes we owe the government
- D. Supporting the ministry of our church
- E. For our own enjoyment

*A – 1 Timothy 5:8; B – 1 John 3:17; C – Romans 13:7; D – Malachi 3:10; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 9:7; E – 1 Timothy 6:17*

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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, we thank You that You have sown the good seed, Your holy Word, in our hearts. We pray that by Your Holy Spirit You will cause this seed to grow and bring forth fruit, and defend us from the enemy, that he may not sow tares. Keep us from carnal security, help us in all temptations, and give us at last eternal salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who feeds the birds and clothes the flowers, and who cares for us as a father for his children: Graciously guard us against distrust and vain over-carefulness, and help us, through Your Holy Spirit, to live to the hallowing of Your Name, the coming of Your Kingdom, and the doing of Your Will, so that we may cast all our care on You and in unwavering faith, abide trustingly in You. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You for all Your benefits, that You have given us life and graciously sustained us to this day. Do not take Your blessing from us. Preserve us from covetousness, that we may serve You only, love and abide in You, and not defile ourselves by idolatrous love of wealth, but hope and trust only in Your grace. 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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# My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1. My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; No  
 2. When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un - chang - ing grace; In  
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me in the rag - ing flood; When  
 4. When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found, Clothed



mer - it of my own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale Mu an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id  
 ev - 'ry earth - ly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
 in His righ - teous - ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!



rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.



## Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

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1. Al might - y God, Your Word is cast Like seed in - to the ground; Now  
2. Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This ho - ly seed re - move, But  
3. Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The ris - ing plant de - stroy, But  
4. So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life - giv - ing grace be - stow That

let the dew of heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.  
give it root in ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.  
let it yield a hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.  
all whose souls the truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.



## We Give Thee but Thine Own

1. We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be; All  
 2. May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive And  
 3. Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold, And  
 4. To com - fort and to bless, To find a balm for woe, To

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 that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
 glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first - fruits give!  
 lambs for whom the Shep - herd bled are stray - ing from the fold.  
 lend the lone and fa - ther - less Is an - gels' work be - low.

5. The captive to release,  
 To God the lost to bring,  
 To teach the way of life and peace,  
 It is a Christ-like thing.

6. And we believe Thy Word,  
 Though dim our faith may be:  
 Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,  
 We do it unto Thee.