

# GROW@HOME

August  
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

Oh how I love your law!  
**It is my meditation all day long.**  
I have more understanding than all my teachers,  
**for I meditate on your covenant decrees.**  
I understand more than those older than I am;  
**this is because I have kept your instructions.**  
I have kept my feet back from every evil path  
**so that I might observe your word.**  
I have not turned aside from your righteous decrees,  
**for you have instructed me.**  
How sweet are your words to my taste,  
**yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!**  
*Psalm 119:97, 99-103*

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

Now Thank We All Our God (page 5)  
What a Friend We Have in Jesus (page 6)

## 4 Lessons



**BIBLE BOOKS**  
OT History Books (Part 2)

### Esther

*Summary Statement*

**A Jewish woman saves her people**

*Outline*

**I. The Jews are Threatened (1-4)**

**II. The Jews are Saved (5-10)**

*Key Verses*

**2:22; 4:14; 5:8; 7:10; 9:28**

*Daily Readings*

<b>Su</b>	Est 1:10-22	
<b>Mo</b>	Est 3:1-15	
<b>Tu</b>	Est 6:1-14	
<b>We</b>	Est 8:4-17	
<b>Th</b>	Est 9:1-16	
<b>Fr</b>	Est 9:17-32	
<b>Sa</b>	Est 10:1-3	



## BIBLE EVENTS

### Promised Land Era

#### Ruth 1:1-22 ★ Ruth and Naomi



- What were the names of the two Moabite women who married Naomi's sons? (1:4)
- What did Ruth ask Naomi not to make her do? (1:16)
- Where did Naomi and Ruth travel to? (1:19)
- What new name did Naomi ask to be called? (1:20)

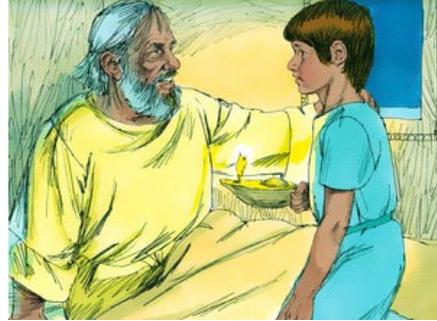
#### Ruth 4:1-17 Boaz Marries Ruth



- Who did Boaz meet at the gate? (4:1)
- What item of clothing was traded to authorize Boaz to buy the land? (4:7-8)
- Who did the elders pray that Boaz's wife would be like? (4:11)
- What famous king of Israel were Boaz and Ruth great-grandparents of? (4:17)

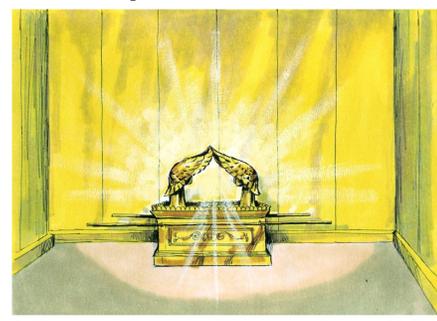
Events labeled with a star (★) are appropriate for disciples of all ages. Other events may contain more mature content.

#### 1 Samuel 3:1-21 ★ Samuel Hears Yahweh Calling



- Who did Samuel serve Yahweh under? (3:1)
- How did Samuel answer the fourth time Yahweh called for him? (3:10)
- What did Yahweh say He would do to Eli because of his sons' behavior? (3:13)
- What did all Israel know Samuel to be appointed for? (3:20)

#### 1 Samuel 5:1-12 The Ark's Journey



- Where did the Philistines take the Ark of the Covenant? (5:2)
- What happened to the statue of Dagon where the Ark had been placed? (5:4)
- What did Yahweh strike the people of Ashdod with? (5:6)
- Why were the people of Ekron afraid when they saw that the ark had been sent to them? (5:10)

**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 Lord's Prayer

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

### Morning Prayer

*In the morning, when you get up, 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 add this little 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.

*Then go to your work joyfully, singing a hymn, such as the Ten Commandments, or whatever your devotion may suggest.*

### 107. What should our prayers include?

- A. Confession
- B. Honor (praise)
- C. Asking (petitions)
- D. Thanksgiving

*A – Psalm 51:1-5; B – Psalm 103:1; C – Philippians 4:6; 1 Timothy 2:1; D – Psalm 136:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:18*

### 108. How does God answer our prayers?

- A. "Yes, because I love you"
- B. "No, because I love you"
- C. "Wait, because I know the right time"

*A – Joshua 10:12-13; B – 2 Corinthians 12:8-9; C – Luke 1:7, 13*

## Prayer

### 105. What is prayer?

Communication with God through thoughts and words

*Psalm 19:14; Philippians 4:6*

### 106. What is necessary for God to hear our prayers?

Faith in Jesus

*Isaiah 1:15; John 15:7; 16:23; Hebrews 11:6; 1 Peter 3:12*

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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, in mercy You have established the Christian home among us. We ask You so to rule and direct our hearts, that we may be good examples to children and those subject to us, and not offend them by word or deed, but faithfully teach them to love Your Church and hear Your blessed Word. Give them Your Spirit and grace, that this seed may bring forth good fruit, so that our home life may advance Your glory, honor and praise, our own improvement and welfare, and give offense to no one. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that through Your Son Jesus Christ You have sown Your holy Word among us. We pray that You will prepare our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may diligently and reverently hear Your Word, keep it in good hearts, and bring forth fruit with patience. We pray that we may not incline to sin, but subdue it by Your power, and in all persecutions comfort ourselves with Your grace and continual help. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. 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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# Now Thank We All Our God



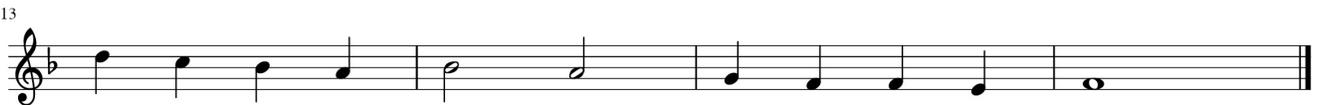
1. Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices.  
2. Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
3. All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,



Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;  
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us  
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,



Who from our mother's arms Has blest us on our way With  
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed And  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore; For



countless gifts of love And still is our today.  
free us from all ills In this world and the next!  
thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.



## What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
 3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need - less pain we bear,  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In His arms He'll take a shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.