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# Introduction

Have you ever looked through a kaleidoscope? It's like having a magical toy that makes colors and shapes dance before your eyes! A kaleidoscope works by using light and mirrors to show you beautiful patterns that repeat over and over again. The word "kaleidoscope" comes from a Greek word that means "to see a beautiful form."

Now, imagine the Bible as a special kind of kaleidoscope. Instead of colorful pieces of glass, it's filled with stories and pictures that reflect God's truth. The writers of the Bible use these stories and images to create beautiful repeating patterns that teach us about God and His love.

When we read the Bible, it's like turning the kaleidoscope and seeing different pieces of God's character and plan. And guess what? All these repeating patterns come together to show us the most beautiful form of all - Jesus! In the Bible, we discover that Jesus is the "beautiful form" of God. So, just like a kaleidoscope shows us the beauty of colors and shapes, the Bible shows us the beauty of God's love through the amazing story of Jesus.

If reading the Bible is important, how do we know where to start? A good clue is to find one of the books Jesus talked about the most, since he's the one we follow.

The book of Psalms was really important to Jesus: he talked about it a lot and even memorized it! Since part of our adventure is to do what Jesus did, reading a book he loved is a good place for us to start. The Psalms are filled with questions, prayers, big feelings like joy, sadness, anger, confusion, and thankfulness. Have you ever felt those feelings? So did Jesus! And so did the people who wrote the Psalms.

Another great place to go is the New Testament. It was written by the very first people who followed Jesus. That's amazing to think about, isn't it?! We get to read the words of people who hugged Jesus, heard what his voice sounded like when he talked (and even sang!). The New Testament writers watched how Jesus lived and loved people. And we get to read all about it.

So welcome to BREAD for Kids 2024! You're about to look through the kaleidoscope of the Bible—to see Jesus. Imagine the amazing things you're going to see! We can't wait for you to join us. Here we go!

# How To Use This Book

In this book, you'll get creative as you listen and talk with God! For each week of the year, there are verses from the Psalms or the New Testament for you to read. There are also some questions for you to ask God and space for you to draw or write your thoughts and feelings about what you read.

We picked the Bible verses for each week to match up with the "Church Calendar." Just like the year has seasons like summer, fall, winter, and spring, the Church Calendar has seasons too: Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, and Ordinary Time. Think of a kaleidoscope again. What happens when you turn the kaleidoscope while you're looking through it? You get a different beautiful view! When we walk through the seasons of the church calendar, it's like turning a kaleidoscope to see the beauty of Jesus from fresh angles—year after year. The Bible verses each week will have something to do with the season we are in.

So, here's how to enjoy BREAD for kids. The letters in the word BREAD can help us learn how to read the Bible. Check them out on the next page!



Each week, give these steps a try:

**BE STILL:** Find a comfortable place and spend a minute or two sitting quietly.

**READ:** Slowly read the verses for the week. See if there's a verse that stands out or grabs your attention.

**EXPLORE:** What do you think God might be trying to teach you through that verse?

**ACTION:** What do you think God might be asking you to change or do?

**DECIDE:** Respond with a simple prayer.

**WRITE & DRAW:** Draw or write your thoughts and feelings about what you read.

# Bible Reading Plan

## Easter & Pentecost

**APRIL 1 - 6**

Mark 16:1-8

**APRIL 8 - 13**

Luke 22:24-30

**APRIL 15 - 20**

Psalm 150

**APRIL 22 - 27**

Acts 8:9-25

**APRIL 29 - MAY 4**

Psalm 98

**MAY 6 - 11**

1 Timothy 6:11-16

**MAY 13 - 18**

Psalm 33:12-22

**JUNE 3 - 8**

1 Peter 4:7-19

**JUNE 10 - 15**

Mark 4:1-20

**JUNE 17 - 22**

Luke 6:43-49

**JUNE 24 - 29**

Mark 6:45-52

**JULY 1 - 6**

Psalm 18:1-6

**JULY 8 - 13**

James 5:7-11

**JULY 15 - 20**

Colossians 1:15-23

**JULY 22 - 27**

Colossians 1:9-14

**JULY 29 - AUGUST 3**

Mark 6:35-44

**AUGUST 5 - 10**

Romans 15:1-6

## Ordinary Time

**MAY 20 - 25**

John 15:18-20

**MAY 27 - JUNE 1**

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

**AUGUST 12 - 17**

Ephesians 5:1-14

**AUGUST 19 - 24**

Psalms 84

**AUGUST 26 - 31**

James 1:1-8

**SEPTEMBER 2 - 7**

1 Timothy 4:6-16

**SEPTEMBER 9 - 14**

Psalms 1

**SEPTEMBER 16 - 21**

Colossians 3:1-11

**SEPTEMBER 23 - 28**

Acts 4:13-31

**SEPTEMBER 30 - OCT 5**

1 Peter 1:3-9

**OCTOBER 7 - 12**

Hebrews 4:1-11

**OCTOBER 14 - 19**

Romans 15:7-13

**OCTOBER 21 - 26**

Psalms 34:1-8

**OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 2**

John 11:32-44

**NOVEMBER 4 - 9**

John 13:31-35

**NOVEMBER 11 - 16**

Psalms 113

**NOVEMBER 18 - 23**

John 8:21-38

**NOVEMBER 25 - 30**

1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

## **Advent & Christmas**

**DECEMBER 2 - 7**

Phil 1:12-18

**DECEMBER 9 - 14**

2 Corinthians 9:1-15

**DECEMBER 16 - 21**

Hebrews 13:7-17

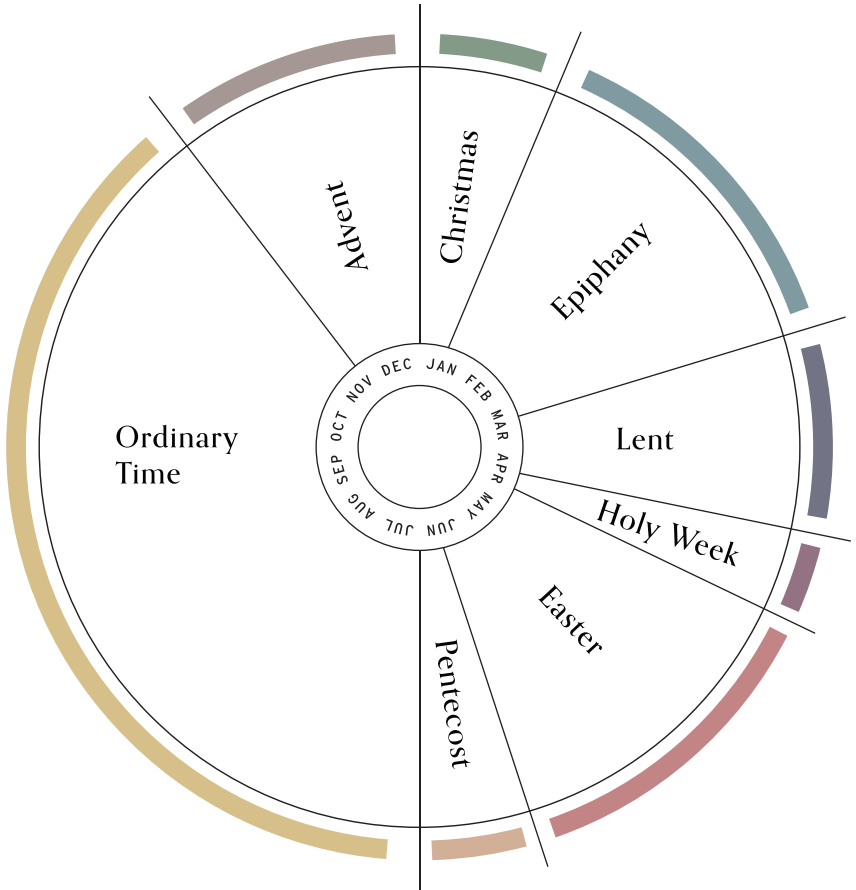
**DECEMBER 23 - 28**

Luke 2:1-14

**DECEMBER 30 - 31**

Mark 13:32-37









# Easter & Pentecost

MARCH 31 - MAY 20

On Easter, we celebrate Jesus' victory when he rose from the dead! When Jesus rose again, he showed that he's stronger than death and proved that ALL God's promises come true in Jesus. Now we can be with God and be loved by Him forever.

The 50 days after Easter include another special day: Pentecost. On Pentecost, we remember the day the Holy Spirit came to the disciples and Peter proclaimed the good news to a large crowd. That same Holy Spirit fills every member of God's family!



**MARK 16:1-8**

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# Ordinary Time

MAY 20TH - NOV 30TH

Ordinary Time is what we call the days between Pentecost and the beginning of Advent – it's the longest time in the Church Calendar!

Now that Jesus is alive and the Holy Spirit has come, the purpose of Ordinary Time is to reflect on how God's big story matters for our lives. During this special time, we think about our three life goals: to be with Jesus, to become like Jesus, and to do what Jesus did.



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# Advent & Christmas

DEC 1ST - 31ST

Advent is all about waiting. The word Advent comes from a Latin word that means “coming” or “arrival”. During Advent, we eagerly wait for the birth of Jesus. It’s a time of wonder and mystery. We remember when God’s people waited for Jesus to be born. We also reflect on how we are waiting for Jesus to arrive again and bring the fullness of God’s kingdom to the world.

Advent leads us all the way to Christmas when we celebrate the birth of Jesus! Christmas brings us into God’s story because Jesus came to be “God with us”.

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