



March
Week 4

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

Sing to Yahweh, bless his name;
announce his salvation day after day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all the nations.
Bow down to Yahweh in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar and that which fills it shout with joy.
Let the fields rejoice and all that is in them.
Then let all the trees in the forest shout for joy before Yahweh,
for he is coming.
He is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with his faithfulness.

Psalm 96:2-3, 9, 11-13

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

We Give Thee but Thine Own (page 5)
Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain (page 6)

4 Lessons



BIBLE BOOKS

Personal Letters

Philemon

Summary Statement

Paul urges a friend to forgive a runaway slave
Outline

I. Praises for Philemon (1:1-7)

II. Pleas for Onesimus (1:8-25)

Key Verses

1:4; 1:7; 1:15-16; 1:21; 1:25

Daily Readings

Su	Phm 1:1-3	
Mo	Phm 1:4-7	
Tu	Phm 1:8-13	
We	Phm 1:14-16	
Th	Phm 1:17-19	
Fr	Phm 1:20-21	
Sa	Phm 1:22-25	



BIBLE EVENTS

Jesus' Encounters

Mark 10:35-45

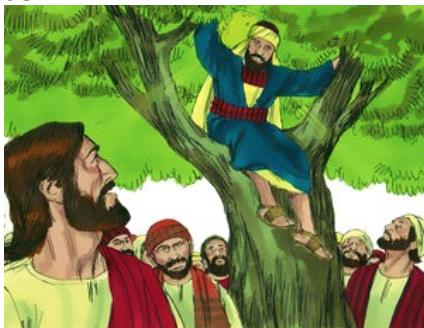
James and John



- What request did James and John ask Jesus to allow? (10:37)
- Who did Jesus say would sit next to Him? (10:40)
- What did Jesus say a person must become to be great? (10:43)
- Why did Jesus say the Son of Man came? (10:45)

Luke 19:1-10 ★

Zacchaeus

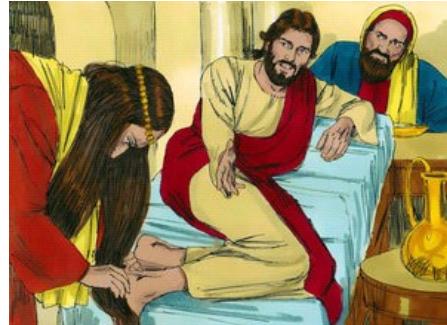


- Who was Zacchaeus? (19:2)
- What did Zacchaeus climb up to see Jesus? (19:4)
- What did Jesus tell Zacchaeus He was going to do? (19:5)
- How much did Zacchaeus say he would restore to any whom he had cheated? (19:8)

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

John 12:1-11

Mary Anoints Jesus



- What did Mary anoint Jesus' feet with? (12:3)
- What did Judas suggest should have been done with any money after the perfume was sold? (12:5)
- What was Judas known to do as the one who had the moneybag? (12:6)
- What did Jesus say Mary should keep the perfume for? (12:7)

Mark 12:38-44 ★

The Widow's Offering



- What did Jesus say the scribes devoured? (12:40)
- What did Jesus see as He sat down opposite the offering box? (12:41)
- How much did the poor widow put into the box? (12:42)
- Who did Jesus say gave more than all the others? (12:43)

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

Lord's Prayer Review

Review the seven petitions of the Lord's Prayer.

Evening Prayer

In the evening when you go to bed, bless yourself with the sign of the cross and say:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. If you choose, you may also say this little 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.

Then go to sleep promptly and cheerfully.

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

8. Where are all six chief parts taken from?

The Bible

Matthew 15:9; Galatians 1:8

The Catechism

5. What is a catechism?

A book of instruction with questions and answers

6. Who wrote the Small Catechism?

Martin Luther in 1529

7. What are the six chief parts of the Small Catechism?

- A. The Ten Commandments
- B. The Creed
- C. The Lord's Prayer
- D. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
- E. Confession and Absolution
- F. The Sacrament of the Altar

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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 God, who resists the proud, and gives grace to the humble: Grant unto us true humility, after the likeness in which Your Only Son hath revealed it in Himself, that we may never be lifted up and provoke Your wrath, but in all lowliness be made partakers of the gifts of Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



Lord God, heavenly Father, we most heartily thank You that by Your Word You have brought us out of the darkness of error into the light of Your grace. Mercifully help us to walk in that light, guard us from all error and false doctrine, and grant that we may not become ungrateful and despise and persecute Your Word, but receive it with all our heart, govern our lives according to it, and put all our trust in Your grace, through the merit of Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. 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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We Give Thee but Thine Own

1. We give Thee but Thine own,
2. May we Thy boun - ties thus
3. Oh, hearts are bruised and dead,
4. To com - fort and to bless,

5

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.



Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

1. Lord, help us ev - er to re - tain
2. Help us Your ho - ly Law to learn,
3. Hear us, dear Fa - ther, when we pray
4. Lord, when we fall or go a - stray,

The Cat - e - chism's _____
To mourn our sin and
For need - ed help from
Ab - solve and lift us

7

doc - trine plain As Lu - ther taught the Word of truth
from it turn In faith to You and to Your Son
day to day That as Your chil - dren we may live,
up, we pray; And through the Sac - ra - ment in - crease

13

In sim - ple style to ten - der youth.
And Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One.
Whom You bap - tized and so re - ceived.
Our faith till we de - part in peace.