

The Week of Prayer Day

Bible Reading Schedule

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.

Day 1 (Thursday) – 1 Samuel 1:1-20

- Who were the two wives of Elkanah?
- Why was one of Elkanah's wives (Hannah) so sad?
- What did Hannah do after the meal?
- Why did Eli, the high priest, get angry with her?
- What happened to Hannah when she went home again?
- What does this story teach you about prayer?

Day 2 (Friday) – Acts 12:1-17

- Which disciple was in prison?
- What did the church of God do while Peter was in prison?
- All of a sudden, *a light shined in the prison* (verse 7). Who or what was that?
- What did the angel tell Peter to do (see verse 7 and 8)?
- Peter went to the house of Mary. Many people were gathered together there. What were they doing?
- Peter was in trouble (he was in prison), and the church prayed for him. Do you know someone who is in trouble, who needs your prayers?

Day 3 (Saturday) – Mark 5:22-24 and 35-43

- Who came to the Lord Jesus?
- What was his (Jairus') prayer; what did he ask the Lord Jesus?
- In verse 35, someone came to tell Jairus that he should not trouble Jesus any further. Why not?
- The Lord Jesus went to Jairus' house. What did he say to Jairus' daughter?
- What happened to Jairus' daughter?
- Why would Jairus have gone to the Lord Jesus?

Day 4 (Sunday) – 2 Kings 20:1-11

- Which king was very sick?
- What did the prophet Isaiah tell him (see verse 1)?
- What did Hezekiah do after the message of the prophet Isaiah?
- How many more years did Hezekiah get to live?
- What was the sign which the Lord gave to Hezekiah?
- When someone is sick and prays to the Lord, does the Lord always heal that person? Why would he not heal every sick person who prays to Him?

Day 5 (Monday) – Luke 22:39-46

- Who prayed in this story?
- The Lord Jesus asked His Father to *remove this cup* (verse 42). What did He mean with that cup?
- What did the Lord Jesus add to His prayer (verse 42)?
- What can we learn from the Lord Jesus' prayer?
- The cup of suffering and death was not removed from the Lord Jesus. He had to suffer and die. What would have happened if God the Father would have removed the cup from the Lord Jesus?
- God the Father did not remove the cup of suffering and death from the Lord Jesus. However, what did He do (verse 43)?

Day 6 (Tuesday) – Luke 18:1-8

- Who told this parable?
- Which two people were in the city?
- The widow came to the judge every day. At first, the judge didn't listen. Why did he eventually listen to her?
- What does this teach you about prayer?
- The judge was afraid the woman would weary him (verse 5). Can you every weary the Lord Jesus with your prayers?
- What is something you pray for every day?

Day 7 (Wednesday: Prayer Day) – Luke 18:9-14

- Which two people went up to the temple to pray?
- What was a publican?
- What was the prayer of the Pharisee? Did he actually **ask** the Lord for anything?
- Why would the publican stand *afar off* (verse 13), and why would he not dare to *lift up his eyes unto heaven*?
- What was the prayer of the publican?
- Which prayer was heard and answered?
- What can you learn from this parable about your prayer?