

GROW@HOME

December,
Week 3

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

Give the king your righteous decrees, God,
your righteousness to the king's son.
May he judge the poor of the people;
**may he save the children of the needy and
break in pieces
the oppressor.**
May they honor you while the sun endures,
**and as long as the moon lasts throughout all
generations.**
May he come down like rain on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.
Indeed, may all kings fall down before him;
may all nations serve him.
May his name endure forever;
may his name continue as long as the sun;
may people be blessed in him;
may all nations call him blessed.
May Yahweh God, the God of Israel, be blessed,
who alone does wonderful things.
May his glorious name be blessed forever,
**and may the whole earth be filled with his
glory. Amen and Amen.**

Psalm 72:1, 4-6, 11, 17-19

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

Joy to the World (page 5)
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4 Lessons



BIBLE BOOKS
Gospels of Jesus Christ

Luke

Summary Statement

The life of Jesus, the Son of Man

Outline

I. The Son of Man Is Born (1-2)

II. The Son of Man Seeks the Lost (3-19)

III. The Son of Man Saves the Lost (20-24)

Key Verses

1:37; 2:11; 10:20; 19:10; 24:27

Daily Readings

Su	1:46-56	1:67-80
Mo	7:36-50	9:51-62
Tu	11:1-13	11:37-44
We	12:35-48	13:22-30
Th	14:1-14	15:1-10
Fr	16:1-13	17:20-37
Sa	19:11-27	20:9-26



BIBLE EVENTS

Jesus' Early Life

Luke 2:21-40

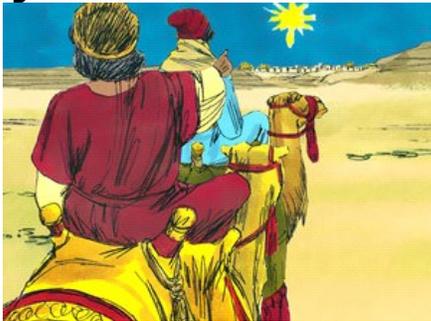
Simeon and Anna



- What did the Holy Spirit reveal to Simeon? (2:26)
- After seeing Jesus, what did Simeon say his eyes had seen? (2:30)
- How long had Anna been a widow? (2:37)
- What were the people waiting for whom Anna spoke to? (2:38)

Matthew 2:1-12 ★

Following the Star

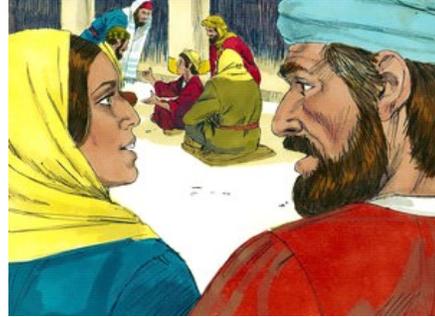


- What caused the learned men to look for a newborn king? (2:2)
- Who was the king that was troubled by the learned men's words? (2:3)
- What did Herod say was his reason he wanted to know the child's location? (2:8)
- What were the gifts that the learned men brought to Jesus? (2:11)
- Why did the learned men return home by another way? (2:12)

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

Luke 2:41-52 ★

Young Jesus at the Temple



- What festival did Mary and Joseph go to Jerusalem for? (2:41)
- How far did Joseph and Mary travel before realizing Jesus was missing? (2:44)
- Where did Jesus' parents find Him three days later? (2:46)
- What did Jesus say He must be about? (2:49)

Luke 3:1-20

John Preaches



- What did John the Baptist proclaim in the region around the Jordan? (3:3)
- What kind of tree did John say would be cut down and thrown into the fire? (3:9)
- What did John say he was not worthy to do for the one who was more powerful? (3:16)
- What would the one coming after John baptize with? (3:16)

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

The Creed, Second Article

Second Article: Of Redemption

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.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, in order that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Redemption

81. Why did Jesus need to redeem you?

I was a lost and condemned creature

Romans 5:12; Ephesians 2:1; 1 John 3:8

82. What three enemies has Jesus purchased and delivered you from?

- A. The penalty and power of sin
- B. The fear and finality of death
- C. The attacks and accusations of the devil

A – Psalm 103:10; John 8:34-36; Romans 8:1; Galatians 3:13; 1 John 1:7; B – John 11:25-26; 1 Corinthians 15:54; 2 Timothy 1:10; C – Hebrews 2:14; James 4:7; 1 John 3:8; Revelation 12:10-11

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

83. With what has Jesus bought you?

With His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death

Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 20:28; Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Revelation 1:5-6

84. What does being redeemed by Jesus mean for you?

- A. I am Jesus' own
- B. I live under Jesus in His kingdom
- C. I serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness

A – Romans 6:22; 1 Corinthians 6:20, 22; Titus 2:14; B – 2 Corinthians 5:15; Colossians 1:10; C – Luke 1:68, 74-75

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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 have given us the light of Your holy Word, the guiding star that leads us to the Christ-child. Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive this light and make use of it for our salvation, and that we, like the wise men, when they were seeking the star, may not be afraid because of any hardship or peril, but put all our trust in Your only-begotten Son as our only Savior, devote our earthly possessions to the advancement of Your kingdom, and in all things serve Him, Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks to You that of Your mercy and compassion You caused Your Son to become incarnate, and through Him redeemed us from sin and everlasting death. Enlighten our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may ever be thankful for such grace, and comfort ourselves thereby in all tribulation and temptation, and at last obtain eternal salvation. 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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Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2. Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in -
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the

6
 ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
 songs em - ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
 na - tions prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -

11
 room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And
 plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re -
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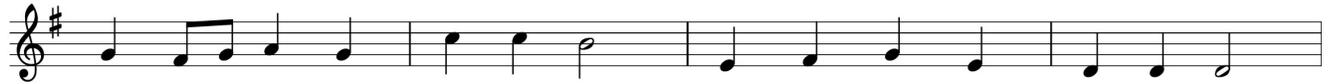
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As with Gladness Men of Old



1. As with glad - ness men of old Did the guid - ing star be - hold;
 2. As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sa - vior, to Thy low - ly bed,
 3. As they of - fered gifts most rare At Thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
 4. Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day Keep us in the nar - row way;
 5. In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright Need they no cre - a - ted light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
 There to bend the knee be - fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
 So may we with ho - ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al - loy,
 And when earth - ly things are past, Bring our ran - somed souls at last
 Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra - cious Lord, may we Ev - er - more be led by Thee.
 So may we with will - ing feet Ev - er seek Thy mer - cy seat.
 All our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n - ly King.
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide.
 There for - ev - er may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King.



All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall; Bring
 2. Crown Him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call; Ex -
 3. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall, Hail
 4. Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call, The



5
 forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all. Bring
 tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all. Ex -
 Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all. Hail
 10 God in - car - nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all. The



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 Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
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5. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
 The wormwood and the gall,
 Go, spread your trophies at His feet
 And crown Him Lord of all.
 Go, spread your trophies at His feet
 And crown Him Lord of all.

7. Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
 We at His feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song
 And crown Him Lord of all.
 We'll join the everlasting song
 And crown Him Lord of all.

6. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
 On this terrestrial ball
 To Him all majesty ascribe
 And crown Him Lord of all.
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