

Some helpful suggestions for reading the Bible:

Reading the Bible is our best way to learn about God and what God desires for us. It is a personal love letter from God to us. It has the power to build faith, hope, love and truth into our lives.

Set aside time to read the Bible on a regular basis. Try to make it the same time each day - first thing in the morning, perhaps lunchtime, or maybe right before going to bed.

Find a quiet place where you won't be disturbed and you can reflect on what you've read. You may want to have a notebook handy so you can write down thoughts or questions you have as you read.

Begin by praying. Ask God to reveal His heart to you as you read and that your heart would be open to what He is saying to you through His Word.

Read a short passage of Scripture. Read for depth and not for distance. We suggest just 15 minutes a day, with some time for reflecting on what you've read.

Next, do just that. **Reflect** on what you've read. What is God saying to you through the passage of scripture that you read? You may want to ask yourself three questions:

1. What does it say?...about God, life or even human nature?
2. What does it mean? Does it teach an important principle, or give a warning to heed or some wise advice for living?
3. What does it mean to me? How do I apply what I've read to my life?

There are also questions listed in each daily reading for you to consider.

Finally, **respond** to God in relation to what you have read and learned. Thank Him for what He is teaching you through His Word. Ask Him to help you apply what you've read to your own life.

May you be blessed as you read God's personal love letter to you.

□ **Day 24 - Luke 20:27-47**

Jesus warned his followers not to be like the religious leaders who did all of their good deeds in front of men to get attention and praise. What good things can you do privately so that you will receive approval from God?

□ **Day 25 - Luke 21:25-38**

Jesus said that no one knows the day that he will return, and we should always be ready. How would you live your life differently today if you knew that Jesus would return tomorrow? Live that way today.

□ **Day 26 - Luke 22:1-34**

Jesus said that the greatest person is the one who serves. Who can you serve today as a way of modeling your life after Jesus?

□ **Day 27 - Luke 22:39-71**

When Jesus prayed to God on the evening of his death, he asked that God's will would be done and not his own. Is there a circumstance in your life in which you need to submit to God's will instead of your own desires?

□ **Day 28 - Luke 23:26-56**

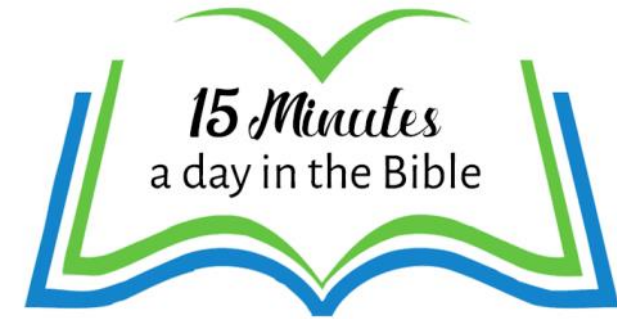
Even as they were murdering him, Jesus forgave the men who took his life. Who are you holding unforgiveness toward? Ask God to help you forgive.

□ **Day 29 - Luke 24:1-12**

Jesus' resurrection reminds us that even death is not too great for Jesus to overcome. Whatever is troubling you today, remember that Jesus' power is great enough to overcome it.

□ **Day 30 - Luke 24:36-53**

As Jesus ascended to Heaven, he told his followers that their responsibility was to spread the message of forgiveness of sins to all nations. Who do you know that needs to hear the good news that they can be forgiven?



Getting Started

The Book of Luke

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Luke Reading Plan

Starts on page 1026 in the free Jar Bible

☐ Day 1 - Luke 2:1-21

God made the impossible possible when Zechariah's wife Elizabeth became pregnant. What is something impossible that you would like God to do in your life?

☐ Day 2 - Luke 3:1-22

Jesus believed it was important to make his faith public by allowing John to baptize him. Have you made your faith public through baptism? What are other ways you can make your faith public?

☐ Day 3 - Luke 4:1-13

Even Jesus faced temptation, but was able to overcome it by speaking and believing the words of the Bible. What temptation are you facing today? What Bible verse or passage might encourage you through this temptation?

☐ Day 4 - Luke 5:1-11

Jesus called Peter, James, and John to leave their lives as fishermen, and to follow him. Is there anything God might be calling you to leave in order to follow after him?

☐ Day 5 - Luke 5:17-32

When Jesus met the man who was paralyzed, instead of healing him immediately, he told him he was forgiven of his sins. Jesus understood that spiritual healing is even more important than physical healing. In what area of your life do you need forgiveness? Confess it to Jesus and receive his forgiveness and healing.

☐ Day 6 - Luke 6:20-36

Who would you consider to be your enemies? How can you obey Jesus' teaching by showing them love?

☐ Day 7 - Luke 7:1-17

Jesus was amazed by the Roman Officer's faith and responded to it by healing his servant. In what circumstance in your life would you like to have increased faith?

☐ Day 8 - Luke 7:36-50

Do you ever feel like your past sins are too great for God's forgiveness? Be encouraged by this passage that God forgives you, and those who are forgiven much, love much!

☐ Day 9 - Luke 8:4-24

Have you ever felt rejected by your family? Jesus said that if you hear and obey his words, you are welcomed into the family of God.

☐ Day 10 - Luke 8:40-56

Jesus was mocked when he stated that Jairus' daughter would be healed. Can you recall a time when you were mocked for your faith? Don't be discouraged. Great things happen when we have faith.

☐ Day 11 - Luke 9:10-48

Jesus was able to provide for a crowd of 5,000 with only 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. Are you facing any circumstances in which you need to trust God to provide? Remember that Jesus can do a lot with just a little.

☐ Day 12 - Luke 9:57-62

What is holding you back from following after Jesus with your whole heart? What do you think you might experience if you let go of whatever is holding you back and pursued Jesus?

☐ Day 13 - Luke 10:1-12

Jesus told his disciples not to stay inside the four walls of the temple, but to go out into the world and tell people about him. In what ways are you, or could you be, reaching out to your community with the message of Jesus?

☐ Day 14 - Luke 10:17-42

Many of us can easily get distracted by what we're doing for God, instead of simply spending time with God. How have you allowed busyness to get in the way of growing in your relationship with Jesus?

☐ Day 15 - Luke 11:1-13

Is there something that you've been praying for for a long time, but still haven't received an answer? Continue to pray and don't give up!

☐ Day 16 - Luke 12:22-34

Do you have any physical needs that occupy your mind and cause you to worry? Seek Jesus first and trust him to take care of you.

☐ Day 17 - Luke 13:18-35

Jesus said that the ones who will come through the narrow door and be saved will be the ones who truly know Him. What can you do this week to know Jesus better?

☐ Day 18 - Luke 14:7-35

Jesus said that those who humble themselves will be made great. In what situation could you practice more humility?

☐ Day 19 - Luke 15:11-32

Do you feel like you've wandered so far away from God that he would never want you back. Humble yourself and come back to Him, and He will welcome you home.

☐ Day 20 - Luke 16:14-31

Jesus said that God looks past the appearance we display to others and sees our hearts. How is your heart? Is there anything you need to make right with God?

☐ Day 21 - Luke 17:1-19

Jesus healed ten men of leprosy, but only one came back to thank him. What has God done for you that you haven't yet taken the time to thank him for?

☐ Day 22 - Luke 18:1-30

In the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector, Jesus said the corrupt tax collector, not the Pharisee, was made right with God because he humbled himself before God. God is not looking for perfection, but humility and honesty when we pray. Take some time to humbly and honestly talk to God.

☐ Day 23 - Luke 19:28-48

Jesus loved the city of Jerusalem and its people so much that he wept over it. Is your heart broken for the needs of the people where you live?