

<u>Week</u>	<u>New Testament Story</u>	<u>Bible Text</u>	<u>Key Bible Verses</u>
25.	Mary & Elizabeth	Luke 1	Luke 1: 31 – 33
26.	Birth of Jesus	Luke 2: 1 – 20	Luke 2: 10 – 11
27.	The Wise Men	Matthew 2	Matthew 2: 11
28.	John the Baptist & Jesus' Baptism	Matthew 3	Matthew 3: 17
29.	Temptations in the Wilderness	Luke 4: 1 – 13	Luke 4: 12 – 13
30.	Jesus Calls his Disciples	Luke 5: 1 – 11	Luke 5: 9 – 10
31.	Through the Roof	Luke 5: 17 – 26	Luke 5: 24
32.	The Mountain Sermon	Matthew 5: 3 – 12; Matthew 6	Matthew 6: 9 -15
33.	The Story of Seeds	Mark 4: 1 – 33	Mark 4: 30 – 31
34.	Jesus Calms the Storm	Matthew 8: 23 – 27	Matthew 8: 27
35.	A Dying Girl & a Sick Woman	Luke 8: 40 – 56	Luke 8: 48
36.	Feeding of the 5,000	Matthew 14: 13 – 21	Matthew 14: 19 – 20
37.	The Good Samaritan	Luke 10: 25 – 37	Luke 10: 27 – 28
38.	The Lost Son	Luke 15	Luke 15: 31 – 32
39.	Jesus and the Children	Luke 18: 15 – 17	Luke 18: 16
40.	Zacchaeus	Luke 19: 1 – 10	Luke 19: 9 – 10
41.	Riding into Jerusalem	Matthew 21: 1 – 17	Matthew 21: 9
42.	Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet	John 13: 1 – 15	John 12: 14 – 15
43.	The Last Supper	Luke 22: 1 – 38;	Luke 22: 19 – 20
44.	Jesus' Arrest & Trial	Matthew 26: 36 – 27: 31	Matthew 26: 39
45.	The Crucifixion	Luke 23: 26 – 56	Luke 23: 42 - 43
46.	The Resurrection	John 20	John 20: 17 -18
47.	Ascension	Acts 1: 1 -11; Matthew 28: 16 – 20	Matthew 28: 19 - 20
48.	Pentecost	Acts 2	Acts 2: 38 - 39
49.	Healing of the Lame Man	Acts 3: 1 – 16	Acts 3: 16
50.	Saul's Story	Acts 9: 1 – 22	Acts 9: 15 – 16
51.	Paul and Silas in Jail	Acts 16: 16 – 40	Acts 16: 31
52.	A Vision of Heaven	Revelations 21:1–22: 6	Revelations 21: 6 - 7



ELCA Book of Faith Initiative for Households of Faith

At the time of baptism, all parents and sponsors pledge to place in their children's hands the Holy Scriptures and nurture them in faith and prayer. All the baptized, when they affirm their baptism, promise to hear the Word of God. As a household, we make a commitment to become more fluent in the first language of faith, the language of Scripture, in order that we might live into our calling as a people renewed, enlivened, and empowered by the Word for our daily lives.

We commit to read and discuss one Bible story each week for the coming year.

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52 Weeks of Bible Stories

1. Pledge as a family, couple or individual to read one story a week for 52 weeks.
2. Select a Bible storybook or Bible from which you will read the story each week. Choose one that is appropriate for your children's ages or your own life-stage. Keep it in plain sight as a reminder each week to read God's Story of Jesus and as a reminder to make it your story!
3. Starting at the beginning of the list. Read one story, out-loud, each week. If a story is not in your Bible storybook, read the story directly from the Bible text. Or choose another story, not on the list, but in your storybook Bible.
4. Use one or more of the following questions to discuss the story:
 - a. What is the story about? Retell the story in your own words, act it out, or portray a scene in an artistic manner (draw, model it in clay, etc.)
 - b. What did you like best in the story? With whom did you most identify?
 - c. How does this story connect with the previous one? Where do you see signs of God's covenant (*promise or pledge*) with God's people?
 - d. What does this story call you or your household to do as God's people?
5. The stories below are listed by their familiar titles, but God's stories are more than titles. Every Bible story is a faith story. Each week rename the story giving it a faith title. For example the David and Goliath story could be called, "Overwhelming Odds and God Provides a Way!" Share your own experience of overwhelming difficulties. How does God nurture your faith through each story?

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1.	Creation	Genesis 1 - 2	Genesis 1: 27-28
2.	Sin & the Fall	Genesis 3	Genesis 3: 5
3.	The Flood & the First Covenant	Genesis 6 -9	Genesis 9: 8 -11
4.	Abraham & Sarah	Genesis 12, 13, 15	Genesis 12:1-2
5.	Isaac and his family	Genesis 25: 19 - 34; Genesis 27:1 – 29:30	Genesis 28:15
6.	Young Joseph	Genesis 37	Genesis 37: 3 - 4
7.	Joseph Helps his Family	Genesis 39-45	Genesis 50: 20
8.	Baby Moses	Exodus 1 -2	Exodus 2: 23 -24
9.	Moses & the Burning Bush	Exodus 3 – 4	Exodus 3: 13 -15
10.	The Plagues	Exodus 7 -10	Exodus 6: 7
11.	The First Passover	Exodus 11 – 12	Exodus 12: 26-27
12.	The Exodus	Exodus 14 – 15	Exodus 15: 2
13.	The Ten Commandments	Exodus 16, 19 – 20	Exodus 20: 2 – 3
14.	Joshua & Jericho	Joshua 1, 2, 6	Joshua 1: 9
15.	Naomi & Ruth	Ruth 1: 1 -22	Ruth 1: 16
16.	Samuel Hears God	1 Samuel 3 1	Samuel 3: 10
17.	Anointing of David	1 Samuel 16 1	Samuel 16: 7
18.	David & Goliath	1 Samuel 17	1 Samuel 17: 37
19.	King David	2 Samuel 7; Psalm 23	2 Samuel 7: 12 – 13
20.	Solomon	1 King 4: 29 – 34; 1 Kings 6: 1-13	1 Kings 6: 12 – 13
21.	Elijah & the Prophets	1 Kings 18: 16 – 39	1 Kings 18: 36
22.	Naaman is Healed	2 Kings 5: 1 – 17	2 Kings 5: 15
23.	Daniel in the Lions' Den	Daniel 6	Daniel 6: 10
24.	Jonah & the Big Fish	Jonah 1 – 3	Jonah 2: 9

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