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Sample Text: Genesis 1

What follows are example responses to the reading questions based on Genesis 1. The purpose here is not for you to copy this completely, but rather to give you a general idea of how this works. The point is not to have the "right" answers, but rather to be purposeful in our engagement with Scripture and to practice thinking deeply about them, rather than just reading words on a page.

Make this your own. The encouragement is this: *You're in your Bible!* And when you make a practice of reading the Bible daily, you make a practice of meeting with God – and no one can do that and not be changed!

1. What does this passage teach us about God?

Example: Who is God? What is God like? What has God done?

HE'S THE CREATOR OF EVERYTHING AND GENEROUS WITH HIS POWER. HE'S CREATED EVERYTHING WE CAN SEE, AND HE'S MADE HUMANS IN HIS IMAGE.

2. What does this passage teach us about human beings?

Example: How were we supposed to live? What has gone wrong?

WE ARE MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE. WE'VE BEEN BLESSED BY GOD. WE'RE IN CHARGE OF THE EARTH! WHEN I LOOK AT THE WORLD, I DON'T THINK WE DO THIS VERY WELL! ACTUALLY, IF I LOOK AT MY OWN HEART, I KNOW I DON'T!

3. Knowing who God is, and who we are, how do we respond?

Example: What is Jesus inviting you into?

WE TRUST THAT GOD IS THE CREATOR AND IS ABOVE ALL THINGS! THAT GOD IS SO GOOD AND SO GENEROUS AND SO LOVING HE'S WORTHY OF WORSHIP! THAT PEOPLE HAVE VALUE AND PURPOSE BECAUSE THEY ARE MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD! WE ASK FOR FORGIVENESS FOR ALL THE TIMES WE HAVE FAILED TO TREAT OTHERS AND HIS CREATION WITH THE VALUE THAT HE HOLDS!

Read the Bible for a Change

How to Read the Bible

We know the Bible can be intimidating. We built this reading plan with that in mind. Each reading day you will take a moment to sit silently, pray, and then read for about 10 minutes. We've also offered some helpful resources for you along the way!

Our hope is not that this would become a "to-do" list for you, but a treasured moment in your daily life as you dig in to the library of Scripture and experience how it all leads to Jesus.

Build reading into your schedule

The reading plan has you reading 5 days a week. Doing this well will mean building this time into your schedule. Make it a priority. (ex: before/after work, at lunch, break time, nap time, etc.) You could even listen to the Bible on a Bible App, like the YouVersion Bible app or the ESV Bible app.

Practice getting alone with God

When you read, take a moment and pray the Spirit of God will open your heart, mind, and soul to his voice as you read Scripture.

See questions with examples on back page



This month's reading

	Feb 1-5	Feb 8-12	Feb 15-19	Feb 22-26
Mon	Gen 29	Mon Gen 35	Mon Gen 40	Mon Gen 45
Tue	Gen 30	Tue Gen 36	Tue Gen 41	Tue Gen 46-47
Wed	Gen 31	Wed Gen 37	Wed Gen 42	Wed Gen 48
Thu	Gen 32	Thu Gen 38	Thu Gen 43	Thu Gen 49
Fri	Gen 33-34	Fri Gen 39	Fri Gen 44	Fri Gen 50

This month's resources

Week 1

[BibleProject | What is the Bible?](#)

The Jesus Storybook Bible | A giant staircase to heaven

Week 2

[BibleProject | The Story of the Bible](#)

The Jesus Storybook Bible | Son of laughter

Week 3

[BibleProject | Literary Styles](#)

The Jesus Storybook Bible | The present

Week 4

[BibleProject | Ancient Jewish Meditation Literature](#)

The Jesus Storybook Bible | The girl no one wanted