

Passion, Good Friday, and Easter

Fourth week of Passion: The seven “I am” statements of Jesus

How could you use this Bible reading Schedule?

Many families read the Bible after every meal. This Bible reading schedule could be used for the Bible reading after supper. For most people, this is a moment where the whole family is together.

Every Bible portion comes with a few questions. You could ask these questions after reading the Scripture portion, in order to engage your children in the Bible reading. Depending on the age, size, and attention span of your family you could choose not to use all the questions, but maybe only one or two. Some questions are easier than others (the easiest question is usually the first question), in order to engage both the younger and the older children in the family.

You could also choose to give one or two question(s) before you start reading the Bible already, so your children know what to listen for.

Sunday – John 6:47-59 – *I am the Bread of life*

- ✚ What did the Lord Jesus call Himself in verse 48?
- ✚ Read verse 49 again. What history does Jesus refer to?
- ✚ Jesus says in verse 51: *and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.* When did Jesus give his *flesh*? For whom did He do that?
- ✚ Jesus says in verse 54: *Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life.* Does Jesus mean that we literally have to eat His flesh and drink His blood? What do you think it means instead?
- ✚ Jesus says that the Israelites ate the manna (bread) in the wilderness, but eventually the Israelites still had to die. However, when you eat of the Bread of life (the Lord Jesus), you will have eternal life. Can you explain what that means?

Monday – John 9:1-7 – *I am the Light of the world*

- ✚ Verse 1: *And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was ...*
- ✚ The disciples asked Jesus who had sinned: the man or his parents. What was Jesus’ answer?
- ✚ Jesus says in verse 5: *As long as I am in the world, I am ...*
- ✚ If Jesus is the Light of the world, who is the prince of darkness?
- ✚ The world is very dark with sin. Why do we need Jesus, the Light of the world?
- ✚ The Lord Jesus gave the man the light in his eyes back. How did He do that?

Tuesday – John 10:1-10 – *I am the Door of the sheep*

- ✚ Verse 1: What is the only way into the sheepfold?
- ✚ What are people who climb up *some other way* into the sheepfold?
- ✚ Verse 7: Who is the door of the sheep?
- ✚ Jesus says in verse 9: *I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved.* What does that mean?
- ✚ Did you go through this Door already?

Wednesday – John 10:11-18 – *I am the Good Shepherd*

- ✚ What does Jesus call Himself in verse 11?
- ✚ *The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.* When did Jesus, the Good Shepherd, give His life?
- ✚ Who are the sheep of the Good Shepherd?

- ✚ What does Jesus say about His sheep in verse 14?
- ✚ Verse 16: *And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring.* Are you a sheep of the Good Shepherd already?

Thursday – John 11:17-27 – *I am the Resurrection and the Life*

- ✚ Who died and was in the grave for four days already?
- ✚ Jesus said to Martha: *Thy brother shall ...*
- ✚ What did Martha think Jesus meant (verse 24)?
- ✚ Jesus said to Martha: *I am the ... , and the ...*
- ✚ Jesus said (verse 26) that those who believe in Him will never die. What did He mean by that?
- ✚ Will everybody have eternal life after they die? What about you?

Friday – John 14:1-6 – *I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life*

- ✚ Verse 1: Who do we have to believe in?
- ✚ Verse 2: *In my Father's house are many mansions.* What does that mean?
- ✚ For whom will Jesus prepare a place in heaven?
- ✚ Which disciple said: *Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?*
- ✚ Who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life?
- ✚ How is Jesus the only Way to God the Father?

Saturday – John 15:1-11 – *I am the true Vine*

- ✚ What did Jesus call Himself in verse 1?
- ✚ What did Jesus call His Father in verse 1? What is a husbandman?
- ✚ Read verse 2 again. What do you think it means to bear fruit?
- ✚ What will happen to the branches (people) who do not bear fruit?
- ✚ Verse 5: Who is the vine, and who are the branches?
- ✚ A branch that is by itself cannot bear fruit. The branch has to stay in/attached to the vine. That way, the vine feeds the branch with its sap, and the branch can bear fruit. Can people bear fruit without Jesus?
- ✚ What can you do without Jesus?
- ✚ Are you a branch of the true Vine?