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52 Weekly Teaching Kits

One big idea, four touches a week: the Sunday school lesson, the sermon outline, and the half-hour Roundup with Jesus group — fifty-two weeks, one journey, one Savior.

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Week 1 Teaching Kit

Days 1–7 • Sunday school plan • Sermon outline • Roundup with Jesus group guide

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

The God who made everything good watched it break — and in Jesus, the son of Abraham, He began putting it back together.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 1:** Genesis 1:■–■:25 | Matthew 1:■–■:12 | Psalm 1:■–■:6 | Proverbs 1:■–■:6
- **Day 2:** Genesis 3:■–■:26 | Matthew 2:1■–■:6 | Psalm 2:■–■:12 | Proverbs 1:■–■:9
- **Day 3:** Genesis 5:■–■:24 | Matthew 3:■–■:11 | Psalm 3:■–■ | Proverbs 1:1■–■9
- **Day 4:** Genesis 8:■–■0:32 | Matthew 4:1■–■5 | Psalm 4:■–■ | Proverbs 1:2■–■3
- **Day 5:** Genesis 11:■–■3:4 | Matthew 5:■–■6 | Psalm 5:■–■2 | Proverbs 1:2■–■8
- **Day 6:** Genesis 13:■–■5:21 | Matthew 5:2■–■8 | Psalm 6:■–■0 | Proverbs 1:2■–■3
- **Day 7:** Genesis 16:■–■8:15 | Matthew 6:■–■4 | Psalm 7:■–■7 | Proverbs 2:■–■

The arc of the week: A good creation (Gen 1–2) > a broken world (Gen 3–11: the fall, the flood, Babel) > a promised rescue (Gen 12–15: God calls Abram) > the promise arrives (Matt 1: Jesus, son of Abraham).

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will trace the week's whole arc — good creation, broken world, promised rescue — and find Jesus standing at the end of it.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Genesis 1:1 and Matthew 1:1 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "What do these two 'beginnings' have to do with each other?" (Let them wonder — you'll answer it by the end.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. It was good

Genesis 1–2. God made everything — light, land, living things, people — and called it very good. We were made for Him, and for each other.

2. It broke

Genesis 3–11. The serpent's lie, brother killing brother, a world so violent God sent the flood, then Babel's proud tower. Every generation breaks what God made good — including ours.

3. He promised

Genesis 12:1–3; 15. To one childless old man, Abram, God says: "In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." The rescue begins as a promise. Then turn to Matthew 1:1: "The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham." The promise has a name.

Talk it over (10 min)

- Which of the three pictures feels most like the world you see today — and why?
- God's promise to Abram was for "all the families of the earth." Who is one person or family you hope the blessing reaches?
- Psalm 1 was this week's first psalm: what does the "blessed" person do differently?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Everyone writes (or draws) one good thing God made that they noticed this week. Tape them to the wall as the class “creation gallery.” Take it home and keep adding through the week.

Close (3 min)

Pray thanks for what is good, honestly about what is broken, and hope in the promise. Preview: next week (Days 8–14) — Abraham’s family grows, and Jesus teaches, heals, and sends (Genesis 18–31, Matthew 6–10).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Matthew 1:1 — *“The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.”*

Suggested title: *The Promise Has a Name*

Big idea: The God who made everything good and promised Abraham a blessing for all nations kept His promise — in Jesus.

Introduction

Everybody loves a beginning — but nobody reads genealogies. Suggest: this one is different. A genealogy is God’s receipt: proof He kept His word. This morning we trace the thread from the week’s readings to the name at the end of it.

I. A world made good **(Genesis 1:1–2:25)**

- “God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good.”
- Goodness was the original setting. Relationship — with God, with each other — was the design.
- Illustration from the week: the congregation read the whole creation story on Day 1. Ask what “very good” stirs in them.

II. A world gone wrong **(Genesis 3:1–11:32)**

- The lie in the garden, Cain and Abel, the flood, the tower — humanity keeps breaking what God made good.

- Be honest here: the brokenness isn't just 'out there.' Name it gently, pastor to people.
- Illustration from the week: Days 2–5 walked the congregation straight through the wreckage. They felt it.

III. A promise spoken (Genesis 12:1–3; 15:1–21)

- God doesn't start over — He starts a rescue. One man, Abram: "in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."
- A promise is only as good as the one who makes it. This one is made by the Maker Himself.
- Illustration from the week: Day 6's reading — God's covenant with Abram under the stars. Count them if you can.

IV. A promise kept (Matthew 1:1)

- "Son of David, son of Abraham." The genealogy most skip is the proof God keeps promises — across two thousand years.
- The blessing for all families has a name, a face, a birthplace your people read about on Day 1 (Matthew 1–2).

Landing: it all points to Jesus

"The Word became flesh and lived among us" (John 1:14). The Maker stepped into the mess to remake it. That's the whole program in one sentence — and it started this week, in Genesis 1.

Closing call

Begin the year at the beginning: with Jesus. Invite anyone who's never started — or needs to start over — to begin the 365-day journey this week. Nobody's behind; everybody's invited.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

The gathering is the conversation. Thirty minutes, five steps, one big idea.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- What "very good" thing did God show you in the readings this week?
- Where do you see the brokenness — out there or in here — that Jesus came to remake?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Matthew 1:1** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In small groups of three or four: say the whole week in one sentence. Each group shares its sentence.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

One question to carry: What is one "very good" thing I can tend, or one broken thing I can bring to Jesus, this week? Pray for each other by name — and for the people each of you hopes the blessing reaches.

Next week's kit: **Week 2 (Days 8–14)** — When God's people cannot provide for themselves, God provides — a son, a lamb, a bride — and one day, His own Son. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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Week 2 Teaching Kit

Days 8–14 • Sunday school plan • Sermon outline • Roundup with Jesus group guide

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

When God's people cannot provide for themselves, God provides — a son, a lamb, a bride — and one day, His own Son.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 8:** Genesis 18:1■–■9:38 | Matthew 6:2■–■:14 | Psalm 8:■–■ | Proverbs 2:■–■5
- **Day 9:** Genesis 20:■–■2:24 | Matthew 7:1■–■9 | Psalm 9:■–■2 | Proverbs 2:1■–■2
- **Day 10:** Genesis 23:■–■4:51 | Matthew 8:■–■7 | Psalm 9:1■–■0 | Proverbs 3:■–■
- **Day 11:** Genesis 24:5■–■6:16 | Matthew 8:1■–■4 | Psalm 10:■–■5 | Proverbs 3:■–■
- **Day 12:** Genesis 26:1■–■7:46 | Matthew 9:■–■7 | Psalm 10:1■–■8 | Proverbs 3:■–■0
- **Day 13:** Genesis 28:■–■9:35 | Matthew 9:1■–■8 | Psalm 11:■–■ | Proverbs 3:1■–■2
- **Day 14:** Genesis 30:■–■1:16 | Matthew 10:■–■3 | Psalm 12:■–■ | Proverbs 3:1■–■5

The arc of the week: Abraham's family grows through laughter and tears (a promised son, a near-sacrifice, a bride for Isaac, a stolen blessing), while Jesus teaches, heals, and sends out His twelve — the God who provides in Genesis is the Lord who gives in Matthew.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will see God as the great Provider in the week's readings and name one thing they are trusting Him to provide.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Genesis 22:14 and Matthew 10:8 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "When has God given you something you could never have given yourself?" (Let them wonder — the week answers it four times over.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. He promised (Genesis 21)

A hundred-year-old father and a ninety-year-old mother laugh — and the laugh becomes a baby named Isaac, which means "laughter." God said nothing is too hard for Him, and then He proved it. What God promises, God performs.

2. He provided (Genesis 22)

On the mountain, with the knife raised, Abraham finds a ram caught in the thicket. He names the place "The LORD Will Provide." God stopped the sacrifice because one day He would not stop His own — He would provide the Lamb Himself.

3. He sends (Matthew 10)

Jesus gives His twelve authority to heal and preach, and tells them, "Freely you received, freely give." The God who provided for Abraham's family now sends His family out to a needy world. Provision always turns into mission.

Talk it over (10 min)

- Which of the week's stories — Isaac's birth, the ram on the mountain, Rebekah at the well — shows you something new about how God provides?
- Abraham named the place "The LORD Will Provide" so he would never forget. What would you name a place where God provided for you?
- Matthew 10 says "freely give." What is one thing God has given you that you could give away this week?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. On one side everyone writes (or draws) one thing they are trusting God to provide — big or small. On the other side, write "The LORD Will Provide" (Genesis 22:14). Take the card home and put it where you will see it every morning.

Close (3 min)

Pray honestly about needs, thankfully about past provision, and hopefully about the week ahead. Preview: next week (Days 15–21) — Jacob wrestles with God, Joseph is sold by his brothers, and Jesus says "Come to me" (Genesis 31–43, Matthew 10–14).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Genesis 22:14 — *“Abraham called the name of that place Yahweh Will Provide. As it is said to this day, “On Yahweh’s mountain, it will be provided.””*

Suggested title: *The Lord Will Provide*

Big idea: The God who provided a son for Abraham, a ram for Isaac, and a bride for Isaac's son has provided the one thing we could never provide for ourselves — a Savior.

Introduction

Every family in this room has a story of barely making it — the bill paid, the diagnosis survived, the prayer answered at the last minute. This week the congregation read four of those stories back to back. Trace them, then show where they were all headed.

I. A son promised **(Genesis 21:1-7)**

- "Yahweh visited Sarah as he had said." Laughter becomes a baby. Nothing is too hard for God — He said it at Mamre (Genesis 18:14), and Isaac is the proof.
- Illustration from the week: the congregation read Sarah's laugh on Day 8 and held the baby on Day 9. Ask what they are still waiting on God for.

II. A lamb provided (Genesis 22:1-14)

- Abraham's answer to Isaac's question — "Where is the lamb?" — is the gospel in seed form: "God will provide himself the lamb." The ram in the thicket dies so the son can live.
- Illustration from the week: Day 9's reading climbs that mountain with them. Let the silence of verse 8 do the preaching.

III. A bride sought (Genesis 24:12-20)

- The servant's simple prayer at the well — and Rebekah comes running with the jar. God provides not only rescue but companionship, family, future.
- Illustration from the week: Days 10–11 walked the congregation to that well. God is in the details of ordinary days.

IV. A stairway seen (Genesis 28:10-17)

- Jacob the deceiver, alone in the dark, sees heaven opened — and God repeats the promise unasked. Grace finds us on the run.
- "This is the gate of heaven" — and one day the true Ladder would stand among us (the congregation meets Him every morning in Matthew).
- Illustration from the week: Day 13's reading. Ask who came to church this morning feeling like Jacob — and tell them what Jacob found.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). The ram died so Isaac could walk down the mountain. Two thousand years later, on another mountain outside another city, God did not spare His own Son — He provided Him. Every provision in Genesis was a shadow; Jesus is the substance.

Closing call

Some here are still climbing their mountain, still asking "Where is the lamb?" Point them to the provided Lamb. Invite anyone carrying an unprovided need to bring it to the Provider this week — and to begin, or begin again, the daily walk through His Word.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week we watched God provide — a son, a lamb, a bride, a stairway — and Jesus sending His own out to give as freely as they received.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- Which provision in the week's readings — Isaac, the ram, Rebekah, Jacob's ladder — felt most personal to you, and why?
- Jesus said "freely you received, freely give" (Matthew 10:8). What is one free gift you could pass on this week?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Genesis 22:14** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In pairs: put the whole week into one sentence that starts with "God provides..." Share the sentences around the circle.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry this question: what is one need I will stop carrying alone and hand to the Provider this week? Pray for each other by name — naming the needs out loud, then thanking God that He provides.

Next week's kit: **Week 3 (Days 15–21)** — In the pit, the prison, and the palace, God was with Joseph — and the same God is with us in Jesus, who invites the weary to rest. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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Week 3 Teaching Kit

Days 15–21 • Sunday school plan • Sermon outline • Roundup with Jesus group guide

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

In the pit, the prison, and the palace, God was with Joseph — and the same God is with us in Jesus, who invites the weary to rest.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 15:** Genesis 31:1■–■2:12 | Matthew 10:2■–■1:6 | Psalm 13:■–■ | Proverbs 3:1■–■8
- **Day 16:** Genesis 32:1■–■4:31 | Matthew 11:■–■0 | Psalm 14:■–■ | Proverbs 3:1■–■0
- **Day 17:** Genesis 35:■–■6:43 | Matthew 12:■–■1 | Psalm 15:■–■ | Proverbs 3:2■–■6
- **Day 18:** Genesis 37:■–■8:30 | Matthew 12:2■–■5 | Psalm 16:■–■1 | Proverbs 3:2■–■2
- **Day 19:** Genesis 39:■–■1:16 | Matthew 12:4■–■3:23 | Psalm 17:■–■5 | Proverbs 3:3■–■5
- **Day 20:** Genesis 41:1■–■2:17 | Matthew 13:2■–■6 | Psalm 18:■–■5 | Proverbs 4:■–■
- **Day 21:** Genesis 42:1■–■3:34 | Matthew 13:4■–■4:12 | Psalm 18:1■–■6 | Proverbs 4:■–■0

The arc of the week: Jacob wrestles and is renamed, Joseph is betrayed and sold and forgotten and then lifted up in a single day, while Jesus says "Come to me, all you who are weary" and tells parables of the kingdom — suffering is real, but God is in it, and He lifts up.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will trace God's presence with Joseph through pit, prison, and palace, and hear Jesus' invitation to rest as God's answer to weariness.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Genesis 39:2 and Matthew 11:28 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "Have you ever felt alone in a hard place? What would it change to know God was there too?"

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. The pit (Genesis 37)

Joseph's own brothers strip his robe and sell him for silver. The pit is real — betrayal by the people closest to you. But the story does not end in the pit, because God does not stay out of it.

2. The prison (Genesis 39-40)

Falsely accused, Joseph lands in prison — and twice the Bible says the same sentence: "The LORD was with Joseph." Forgotten by men, remembered by God. The prison becomes a place of favor because God is in it.

3. The rest (Matthew 11)

Jesus looks at the weary — the overworked, the heavy-hearted — and says, "Come to me... and I will give you rest." Joseph's story is the picture; Jesus' invitation is the door. God's presence turns pits into palaces and burdens into rest.

Talk it over (10 min)

- Joseph was betrayed, accused, and forgotten. Which of those three hurts is hardest for you to hand to God?
- "The LORD was with Joseph" appears in the pit-house, the prison, and the palace. Where do you most need to believe that sentence this week?
- Psalm 18 says "He drew me out of many waters" (this week's psalm). When has God drawn you out?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Draw three simple pictures: a pit, a prison cell, and a palace door. Under each one write "God is with me." Keep the card in your Bible as a bookmark — when a hard day comes, you will know which picture you are in, and who is in it with you.

Close (3 min)

Pray for the weary by name — the class's own pits and prisons. Thank God He goes into hard places. Preview: next week (Days 22–28) — Joseph forgives his brothers, God calls Moses from a burning bush, and Jesus feeds thousands (Genesis 44–Exodus 7, Matthew 14–19).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Genesis 39:2 — *“Yahweh was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man. He was in the house of his master the Egyptian.”*

Suggested title: *The Lord Was With Him*

Big idea: God's presence — not our circumstances — is what makes a life prosper; He was with Joseph in the pit, the prison, and the palace, and in Jesus He is with us still.

Introduction

Ask the room: who has had a week that felt like a pit? Then tell them this week's readings follow one young man through the pit, the prison, and the palace — and the Bible's commentary never changes, in any of the three places.

I. The pit **(Genesis 37:23-28)**

- His brothers' hatred, the stripped robe, the sale for twenty pieces of silver. God does not always stop the pit — but He never abandons us in it.
- Illustration from the week: Day 18's reading. The congregation watched it happen. Name the pits people carry silently — betrayal, addiction in the family, the diagnosis.

II. The prison **(Genesis 39:20-23)**

- Falsely accused, thrown in prison — and "Yahweh was with Joseph" (twice in one chapter). The prison warden ends up trusting him with everything. Favor follows God's presence, not our position.
- Illustration from the week: Day 19's reading. Ask: who feels forgotten like Joseph was? God had not forgotten his address.

III. The palace (Genesis 41:38-43)

- In a single day: from prisoner to prime minister. Pharaoh sees it plainly — "Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?" The world can recognize God's presence even when it doesn't know His name.
- Illustration from the week: Day 20's reading. Thirteen years of pit and prison; one day of palace. God's timing is not ours, but it is perfect.

IV. The rest (Matthew 11:28-30)

- "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest." Jesus does not offer escape from hard places — He offers Himself in them.
- The yoke is easy because He pulls it with us. Joseph's God has a name and a voice now — Jesus.
- Illustration from the week: Day 16's reading. The most tired person in the room is the one this verse was written for.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

Joseph was betrayed by his brothers, suffered unjustly, was lifted up, and used his power to save the very ones who hurt him. Sound like anyone? Every step of Joseph's story is a shadow of the One who was sold, who suffered, who rose — and who now says to the weary, "Come to me." The pit is not the end of your story either.

Closing call

Invite the weary to come — not to a program, to a Person. A quiet moment: "If you are in a pit or a prison today, Jesus is already there. Come to Him." Pray for rest, for presence, for the God who goes into hard places.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week we followed Joseph from the pit to the palace, heard that God was with him in every place, and heard Jesus invite every weary heart to rest.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- Pit, prison, or palace — which place are you in right now, and what does "the LORD was with Joseph" mean for you there?
- Jesus promises rest, not escape. What is one burden you could set down at His feet this week instead of carrying it alone?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Matthew 11:28-30** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In groups of three: each person finishes this sentence — "Because God was with Joseph, I believe..." Then share the strongest sentence from each group.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry this question: what is one weary place in my life where I will practice believing God is with me this week? Pray for each other's pits and prisons by name — short prayers, honest hearts.

Next week's kit: **Week 4 (Days 22–28)** — What others meant for evil, God meant for good — He saves Joseph's family, promises a King through Judah, and raises up Moses to deliver His people. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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Days 22–28 • Sunday school plan • Sermon outline • Roundup with Jesus group guide

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

What others meant for evil, God meant for good — He saves Joseph's family, promises a King through Judah, and raises up Moses to deliver His people.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 22:** Genesis 44:■–■5:28 | Matthew 14:1■–■6 | Psalm 18:3■–■0 | Proverbs 4:1■–■3
- **Day 23:** Genesis 46:■–■7:31 | Matthew 15:■–■8 | Psalm 19:■–■4 | Proverbs 4:1■–■9
- **Day 24:** Genesis 48:■–■9:33 | Matthew 15:2■–■6:12 | Psalm 20:■–■ | Proverbs 4:2■–■7
- **Day 25:** Genesis 50:■–■6 | Exodus 1:■–■:10 | Matthew 16:1■–■7:9 | Psalm 21:■–■3 | Proverbs 5:■–■
- **Day 26:** Exodus 2:1■–■:22 | Matthew 17:1■–■7 | Psalm 22:■–■8 | Proverbs 5:■–■4
- **Day 27:** Exodus 4:■–■:21 | Matthew 18:■–■0 | Psalm 22:1■–■1 | Proverbs 5:1■–■1
- **Day 28:** Exodus 5:2■–■:25 | Matthew 18:2■–■9:12 | Psalm 23:■–■ | Proverbs 5:2■–■3

The arc of the week: Joseph reveals himself and forgives, Jacob blesses his sons with a scepter-promise for Judah, Joseph dies — and God raises up Moses at a

burning bush while Jesus feeds thousands, walks on water, and teaches about forgiveness: the Deliverer keeps coming.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will see how God turns human evil into saving good, and will practice forgiveness the way Joseph and Jesus model it.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Genesis 50:20 and Matthew 18:21-22 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "Has something bad ever turned out good in your life? Who made the turn?"

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. Forgiven (Genesis 45)

Joseph weeps so loudly the Egyptians hear it, then says the most shocking sentence in the story: "God sent me before you to preserve life." He refuses revenge. Forgiveness is Joseph's greatness — greater than the palace.

2. Promised (Genesis 49)

Dying Jacob blesses his sons, and to Judah he gives a strange promise: "The scepter will not depart from Judah." A King is coming through this broken family. Every blessing points forward.

3. Delivered (Exodus 3)

Four hundred years later the family is enslaved — but God has not forgotten. From a bush that burns without burning up, He calls Moses: "I have surely seen the affliction of my people." God comes down to deliver.

Talk it over (10 min)

- Joseph says "you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good." Is there an evil in your past that God has started turning to good?
- Judah — the brother who suggested selling Joseph — receives the promise of the King. What does that tell us about who God uses?

- Psalm 23 was this week's psalm. How does "The LORD is my shepherd" fit a week about forgiveness and deliverance?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. On one side, write (or draw) something hard someone did to you — no names. Flip the card over and write "God meant it for good" (Genesis 50:20). Keep it or tear it up as an act of forgiveness — your choice, between you and God.

Close (3 min)

Pray for forgiving hearts — for grace to release old debts the way Joseph did. Preview: next week (Days 29–35) — the plagues, the Passover lamb, the Red Sea, and Jesus' hardest sayings (Exodus 8–21, Matthew 19–23).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Genesis 50:20 — *“As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring to pass, as it is today, to save many people alive.”*

Suggested title: *God Meant It for Good*

Big idea: No human evil is stronger than God's good purpose — He turned brothers' hatred into a family's salvation, and He turns our sin into our rescue through Jesus.

Introduction

Everyone in this room has a "they meant it for evil" story. This week the congregation read the Bible's greatest one — and its greatest answer. Start with the weeping, not the theology.

I. The reveal (Genesis 45:1-8)

- "I am Joseph!" — then, before they can drown in guilt: "God sent me before you to preserve life." Forgiveness that interprets the past through God's purpose.
- Illustration from the week: Day 22's reading. The congregation heard Joseph weep. Ask who needs to weep and forgive this week.

II. The scepter (Genesis 49:8-12)

- "The scepter will not depart from Judah... until Shiloh comes." Out of this messy family — a deceiver, a brother-seller — God promises a King. Grace chooses the unlikely.
- Illustration from the week: Day 24's reading. Judah, who sold his brother, fathers the line of the Messiah. No past disqualifies.

III. The bush (Exodus 3:1-10)

- "I have surely seen the affliction of my people... and I have come down to deliver them." God doesn't send a memo; He comes down. Take off your shoes — this is holy ground.
- Moses' five excuses meet God's one answer: "Certainly I will be with you." The same presence that was with Joseph now goes with Moses.
- Illustration from the week: Day 26's reading. The God of the pit and prison now appears in fire.

IV. The bread (Matthew 14:13-21)

- Jesus feeds five thousand with a boy's lunch — the greater Joseph, storing up bread for a hungry world; the greater Moses, feeding His people in the wilderness.
- He takes, blesses, breaks, gives — the rhythm of every meal He will ever share, including the last one.
- Illustration from the week: Day 22's reading. The crowd ate "and were filled" — the same week Joseph's family was saved from famine. God still feeds.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

Joseph saved his family from famine with stored grain. Moses would lead them out with a mighty hand. But the scepter-promise waited for a greater Son of Judah — One who would be betrayed for silver like Joseph, suffer like the slaves in Egypt, and turn the greatest evil ever done into the greatest good ever given. "You meant evil... but God meant it for good" is the whole gospel in one sentence.

Closing call

Call the congregation to the two responses of the week: forgive like Joseph, and trust like Moses — take off your shoes and go where God sends. Invite anyone carrying an old wound to lay it at the feet of the God who turns evil to good.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week we watched Joseph forgive the unforgivable, heard a King promised through Judah, and met God in a burning bush — the God who turns evil into good.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- Joseph forgave before his brothers even finished apologizing. What makes that kind of forgiveness possible — and what makes it so hard?
- God told Moses "I have come down to deliver them." Where do you need God to "come down" in your life right now?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Genesis 50:20** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In pairs: tell the week's story in one sentence beginning "God turned..." Then each pair shares — listen for how many different turnings the week holds.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry this question: who is one person I need to forgive the way Joseph forgave — and what is one step I can take this week? Pray for soft hearts and for the people who hurt us, by name where you can.

Next week’s kit: **Week 5 (Days 29–35)** — God rescues His people by blood — the lamb's blood on the door, the sea opened before them — and every rescue points to Jesus, the Lamb of God. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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Week 5 Teaching Kit

Days 29–35 • Sunday school plan • Sermon outline • Roundup with Jesus group guide

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

God rescues His people by blood — the lamb's blood on the door, the sea opened before them — and every rescue points to Jesus, the Lamb of God.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 29:** Exodus 8:■–■:35 | Matthew 19:1■–■0 | Psalm 24:■–■0 | Proverbs 6:■–■
- **Day 30:** Exodus 10:■–■2:13 | Matthew 20:■–■8 | Psalm 25:■–■5 | Proverbs 6:■–■1
- **Day 31:** Exodus 12:1■–■3:16 | Matthew 20:2■–■1:22 | Psalm 25:1■–■2 | Proverbs 6:1■–■5
- **Day 32:** Exodus 13:1■–■5:18 | Matthew 21:2■–■6 | Psalm 26:■–■2 | Proverbs 6:1■–■9
- **Day 33:** Exodus 15:1■–■7:7 | Matthew 22:■–■3 | Psalm 27:■–■ | Proverbs 6:2■–■6
- **Day 34:** Exodus 17:■–■9:15 | Matthew 22:3■–■3:12 | Psalm 27:■–■4 | Proverbs 6:2■–■5
- **Day 35:** Exodus 19:1■–■1:21 | Matthew 23:1■–■9 | Psalm 28:■–■ | Proverbs 7:■–■

The arc of the week: Plague after plague proves who the true God is, the Passover lamb's blood marks the doors, Israel walks through the sea on dry ground and

sings — while Jesus tells hard truths about wealth, greatness, and the wedding feast: rescue is free, but it costs everything.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will understand the Passover as God's rescue-pattern and see Jesus as the Lamb every Passover was pointing to.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Exodus 12:13 and Matthew 21:9 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "What does blood on a door have to do with us, three thousand years later?" (Hold the question — the week answers it.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. Who is the LORD? (Exodus 8-10)

Frogs, flies, hail, darkness — each plague strikes one of Egypt's gods. God is not being cruel; He is answering Pharaoh's question: "Who is the LORD?" By the end, everyone knows. God will be known.

2. The lamb (Exodus 12)

One lamb per household, without blemish. Blood on the doorposts. Eat it dressed to travel. "When I see the blood, I will pass over you." Rescue comes not by being good enough, but by being covered.

3. The sea (Exodus 14)

Trapped between Pharaoh's army and the sea, Israel watches God open a road through the water. "Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD." They walk through on dry ground — and sing on the other side.

Talk it over (10 min)

- The Passover lamb had to be "without blemish." Why do you think God required a perfect lamb?
- "Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD" — when has God fought for you while you stood still?

- The congregation also read Matthew 21 this week — Jesus entering Jerusalem as King. How does the Passover week connect to that entry?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards and something red (crayon, marker). Draw a simple doorframe and color the sides red — the blood on the doorposts. Under it write "Jesus is my Passover Lamb." Tape it inside a door at home as a reminder.

Close (3 min)

Pray thanks for the blood that covers and the sea that opened. Sing or read Exodus 15:2 together. Preview: next week (Days 36–42) — God's dwelling among His people, the golden calf, and Jesus' last week begins (Exodus 21–33, Matthew 24–27).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Exodus 12:13 — *“The blood shall be to you for a token on the houses where you are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and there shall no plague be on you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.”*

Suggested title: *When I See the Blood*

Big idea: God's rescue has always come through shed blood applied by faith — the Passover lamb's blood on the door then, Jesus' blood on the cross now.

Introduction

Every family in Egypt that night faced the same question: is there blood on your door? Not "are you good enough" — "is there blood." This week the congregation walked through that night. Walk them through it again, slowly.

I. Who is the LORD? (Exodus 8:1-10:29)

- Ten plagues, ten answers to Pharaoh's sneer. Each one topples an Egyptian god — the Nile, the sun, Pharaoh himself. "That you may know that I am Yahweh."
- God hardens no heart that wasn't already hard; He simply lets Pharaoh be Pharaoh, publicly.

- Illustration from the week: Days 29–30. The congregation watched the plagues escalate. Our world's idols fall the same way — slowly, then all at once.

II. The lamb (Exodus 12:1-13)

- Without blemish. Killed at twilight. Blood on the two doorposts and the lintel. Eaten in haste, dressed to leave. Every detail matters — and every detail will matter again.
- "When I see the blood, I will pass over you." Not when I see your goodness, your efforts, your heritage — the blood.
- Illustration from the week: Day 30's reading. Ask the room: what's on your door?

III. The sea (Exodus 14:13-31)

- "Stand still, and see the salvation of Yahweh." Israel's only contribution to their rescue was walking through the open door God made.
- The waters that drowned Egypt baptized Israel — Paul will say they were "baptized into Moses" in the sea. Rescue and washing belong together.
- Illustration from the week: Day 32's reading. The most hopeless verse in the Bible — "the Egyptians... behind them, the sea before them" — becomes the most hopeful.

IV. The song (Exodus 15:1-2)

- "Yah is my strength and song. He has become my salvation." The first song in the Bible is sung by rescued slaves on a beach. Singing is what saved people do.
- Moses' song will be sung again — Revelation shows the saints singing "the song of Moses" beside a greater sea. The song never ends.
- Illustration from the week: Day 32's reading ends in music. End this point the same way — let the room feel the beach.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). Every lamb slain on every Passover for fifteen hundred years was a shadow cast

backward from a cross outside Jerusalem. The blood on the door said "pass over"; the blood on the cross says "come in." Tonight the question is the same as that night in Egypt: is there blood on your door?

Closing call

Invite the congregation to the two doors of the week: be covered by the blood, and walk through the sea — believe, and be baptized. Nobody is asked to be good enough; everybody is asked to be covered. Pray for those still standing at the shoreline.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week we watched God defeat Egypt's gods, mark His people's doors with blood, open the sea, and heard the first song of the saved — every bit of it pointing to Jesus, the Lamb.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week’s Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week’s readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- "When I see the blood, I will pass over you" — what does it mean to you that God looks at the blood, not at your performance?
- Israel had to "stand still" before they could walk through. Where is God asking you to stand still and watch Him work?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Exodus 15:2** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In groups of three: sum up the week as a headline, like a newspaper — "SEA OPENS, SLAVES SING" style. Share the headlines; vote on the one that preaches

best.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry this question: what is one 'Egypt' in my life — a habit, a fear, a master — that I need God to drown in the sea this week? Pray deliverance prayers for each other, short and bold.

Next week's kit: **Week 6 (Days 36–42)** — God wants to live with His people — He gives plans for His house, clothes for His priests, and when they break the covenant, He gives them an intercessor. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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Week 6 Teaching Kit

Days 36–42 • Sunday school plan • Sermon outline • Roundup with Jesus group guide

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

God wants to live with His people — He gives plans for His house, clothes for His priests, and when they break the covenant, He gives them an intercessor.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 36:** Exodus 21:2■–■3:13 | Matthew 24:■–■8 | Psalm 29:■–■1 | Proverbs 7:■–■3
- **Day 37:** Exodus 23:1■–■5:40 | Matthew 24:2■–■1 | Psalm 30:■–■2 | Proverbs 7:2■–■7
- **Day 38:** Exodus 26:■–■7:21 | Matthew 25:■–■0 | Psalm 31:■–■ | Proverbs 8:■–■1
- **Day 39:** Exodus 28:■–■3 | Matthew 25:3■–■6:13 | Psalm 31:■–■8 | Proverbs 8:1■–■3
- **Day 40:** Exodus 29:■–■0:10 | Matthew 26:1■–■6 | Psalm 31:1■–■4 | Proverbs 8:1■–■6
- **Day 41:** Exodus 30:1■–■1:18 | Matthew 26:4■–■8 | Psalm 32:■–■1 | Proverbs 8:2■–■2
- **Day 42:** Exodus 32:■–■3:23 | Matthew 26:6■–■7:14 | Psalm 33:■–■1 | Proverbs 8:3■–■6

The arc of the week: God lays out His dwelling in fine detail — the tent, the ark, the priestly garments — Israel trades His glory for a golden calf while Moses is on the

mountain, and Moses intercedes; meanwhile in Matthew, Jesus' last week begins and the true Intercessor walks toward the cross.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will grasp that God's deepest desire is to dwell with His people, and will see Moses' intercession as a shadow of Jesus'.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Exodus 25:8 and Exodus 33:11 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "If you were building a house for God, what would you put in it?" (The week shows what God Himself chose.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. God's house (Exodus 25-27)

Curtains, lampstands, the ark — God designs every inch of the tabernacle Himself. Why? "That I may dwell among them." The Creator of the universe wants to be neighbors with His people.

2. The broken promise (Exodus 32)

While Moses is on the mountain receiving the law, the people melt their gold into a calf and call it god. Forty days of glory above; forty days of idolatry below. We break promises fast.

3. The friend of God (Exodus 33)

Moses refuses to go forward without God's presence: "If your presence doesn't go with me, don't send us up from here." And God says He will go. Intercession — one man standing between God and the people — saves the nation.

Talk it over (10 min)

- God gave more detail about the tabernacle than about creation itself. What does that tell us about what matters most to Him?
- The people broke the covenant within weeks. Where do you see that same quick wandering in your own life?

- Moses said he wouldn't go without God's presence. What would change in your week if you prayed that prayer every morning?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Draw a simple tent in the middle and write inside it "God with us." Around the tent, write the names of people you want God to be near this week. Keep the card on the fridge — God's house has their names on it too.

Close (3 min)

Pray for God's presence — not just His blessings, but Him. Thank Him that He wants to dwell with us. Preview: next week (Days 43–49) — the glory fills the tent, the offerings begin, and Jesus dies and rises (Exodus 34–Leviticus 7, Matthew 27–Mark 3).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Exodus 25:8 — *“Let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.”*

Suggested title: *That I May Dwell Among Them*

Big idea: Everything God builds — the tabernacle, the priesthood, the covenant — has one purpose: that He may dwell with His people, a purpose finished in Jesus.

Introduction

Ask the room what the most detailed building project in the Bible is. It's not the temple — it's a tent in the desert, and God Himself drew the blueprints. This week the congregation read them. The question is why God cares so much about interior design.

I. The house **(Exodus 25:1-27:21)**

- Gold, blue, purple, scarlet; acacia wood; lampstands and curtains — every detail whispers "holy." God is not vague about how He is approached, because He is not casual about being near.
- The ark at the center, the mercy seat on top: God's throne is a place of mercy. Justice and mercy meet at the center of His house.

- Illustration from the week: Days 37–38. The congregation read measurements for two days. Ask what it means that God measures His nearness in cubits.

II. The clothes (Exodus 28:9-12, 29)

- The high priest carries the twelve tribes' names on his shoulders and over his heart — onyx stones, gold filigree. When he enters God's presence, the people go with him, carried, not forgotten.
- Illustration from the week: Day 39's reading. Tell the room: your name is on Jesus' heart right now, the same way.

III. The calf (Exodus 32:1-10)

- Forty days. That's how long glory lasted before gold became god. "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt" — the lie is always to rename the rescue.
- Be tender here: the calf is us — impatient, forgetful, quick to trade the unseen God for something we can see.
- Illustration from the week: Day 42's reading. The mountain is still smoking while the party starts below. Hold the contrast.

IV. The Friend (Exodus 33:11-15)

- "Yahweh spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend." Then Moses' great refusal: "If your presence doesn't go with me, don't send us up from here." Better the desert with God than Canaan without Him.
- One man's intercession turns away wrath. Moses offers his own name in their place — "blot me out" — and God hears. The shadow of a greater Intercessor falls across the page.
- Illustration from the week: Day 42's reading ends with friendship restored. End here, not at the calf.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

"The Word became flesh, and lived among us" (John 1:14) — the Greek says He tabernacled among us. He pitched His tent in our desert. The curtains and lampstands were shadows; the priests with names on their hearts were shadows; Moses the intercessor was a shadow. Jesus is the dwelling, the priest, and the

friend — God with us, forever.

Closing call

Invite the congregation to the two prayers of the week: Moses' prayer — "show me your glory, go with me" — and the people's repentance. Nobody has wandered too far for the Intercessor. Pray for God's presence over every home represented.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week God drew blueprints for His house, watched His people trade Him for a calf, and listened to Moses plead — all because He wants to dwell with us.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week’s Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week’s readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- Moses carried the people's names over his heart into God's presence. How does it feel to know Jesus carries your name the same way?
- Moses wouldn't go without God's presence. What is one part of your life you've been trying to handle without Him?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Exodus 33:14-15** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In pairs: describe God's house in the week's readings in one sentence, then describe Jesus as God's house in one sentence. Share both — hear how the shadow becomes the substance.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry this question: what is one "golden calf" in my life — something good I've started treating as god? Pray for each other honestly about idols, and for the presence of God to fill the space they leave.

Next week's kit: **Week 7 (Days 43–49)** — The tent is finished and filled with glory, the sacrifices begin — and in Matthew, the true Sacrifice dies and rises, then sends His people out. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

The tent is finished and filled with glory, the sacrifices begin — and in Matthew, the true Sacrifice dies and rises, then sends His people out.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 43:** Exodus 34:■–■5:9 | Matthew 27:1■–■1 | Psalm 33:1■–■2 | Proverbs 9:■–■
- **Day 44:** Exodus 35:1■–■6:38 | Matthew 27:3■–■6 | Psalm 34:■–■0 | Proverbs 9:■–■
- **Day 45:** Exodus 37:■–■8:31 | Matthew 28:■–■0 | Psalm 34:1■–■2 | Proverbs 9:■–■0
- **Day 46:** Exodus 39:■–■0:38 | Mark 1:■–■8 | Psalm 35:■–■6 | Proverbs 9:1■–■2
- **Day 47:** Leviticus 1:■–■:17 | Mark 1:2■–■:12 | Psalm 35:1■–■8 | Proverbs 9:1■–■8
- **Day 48:** Leviticus 4:■–■:19 | Mark 2:1■–■:6 | Psalm 36:■–■2 | Proverbs 10:■–■
- **Day 49:** Leviticus 6:■–■:27 | Mark 3:■–■0 | Psalm 37:■–■1 | Proverbs 10:■–■

The arc of the week: Moses finishes the tabernacle and God's glory moves in, Leviticus opens with five offerings for sin and fellowship — and in the same week

the congregation reads the crucifixion, the empty tomb, and the beginning of Mark's gospel: the shadows give way to the Substance.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will connect the tabernacle's finished glory and the offerings to Jesus' death and resurrection, and will hear His "go" as their own sending.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Exodus 40:34 and Matthew 28:6 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "What fills an empty house? What fills an empty tomb?" (This week answers both.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. God moves in (Exodus 40)

The tent is finished exactly as God commanded — and the cloud covers it, and the glory fills it. So much glory that Moses cannot even enter. God keeps His address: He lives with His people.

2. The sacrifices (Leviticus 1-7)

Burnt offering, grain offering, peace offering, sin offering, guilt offering — five ways to say "I'm sorry" and "thank you" to God. Every sacrifice whispers the same thing: sin costs blood, and this isn't the final payment.

3. The empty tomb (Matthew 28)

"He is not here, for he has risen." The women come to a tomb and find an angel with the best news ever told. Then Jesus Himself says, "Go... and behold, I am with you always." The glory that filled the tent now fills the world through His people.

Talk it over (10 min)

- The glory filled the tent so fully Moses couldn't enter. What do you think it felt like to stand outside and watch?
- Leviticus says "it shall be forgiven him" after the offering. How does that promise point forward to Jesus?

- Jesus' last words in Matthew are "I am with you always." How does that change a hard week?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. On one side draw the tent with a cloud over it and write "God with us." On the other side draw an empty tomb with the stone rolled away and write "He is risen." Two pictures, one promise — keep it where you get ready in the morning.

Close (3 min)

Pray resurrection prayers — thanks for the empty tomb, courage for the "go." Preview: next week (Days 50–56) — clean and unclean, the Day of Atonement, and Jesus touches the untouchable (Leviticus 7–18, Mark 3–8).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Matthew 28:6 — *“He is not here, for he has risen, just like he said. Come, see the place where the Lord was lying.”*

Suggested title: *He Is Risen*

Big idea: The glory that filled the finished tabernacle and the blood of a thousand sacrifices all pointed to one morning: the tomb is empty, Jesus is alive, and He sends us.

Introduction

This week the congregation read the two greatest "finished" moments in the Bible back to back: a tent finished and filled with glory, and a tomb finished and found empty. Preach the week as one story — the shadows, then the sunrise.

I. The glory comes down **(Exodus 40:34-38)**

- Finished "as Yahweh commanded Moses" — obedience, then glory. The cloud by day, the fire by night; all Israel watches God move in.
- So holy Moses can't enter — yet this same glory will one day walk the roads of Galilee in sandals.

- Illustration from the week: Day 46's reading. The congregation watched the move-in. Ask what room in their life still needs God's glory to fill.

II. The offerings (Leviticus 1:3-4; 4:20)

- Five offerings, one message: sin is serious, blood is required, forgiveness is real — "it shall be forgiven him." But bulls and goats must be offered again and again.
- Every sacrifice is a sermon saying "not yet" — pointing to the day when one offering would be enough.
- Illustration from the week: Days 47–49. The smell of the sacrifices is still in the congregation's imagination. Tell them the altar was a shadow of a hill outside Jerusalem.

III. The cross (Matthew 27:45-54)

- Darkness at noon. The cry of dereliction. The curtain torn from top to bottom — God opens the Holy of Holies Himself. The earth shakes; the centurion confesses.
- The true Passover Lamb dies at the hour the lambs are slain. The shadows and the Substance meet at 3 p.m. on Friday.
- Illustration from the week: Day 44's reading. Don't rush past the torn curtain — it's the tabernacle's door swinging open forever.

IV. The morning (Matthew 28:1-10)

- "He is not here, for he has risen, just like he said." The angel's logic is perfect: He said it, so check the tomb — it's empty.
- "Go quickly and tell" — resurrection always becomes mission. The women run; the disciples will run to the ends of the earth.
- Illustration from the week: Day 45's reading. The congregation met the angel this week. Ask who they need to "go quickly and tell."

Landing: it all points to Jesus

The tent was finished and God moved in. The sacrifices were offered and sin was covered — for a year at a time. But the tomb is finished and empty forever, and the risen Jesus says, "All authority has been given to me... Go... and behold, I am with

you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20). The glory that filled the tent now goes with you to work on Monday morning.

Closing call

Easter is not a day; it's the air Christians breathe. Invite anyone who has never met the risen Jesus to meet Him today — and invite the whole congregation to the "go": one person each will tell this week that He is risen.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week the glory moved into the finished tent, the sacrifices began their thousand-year sermon, and then — the cross, the empty tomb, and the sending: He is risen.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- The curtain tore from top to bottom — God opening the door Himself. What does that torn curtain mean for your prayers?
- "Go quickly and tell" — who is one person in your life who needs to hear that He is risen, and how could you tell them this week?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Matthew 28:6-7** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In groups of three: tell the week's story as three headlines — TENT, CROSS, TOMB. Then combine them into one sentence. Share the sentences; they should all sound like good news.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry this question: what is one "go quickly and tell" step I will take this week — one person, one conversation? Pray for boldness by name, and for the people each of you will tell.

Next week's kit: **Week 8 (Days 50–56)** — The law shows us our uncleanness — but Jesus touches the untouchable and makes them clean, from the outside in and the inside out. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

The law shows us our uncleanness — but Jesus touches the untouchable and makes them clean, from the outside in and the inside out.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 50:** Leviticus 7:2■–■:6 | Mark 3:3■–■:25 | Psalm 37:1■–■9 | Proverbs 10:5
- **Day 51:** Leviticus 9:■–■0:20 | Mark 4:2■–■:20 | Psalm 37:3■–■0 | Proverbs 10:■–■
- **Day 52:** Leviticus 11:■–■2:8 | Mark 5:2■–■3 | Psalm 38:■–■2 | Proverbs 10:■–■
- **Day 53:** Leviticus 13:■–■9 | Mark 6:■–■9 | Psalm 39:■–■3 | Proverbs 10:10
- **Day 54:** Leviticus 14:■–■7 | Mark 6:3■–■6 | Psalm 40:■–■0 | Proverbs 10:1■–■2
- **Day 55:** Leviticus 15:■–■6:28 | Mark 7:■–■3 | Psalm 40:1■–■7 | Proverbs 10:1■–■4
- **Day 56:** Leviticus 16:2■–■8:30 | Mark 7:2■–■:10 | Psalm 41:■–■3 | Proverbs 10:1■–■6

The arc of the week: Leviticus maps clean and unclean in painstaking detail and gives Israel the Day of Atonement, while Mark shows Jesus touching lepers, a

bleeding woman, and a demon-possessed man — and teaching that true defilement comes from the heart, which only He can wash.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will feel the weight of uncleanness the law reveals and the wonder of the cleansing Jesus gives — inside as well as outside.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Leviticus 16:30 and Mark 5:34 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "What's the difference between washing your hands and washing your heart?" (The week draws the line.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. The law shows the stain (Leviticus 11-15)

Skin diseases, bodily discharges, mold in houses — the law names uncleanness everywhere. It doesn't make people dirty; it shows them they already are. The mirror is not the enemy.

2. The Day covers it (Leviticus 16)

Once a year, the high priest enters the Most Holy Place with blood — for himself, for the priests, for all the people. "You shall be clean from all your sins before Yahweh." Atonement is real, but it must be repeated every year.

3. Jesus removes it (Mark 5; 7)

A woman unclean for twelve years touches Jesus' cloak — and instead of her uncleanness spreading to Him, His cleanness spreads to her: "Daughter, your faith has made you well." Then He teaches that real defilement comes from within — and only He can wash the inside.

Talk it over (10 min)

- Why do you think God gave such detailed laws about skin and discharges and mold? What was He teaching His people about themselves?
- The bleeding woman was afraid to even be seen. What does Jesus calling her "Daughter" tell us about how He treats the ashamed?

- Mark 7 says evil comes "from within, out of the heart." What is one heart-thing you need Jesus to wash this week?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out two index cards — one gray, one white. On the gray card, write something that makes hearts dirty (a habit, a grudge, a secret). Lay the white card over it and write on the white card "Washed by Jesus." Keep the white card visible all week.

Close (3 min)

Pray cleansing prayers — honest confession, glad receiving. No shame in this room; Jesus touches the untouchable. Preview: next week (Days 57–63) — "Be holy," the great confession, and the road to Jerusalem (Leviticus 19–Numbers 1, Mark 8–12).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Mark 5:34 — *“He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be cured of your disease.””*

Suggested title: *Made Clean*

Big idea: The law can only label our uncleanness; Jesus touches it, carries it, and washes it away — outside and inside.

Introduction

Nobody likes being called unclean — but this week the congregation read two chapters a day about it. Start where the law starts: with the mirror. Then show them the hand that touches what the law only points at.

I. Strange fire **(Leviticus 10:1-3)**

- Nadab and Abihu offer unauthorized fire — and fire from God consumes them. "I will be sanctified among those who come near me." God is holy; casual worship is dangerous.

- Illustration from the week: Day 51's reading. The glory had just fallen on the sacrifices — and then this. Holiness is not a game; ask the room if we've grown casual.

II. The Great Day **(Leviticus 16:29-34)**

- Once a year: the high priest, the blood, the scapegoat carrying sins into the wilderness. "On this day atonement shall be made for you, to cleanse you."
- But next year, they do it all again. The Day of Atonement is a promise in the form of a ritual — pointing to a cleansing that would last.
- Illustration from the week: Day 56's reading. Imagine the silence as the goat disappears into the desert carrying a nation's sins.

III. The touch **(Mark 5:25-34)**

- Twelve years unclean, twelve years untouchable — she touches His cloak, and power goes out from Him. Under the law, her touch should defile Him; instead His touch cleanses her.
- "Daughter" — the only time Jesus calls anyone that. Shame becomes sonship in one word.
- Illustration from the week: Day 52's reading. The congregation watched her tremble and heard Him name her. Let the room feel the reversal: uncleanness doesn't infect Jesus — Jesus infects uncleanness with holiness.

IV. The heart **(Mark 7:14-23)**

- "Nothing going into him from the outside can defile him... but the things which proceed out of the man are what defile the man." The problem was never dirty hands; it's a dirty heart.
- The list is brutal — evil thoughts, theft, murder, deceit — and it includes everyone in the room. The law diagnoses; only Jesus cures.
- Illustration from the week: Day 55's reading. End with the question the week forces: if the stain is inside, who can wash the inside? (Next week's answer is already walking toward Jerusalem.)

Landing: it all points to Jesus

The law said "unclean" and kept its distance. The priests said "unclean" once a year and covered it. Jesus says "Daughter" — and touches. He touched the leper (Mark 1, read weeks ago), the bleeding woman, the dead girl's hand. On the cross He would touch the ultimate uncleanness — our sin — and let it kill Him, so that His cleanness could become ours. Come dirty; leave clean.

Closing call

Invite the untouchables — the ashamed, the addicted, the secretly guilty — to the Touch. A moment of quiet confession, then the assurance: "Daughter, son — your faith has made you well. Go in peace." Pray for cleansing that reaches the heart.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week the law held up a mirror to our uncleanness, the Day of Atonement covered it for a year, and Jesus touched the untouchable and made them clean — inside and out.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- Jesus called the bleeding woman "Daughter" — the only time He uses that word. Why do you think He chose it for her?
- Mark 7 says the real stain is inside. What is one "inside thing" you want Jesus to wash this week — and what would change if He did?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Mark 5:34** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In pairs: finish this sentence three ways — "The law says ___, the Day of Atonement says ___, Jesus says ___." Share the best ones around the circle.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry this question: what is one hidden uncleanness I will bring into the light with Jesus this week instead of hiding it? Pray short, honest prayers — no performing, just the Touch.

Next week's kit: **Week 9 (Days 57–63)** — The holy God of Leviticus calls His people to be holy — and in Mark, Peter confesses the One who makes holiness possible: "You are the Christ." | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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Week 9 Teaching Kit

Days 57–63 • Sunday school plan • Sermon outline • Roundup with Jesus group guide

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

The holy God of Leviticus calls His people to be holy — and in Mark, Peter confesses the One who makes holiness possible: "You are the Christ."

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 57:** Leviticus 19:■–■0:21 | Mark 8:1■–■8 | Psalm 42:■–■1 | Proverbs 10:17
- **Day 58:** Leviticus 20:2■–■2:16 | Mark 9:■–■9 | Psalm 43:■–■ | Proverbs 10:18
- **Day 59:** Leviticus 22:1■–■3:44 | Mark 9:3■–■0:12 | Psalm 44:■–■ | Proverbs 10:19
- **Day 60:** Leviticus 24:■–■5:46 | Mark 10:1■–■1 | Psalm 44:■–■6 | Proverbs 10:2■–■1
- **Day 61:** Leviticus 25:4■–■7:13 | Mark 10:3■–■2 | Psalm 45:■–■7 | Proverbs 10:22
- **Day 62:** Leviticus 27:14-NUMBERS 1:■–■4 | Mark 11:■–■6 | Psalm 46:■–■1 | Proverbs 10:23
- **Day 63:** Numbers 2:■–■:51 | Mark 11:2■–■2:17 | Psalm 47:■–■ | Proverbs 10:2■–■5

The arc of the week: "Be holy, for I am holy" (Leviticus 19) sets the standard; the feasts and the Jubilee announce freedom; then Peter answers the greatest

question ever asked — and Jesus shows the holy road runs through a cross.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will hear God's call to holiness, make Peter's confession their own, and count the cost of following.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Leviticus 19:2 and Mark 8:29 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "Who do YOU say Jesus is?" (Don't answer yet — the week does.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. God's standard (Leviticus 19)

"You shall be holy, for I, Yahweh your God, am holy." Then God spells it out: honor your parents, don't steal, don't lie, love your neighbor as yourself. Holiness is not a feeling — it's a life.

2. Peter's answer (Mark 8)

Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter answers for all of us: "You are the Christ." Everything in the Christian life stands or falls on that sentence. Say it out loud together.

3. The cost (Mark 8:34)

Immediately Jesus adds: "Whoever wants to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." The holy life is a cross-carrying life — but the Christ carries it with us.

Talk it over (10 min)

- Leviticus 19 lists very practical holiness — honest scales, caring for the poor, no gossip. Which one hits closest to home?
- Peter confessed "You are the Christ" before he understood the cross. What does that tell us about faith and understanding?
- "Take up his cross" — what is one cross Jesus might be asking you to carry right now?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Write "You are the Christ" (Mark 8:29) in big letters and decorate it. This is a confession card — tape it to the bathroom mirror. Say it every morning this week until you believe it the way Peter did.

Close (3 min)

Pray confessions — each person saying "You are the Christ" aloud, then praying for cross-carrying courage. Preview: next week (Days 64–70) — the wilderness camp, the spies' fear, and Jesus walks to the cross (Numbers 2–16, Mark 12–15).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Mark 8:29 — *“He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered, “You are the Christ.””*

Suggested title: *You Are the Christ*

Big idea: God's unchanging call is "be holy" — and the only answer that makes holiness possible is Peter's confession, "You are the Christ," followed by a cross.

Introduction

Every one of us will answer one question before God — not "were you good," but "who do you say that I am?" This week the congregation read God's standard of holiness and then watched Peter answer that question. Preach the week as question, answer, and cost.

I. Be holy **(Leviticus 19:2)**

- "You shall be holy, for I, Yahweh your God, am holy." The most repeated command in Leviticus, and the most ignored — because it feels impossible.
- The chapter gets practical fast: respect parents, keep the Sabbath, don't steal, don't lie, "love your neighbor as yourself." Holiness wears work clothes.
- Illustration from the week: Day 57's reading. The congregation read the whole chapter — ask which verse they wanted to skip.

II. The question (Mark 8:27-29)

- "Who do men say that I am?" — John the Baptist, Elijah, a prophet. Opinions are cheap and always wrong. Then the turn: "But who do YOU say that I am?"
- "You are the Christ." Peter doesn't earn it, study it, or deserve it — God reveals it. Every conversion since has been the same miracle.
- Illustration from the week: Day 57's reading. The congregation heard Jesus ask them directly this week. Ask the room to answer out loud.

III. The cross (Mark 8:31-38)

- The Christ "must suffer many things... be killed, and after three days rise again." Peter rebukes Him — and Jesus rebukes Peter. We want a Christ without a cross; there isn't one.
- "Deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." The call hasn't softened in two thousand years. Losing your life to save it is still the deal.
- Illustration from the week: Day 57 again — confession and cross in the same reading. You can't separate them; preach them together.

IV. The glory (Mark 9:2-8)

- Six days later: the mountain, the shining clothes, Moses and Elijah — and the voice: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." The suffering Christ is the glorious Christ.
- Peter wants to build tents and stay. The Father's answer: don't build — listen. Glory is for following, not for camping.
- Illustration from the week: Day 58's reading. The congregation stood on that mountain this week. Tell them the voice still speaks — "Listen to him."

Landing: it all points to Jesus

Leviticus' holy God and Mark's suffering Christ are one and the same — and the Jubilee trumpet the congregation read about (Leviticus 25) was always announcing Him: debts cancelled, slaves freed, land restored. Jesus is our Jubilee. The question stands: who do YOU say that He is?

Closing call

Call for the confession — invite anyone who has never said "You are the Christ" to say it today, out loud, for the first time. Then call the confessors to the cross: what will you deny, what will you carry, this week? Pray both prayers.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week God said "be holy," Peter said "You are the Christ," and Jesus said "take up your cross" — the whole Christian life in three sentences.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- Peter answered before he understood the cross. When has God asked you to trust Him before you understood?
- "Listen to him" — what is one thing Jesus has been saying to you lately that you've been slow to listen to?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Mark 8:29** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In groups of three: each person answers the week's question in one sentence — "Jesus is ___." Then the group picks the strongest answer and shares it.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry this question: what is one concrete "deny yourself" step I will take this week — and what cross will I pick up? Pray for each other's crosses by name — for strength to carry them.

Next week’s kit: **Week 10 (Days 64–70)** — God's blessing shines on His people even in the wilderness — but fear kept a generation out, while Jesus walked straight into suffering for us. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

God's blessing shines on His people even in the wilderness — but fear kept a generation out, while Jesus walked straight into suffering for us.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 64:** Numbers 4:■–■:31 | Mark 12:1■–■7 | Psalm 48:■–■4 | Proverbs 10:26
- **Day 65:** Numbers 6:■–■:89 | Mark 12:3■–■3:13 | Psalm 49:■–■0 | Proverbs 10:2■–■8
- **Day 66:** Numbers 8:■–■:23 | Mark 13:1■–■7 | Psalm 50:■–■3 | Proverbs 10:2■–■0
- **Day 67:** Numbers 10:■–■1:23 | Mark 14:■–■1 | Psalm 51:■–■9 | Proverbs 10:3■–■2
- **Day 68:** Numbers 11:2■–■3:33 | Mark 14:2■–■2 | Psalm 52:■–■ | Proverbs 11:■–■
- **Day 69:** Numbers 14:■–■5:16 | Mark 14:5■–■2 | Psalm 53:■–■ | Proverbs 11:4
- **Day 70:** Numbers 15:1■–■6:40 | Mark 15:■–■7 | Psalm 54:■–■ | Proverbs 11:■–■

The arc of the week: The camp is ordered, the blessing is spoken, the cloud leads — then the spies' fear turns eleven days into forty years; meanwhile Mark walks

with Jesus to Gethsemane and the cross: where Israel shrank back, Jesus stepped forward.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will learn the blessing of Numbers 6 by heart, feel the tragedy of the spies' unbelief, and see Jesus as the One who didn't shrink back.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Numbers 6:24-26 and Mark 15:39 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "What does God's smiling face mean for a scared heart?" (The week holds both.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. The blessing (Numbers 6)

"Yahweh bless you, and keep you... Yahweh make his face to shine on you... and give you peace." The priests speak it over Israel — God's face toward us, not away. Say it together until you know it.

2. The cloud (Numbers 9)

The cloud covers the tent by day and fire by night. When it lifts, they march; when it stays, they camp. God's people don't navigate by feelings — they follow His presence.

3. The fear (Numbers 13-14)

Ten spies see giants; two see God. The congregation chooses fear — "we are not able" — and forty years in the desert is the price. Unbelief is the only thing that ever kept God's people out of His promises.

Talk it over (10 min)

- The blessing says God's face shines on us. When do you most need to believe that?
- "We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes" — how does fear shrink us, and what would courage look like in your life this week?

- Psalm 51 was this week's psalm: "Create in me a clean heart." How does a clean heart help us trust instead of fear?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Write the blessing — "The LORD bless you and keep you..." (Numbers 6:24-26) — and give the card away this week to someone who needs blessing: a neighbor, a nurse, a grandchild. God's blessing was always meant to be passed on.

Close (3 min)

Pray the blessing over each other, out loud, by name — the leader speaks Numbers 6:24-26 over the class. Preview: next week (Days 71–77) — the bronze serpent, Balaam's star, the empty tomb, and the manger (Numbers 16–28, Mark 16–Luke 3).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Numbers 6:24-26 — *"'Yahweh bless you, and keep you. Yahweh make his face to shine on you, and be gracious to you. Yahweh lift up his face toward you, and give you peace.'"*

Suggested title: *The Lord Bless You*

Big idea: God's heart toward His people is blessing — His face shining, His peace given — and Jesus is the blessing walking into the wilderness to bring the fearful home.

Introduction

Every church service in history has ended with a benediction — but few know it's three thousand years old. This week the congregation read it at its source, then watched fear waste it for a generation, then watched Jesus spend Himself to restore it. Preach blessing, fear, and the price.

I. The blessing (Numbers 6:24-26)

- Three lines, three names of God, one movement: toward us. Blessing, keeping, shining, grace, peace — this is God's default posture toward His people.
- "So they shall put my name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them." The blessing puts God's name on us like a label: these are Mine.
- Illustration from the week: Day 65's reading. The congregation heard the first benediction this week. Speak it over the room slowly — let it land like it landed then.

II. The cloud (Numbers 9:15-23)

- They march when it lifts; they camp when it stays — "whether it was two days, or a month, or a year." Obedience without a calendar. God's people follow presence, not plans.
- Forty years of manna, forty years of un-worn-out shoes — the wilderness with God is better than Egypt without Him. Moses knew it (Exodus 33); this generation forgot it.
- Illustration from the week: Day 66's reading. Ask the room: are you following the cloud right now, or following your fear?

III. The fear (Numbers 13:31-14:4)

- "We are not able." The ten spies preach a sermon of despair, and the congregation weeps all night. Fear is contagious; within hours, a nation wants to stone its leaders and go back to slavery.
- "Would that we had died in Egypt!" Unbelief always prefers the known chains to the unknown promise. Name it gently — every room has its Egypts.
- Illustration from the week: Days 68–69. The congregation stood at Kadesh this week. Eleven days' journey became forty years. Fear is expensive.

IV. The cross (Mark 15:33-39)

- Darkness at noon. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" The face that shines in Numbers 6 turns away here — so it never has to turn away from us.

- The centurion, a Gentile executioner: "Truly this man was the Son of God." The first confession at the cross comes from the most unlikely mouth — grace again.
- Illustration from the week: Day 70's reading. Where Israel shrank back at Kadesh, Jesus stepped forward at Gethsemane: "Not what I will, but what you will." The blessing cost Him everything.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

"Create in me a clean heart, O God" (Psalm 51:10) — the week's psalm is the prayer of everyone who has ever chosen fear over faith. The God who blesses is the God who forgives, and the cross is where blessing and forgiveness meet. His face shines on you — not because you were brave, but because He was.

Closing call

Speak the benediction over the congregation — Numbers 6:24-26, slowly, as the closing word. Then invite the fearful forward: anyone standing at their own Kadesh, afraid to enter the promise, come and be blessed and sent. Pray for courage.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week we heard God's ancient blessing, followed His cloud, watched fear waste a generation — and watched Jesus walk into the suffering Israel feared.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week’s Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week’s readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- Where are you most tempted to say "we are not able" — and what would Caleb's "we are well able" sound like in your situation?
- The blessing puts God's name on us. What difference does it make to carry His name into your week?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Numbers 6:24-26** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In pairs: one person speaks the blessing over the other, slowly, by name. Then switch. Share how it felt to hear God's blessing spoken to you personally.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry this question: what is one fearful "we are not able" I will replace with obedience this week? Pray for each other's Kadesh moments — for courage to enter the promise.

Next week's kit: **Week 11 (Days 71–77)** — Look and live — the bitten Israelites lived by looking at the lifted serpent, and the world lives by looking at the lifted Son. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

Look and live — the bitten Israelites lived by looking at the lifted serpent, and the world lives by looking at the lifted Son.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 71:** Numbers 16:4■–■8:32 | Mark 16:■–■0 | Psalm 55:■–■3 | Proverbs 11:7
- **Day 72:** Numbers 19:■–■0:29 | Luke 1:■–■5 | Psalm 56:■–■3 | Proverbs 11:8
- **Day 73:** Numbers 21:■–■2:20 | Luke 1:2■–■6 | Psalm 57:■–■1 | Proverbs 11:■–■1
- **Day 74:** Numbers 22:2■–■3:30 | Luke 1:5■–■0 | Psalm 58:■–■1 | Proverbs 11:1■–■3
- **Day 75:** Numbers 24:■–■5:18 | Luke 2:■–■5 | Psalm 59:■–■7 | Proverbs 11:14
- **Day 76:** Numbers 26:■–■1 | Luke 2:3■–■2 | Psalm 60:■–■2 | Proverbs 11:15
- **Day 77:** Numbers 26:5■–■8:15 | Luke 3:■–■2 | Psalm 61:■–■ | Proverbs 11:1■–■7

The arc of the week: Rebellion brings serpents, but God gives a strange cure — look and live; a pagan prophet sees a Star rising out of Jacob; then Mark's gospel ends at an empty tomb and Luke's begins at a manger: the Star has risen.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will understand salvation by looking — faith as simple as lifting the eyes — and will meet the newborn King Luke introduces.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Numbers 21:8 and Luke 2:11 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "Can just LOOKING save you?" (This week says yes — twice.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. The bite (Numbers 21)

Israel grumbles again, and fiery serpents bite. The dying people beg Moses to pray — and God answers with the strangest medicine ever: a bronze serpent on a pole. Look, and live.

2. The pole (Numbers 21:8-9)

No pills, no payment, no pilgrimage — just look. The cure is insultingly simple, which is exactly why proud hearts resist it. Salvation has always been by looking, not by earning.

3. The baby (Luke 2)

"A Savior, who is Christ the Lord" — born in Bethlehem, laid in a manger, announced to shepherds. Balaam's star (Numbers 24:17) has risen. The week that began with snakes ends with a Savior.

Talk it over (10 min)

- Why do you think God made the cure so simple — just look? What does that tell us about how He saves?
- Balaam was hired to curse Israel but could only bless. When has God turned someone's curse into a blessing in your life?
- Luke's Christmas story sits beside Mark's empty tomb this week. Why is it good to hold the manger and the tomb together?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Draw a hill with a cross on it — simple, childlike is fine. Under it write "Look and live" (Numbers 21:8). Keep it where you'll see it when worry bites: the cure for snakebite and the cure for sin are the same — look to Jesus.

Close (3 min)

Pray thanks for the simplicity of "look and live" — no one here is too far gone to look. Preview: next week (Days 78–84) — Moses hands off, cities of refuge, and Jesus tempted and victorious (Numbers 28–Deuteronomy 4, Luke 3–7).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Numbers 21:8 — *“Yahweh said to Moses, “Make a venomous snake, and set it on a pole. It shall happen, that everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.””*

Suggested title: *Look and Live*

Big idea: God saves by a look — the bitten Israelite lived by looking at the lifted serpent, and dying sinners live by looking at the lifted Son.

Introduction

The gospel is embarrassingly simple, and this week the congregation read its strangest illustration: dying people healed by looking at a pole. Start with the snakes — then show them the Star, the tomb, and the manger.

I. The snakes **(Numbers 21:4-9)**

- "The soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way." Grumbling invites serpents — then and now. Sin's bite is fatal, and no one can suck out their own venom.
- God's cure offends our pride: no medicine, no merit, no money — "everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." The dying have one job: look.
- Illustration from the week: Day 73's reading. Ask the room what "snakebite" they're carrying — the cure is the same for all of them.

II. The star (Numbers 24:17)

- Balaam, hired to curse, can only prophesy: "A star will come out of Jacob, a scepter will rise out of Israel." Even God's enemies end up preaching Christ.
- The magi will follow that star centuries later. God's promises outlive the prophets who speak them — and out-argue the kings who fight them.
- Illustration from the week: Day 75's reading. The congregation heard a pagan fortune-teller announce the Messiah. God uses anybody.

III. The stone rolled away (Mark 16:1-7)

- The women come with spices and find a young man in white: "He has risen. He is not here." Mark's gospel — the shortest, the fastest — stops running at an empty tomb.
- "Go, tell his disciples and Peter" — Peter, named specially. The denier is personally invited. Resurrection is for failures too.
- Illustration from the week: Day 71's reading. The congregation finished Mark this week. The tomb is empty — now Luke begins.

IV. The manger (Luke 2:10-11)

- "Don't be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy... there is born to you today... a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." The announcement goes to shepherds — night-shift workers, not priests.
- Balaam's star has a name now, and a birthplace: Bethlehem. Look and live was the promise; "a Savior" is the fulfillment.
- Illustration from the week: Day 75's reading. Christmas in the middle of Numbers — God's calendar is better than ours. Let the room feel the wonder.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:14-15). Jesus Himself claimed the bronze serpent as His picture. The pole, the star, the tomb, the manger — every road this week leads to the lifted Son. Look — and live.

Closing call

Invite the bitten to look — anyone carrying sin's venom, shame's poison, despair's bite: look to Christ now. A quiet moment of looking, then prayer. And invite the found to tell — like the shepherds, "go quickly" applies at Christmas too.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week the cure was a look, the promise was a star, the tomb was empty, and the manger was full — look and live.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- What's the hardest part of "just look" for you — the simplicity of it, or trusting it actually works?
- The shepherds "made known" what they heard. Who is one person you could tell about Jesus this week?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Numbers 21:8** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In pairs: tell the week's story in exactly ten words — count them. Share the ten-word stories; the best one preaches the whole week.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry this question: what is one worry I will stop nursing and start "looking" past this week — lifting my eyes to Jesus instead? Pray for each other's snakebites — for healing by a look.

Next week's kit: **Week 12 (Days 78–84)** — Moses hands the journey to Joshua, God builds cities of refuge for the guilty — and Jesus, the greater Joshua, is tempted and victorious, calling sinners to Himself. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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Week 12 Teaching Kit

Days 78–84 • Sunday school plan • Sermon outline • Roundup with Jesus group guide

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

Moses hands the journey to Joshua, God builds cities of refuge for the guilty — and Jesus, the greater Joshua, is tempted and victorious, calling sinners to Himself.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 78:** Numbers 28:1■–■9:40 | Luke 3:2■–■8 | Psalm 62:■–■2 | Proverbs 11:1■–■9
- **Day 79:** Numbers 30:■–■1:54 | Luke 4:■–■0 | Psalm 63:■–■1 | Proverbs 11:2■–■1
- **Day 80:** Numbers 32:■–■3:39 | Luke 4:3■–■:11 | Psalm 64:■–■0 | Proverbs 11:22
- **Day 81:** Numbers 33:4■–■5:34 | Luke 5:1■–■8 | Psalm 65:■–■3 | Proverbs 11:23
- **Day 82:** Numbers 36:■–■3 | Deuteronomy 1:■–■6 | Luke 5:2■–■:11 | Psalm 66:■–■0 | Proverbs 11:2■–■6
- **Day 83:** Deuteronomy 2:■–■:29 | Luke 6:1■–■8 | Psalm 67:■–■ | Proverbs 11:27
- **Day 84:** Deuteronomy 4:■–■9 | Luke 6:3■–■:10 | Psalm 68:■–■8 | Proverbs 11:28

The arc of the week: The wilderness journey is written down stage by stage, refuge cities open their gates to manslayers, Moses commissions his successor — while

Luke shows Jesus' genealogy, His victory over temptation, and His call: "I came to call sinners."

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will see Jesus as the true City of Refuge and the obedient Son who succeeded where Israel failed.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Numbers 35:11 and Luke 4:18 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "Where do you run when you're in trouble?" (God built an address for that.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. The long road (Numbers 33)

Moses writes down every stage of the forty years — "they went from Rameses... they camped at Succoth..." God remembers every step of the wilderness. Your journey is written down too.

2. The safe city (Numbers 35)

Six cities of refuge: if you killed someone by accident, you could run there and live. Grace with an address. The guilty had somewhere to run — and so do we.

3. The stronger Son (Luke 4)

Israel failed forty years in the wilderness; Jesus stands forty days and does not fail once. "It is written" — three times the tempted Son answers with the Word. The obedient Son wins where we lost.

Talk it over (10 min)

- God told Moses to write down every stage of the journey. Why would He want the hard parts recorded, not just the victories?
- The cities of refuge protected even the guilty. What does that tell us about God's heart toward sinners?
- Jesus answered every temptation with "It is written." How well do you know the Word when temptation comes?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Draw a city gate — two towers and an open door. Inside the gate write "Jesus is my refuge." When trouble comes this week, picture the gate open. Run to Him first, not last.

Close (3 min)

Pray for the runners — anyone here fleeing something: guilt, fear, grief. The gate is open. Preview: next week (Days 85–91) — "Hear, O Israel," the Prophet like Moses, and the voice from the cloud (Deuteronomy 5–20, Luke 7–9).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Luke 4:18-19 — *""The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim release to the captives, recovering of sight to the blind, to deliver those who are crushed, and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.""*

Suggested title: *Good News for the Poor*

Big idea: Jesus is the City of Refuge with the gates always open and the obedient Son who conquered where Israel fell — good news for the poor, the captive, and the crushed.

Introduction

Everybody runs somewhere when trouble comes. This week the congregation read about God's appointed running-place — and then met the Man who IS the running-place. Preach the stages, the city, the handoff, and the victory.

I. The stages (Numbers 33:1-2)

- "Moses wrote their goings out according to their journeys." Forty years, forty-some campsites — God had Moses record every one. The wilderness is not wasted; it's written.
- Your stages matter too: the hospital, the courtroom, the lonely apartment. God writes down goings, not just arrivals.

- Illustration from the week: Day 80's reading. The congregation read the whole itinerary — ask what stage they're in right now.

II. The refuge (Numbers 35:9-15)

- Six cities, open to Israelite and foreigner alike — the manslayer "may flee there" and live until trial. Justice with mercy built into the map.
- The roads to the cities were kept clear and signposted — "Refuge!" — so the runner wouldn't get lost. God wants the guilty to make it.
- Illustration from the week: Day 81's reading. Tell the room: the signs still say Refuge, and this week's sermon text says it plainly — "good news to the poor... release to the captives."

III. The handoff (Deuteronomy 1:38; 3:28)

- Moses the lawgiver cannot enter the land — but "Joshua... encourage him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it." The mission outlives the man.
- Here's the wonder the congregation may have missed: Joshua's Hebrew name is Yeshua — "Yahweh saves" — the very name of Jesus. The successor's name preaches the Savior.
- Illustration from the week: Days 82–83. Moses lays hands on the one whose name means salvation. The handoff was always about Him.

IV. The temptation (Luke 4:1-13)

- Forty days, three temptations, one answer three times: "It is written." Where Israel grumbled about bread, Jesus trusts the Word; where Israel tested God, Jesus refuses.
- The devil leaves "until an opportune time" — he'll be back at Gethsemane and Golgotha. But the pattern is set: the obedient Son does not break.
- Illustration from the week: Day 79's reading. Israel failed forty years; Jesus stood forty days. When you're tempted this week, you're following a Winner.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

The cities of refuge had open gates, clear roads, and room for the guilty. Jesus is all three: the gate always open, the road clearly marked, and the room made ready.

This week's text says His mission outright: "good news to the poor... release to the captives... to deliver those who are crushed" (Luke 4:18). Captives, crushed, poor — that's the guest list. That's us. Run to Him.

Closing call

Invite the runners — anyone fleeing guilt, addiction, grief, or fear: the gate is open today. Come to the Refuge. Pray for those who run, and commission the congregation as signposts — people whose lives say "Refuge this way."

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week Moses wrote down the journey, God opened refuge cities, the leadership passed to Joshua — and Jesus stood victorious where Israel fell.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- Moses recorded every stage — including the hard ones. What stage of your journey would you least want written down, and what might God be writing there?
- Who in your life needs a signpost to the Refuge right now — and how could you be one this week?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Luke 4:18** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In groups of three: each person names their current "stage" in one phrase (like Numbers 33: "from ___ they went to ___"), and the group speaks one sentence of hope over it. Share the most honest one.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry this question: what is one temptation I keep fighting alone that I will fight with "It is written" this week? Pray for each other's battles — short, specific, confident in the Winner.

Next week's kit: **Week 13 (Days 85–91)** — "Hear, O Israel" — one God, whole-heart love — and the Prophet like Moses is coming; on the mountain the Father says, "Listen to him." | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

"Hear, O Israel" — one God, whole-heart love — and the Prophet like Moses is coming; on the mountain the Father says, "Listen to him."

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 85:** Deuteronomy 5:■–■:25 | Luke 7:1■–■5 | Psalm 68:1■–■5 | Proverbs 11:2■–■1
- **Day 86:** Deuteronomy 7:■–■:20 | Luke 7:3■–■:3 | Psalm 69:■–■8 | Proverbs 12:1
- **Day 87:** Deuteronomy 9:■–■0:22 | Luke 8:■–■1 | Psalm 69:1■–■6 | Proverbs 12:■–■
- **Day 88:** Deuteronomy 11:■–■2:32 | Luke 8:2■–■9 | Psalm 70:■–■ | Proverbs 12:4
- **Day 89:** Deuteronomy 13:■–■5:23 | Luke 8:4■–■:6 | Psalm 71:■–■4 | Proverbs 12:■–■
- **Day 90:** Deuteronomy 16:■–■7:20 | Luke 9:■–■7 | Psalm 72:■–■0 | Proverbs 12:■–■
- **Day 91:** Deuteronomy 18:■–■0:20 | Luke 9:2■–■0 | Psalm 73:■–■8 | Proverbs 12:10

The arc of the week: Moses preaches the Shema, warns against forgetting, and promises a Prophet like himself; Luke shows Jesus raising the dead, calming storms, and confessing His cross — then the cloud speaks: "This is my Son... listen to him."

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will learn the Shema, feel the weight of "listen," and practice hearing Jesus above every other voice.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Deuteronomy 6:4 and Luke 9:35 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "If God spoke one sentence to you today, what would you want it to be?" (He already did — this week.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. Hear (Deuteronomy 6)

"Hear, O Israel: Yahweh our God, Yahweh is one." Then: love Him with all your heart, soul, and strength — and teach it to your children at home, on the road, morning and night. One God, whole hearts, everyday faith.

2. Remember (Deuteronomy 8)

"Beware lest you forget Yahweh your God." Moses knows full stomachs forget faster than empty ones. Remember the manna, the wilderness, the God who carried you — forgetting is the first step away.

3. Listen (Deuteronomy 18; Luke 9)

God promises "a prophet like me" — and on the mountain the Father finishes the sentence: "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him!" Moses and Elijah step back; Jesus alone remains. One voice above all voices.

Talk it over (10 min)

- The Shema was to be taught "when you sit, when you walk, when you lie down, when you rise." What would that look like in your house this week?
- "Beware lest you forget" — what helps you remember God when life is good and full?
- Peter wanted to build three tents — to keep Moses, Elijah, and Jesus equal. Why did the Father have to say "listen to HIM"?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Draw a big ear on one side and a heart on the other. Under the ear write "Listen to him" (Luke 9:35); under the heart write "with all your heart" (Deuteronomy 6:5). Tape it where you'll see it before you pick up your phone in the morning.

Close (3 min)

Pray listening prayers — more silence than usual; let God speak. Thank Him for one God, one Prophet, one voice. Preview: next week (Days 92–98) — Moses' farewell blessing and song, and Jesus teaches His disciples to pray and trust (Deuteronomy 21–32, Luke 9–12).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Deuteronomy 18:15 — *“Yahweh your God will raise up to you a prophet from among you, of your brothers, like me. You shall listen to him.”*

Suggested title: *Listen to Him*

Big idea: God's final word to Israel — "hear," "remember," "listen" — finds its answer on the mountain: the Prophet like Moses has come, and the Father says, "Listen to him."

Introduction

Three times this week Moses said the same thing three ways: hear, remember, listen. Then Luke shows a mountain where God the Father says it once more — with a name attached. Preach the week as a crescendo: the command, the warning, the promise, the voice.

I. Hear, O Israel **(Deuteronomy 6:4-9)**

- "Yahweh our God, Yahweh is one." The center of the Jewish faith, prayed morning and night for three thousand years — the congregation read it on Day 85.
- "You shall love Yahweh your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might." Not part of your heart on Sundays — all of it, every day.

- Illustration from the week: Day 85's reading. Teach it to children "diligently" — ask the grandparents in the room who taught them, and who they're teaching.

II. Remember (Deuteronomy 8:2, 11)

- "You shall remember all the way which Yahweh your God has led you these forty years." Memory is a spiritual discipline — amnesia is the doorway to idolatry.
- "Beware lest you forget Yahweh your God... when you have eaten and are full." Prosperity is more dangerous than poverty. Full barns, empty altars.
- Illustration from the week: Day 86's reading. Ask the room: what has God done that you must never forget? Say one out loud.

III. The Prophet promised (Deuteronomy 18:15-19)

- "I will raise them up a prophet from among their brothers, like you." Like Moses: a mediator, a deliverer, a lawgiver — but greater. Israel waited centuries for this sentence to come true.
- "Whoever will not listen to my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him." Listening is not optional; it's the covenant.
- Illustration from the week: Day 91's reading — the promise lands the same week as its fulfillment. The congregation read both ends of the wait in seven days.

IV. The voice (Luke 9:28-36)

- The transfiguration: Jesus shining, Moses and Elijah talking about His "departure" — His exodus. The old covenant's two giants discuss the new exodus with its Leader.
- Peter babbles about tents; the cloud covers them; the voice: "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him!" The Father applies Deuteronomy 18:15 on the spot.
- When the cloud lifts, "Jesus was found alone." Moses and Elijah step back — the shadows leave when the Substance arrives. One voice above all voices.

- Illustration from the week: Day 91's reading. The congregation read the promise and the voice in the same week — fifteen centuries apart, seven days apart. Let the wonder land.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

Hear. Remember. Listen. The whole week bends to one word, and the Father spoke it from the cloud: "Listen to him." Not to the noise, not to the fear, not to the past — to Him. The Prophet like Moses has come, and He is still speaking: in the daily readings, in the quiet, in His Word. The question of the week — of the year, of life — is whether we will listen.

Closing call

Call the congregation to listen — a moment of holy quiet, then prayer: "Speak, Lord, for your servant hears." Invite anyone who has been listening to every voice but His to turn the dial today. Commission them into the daily readings: He speaks every morning to those who open the book.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week Moses said hear, remember, and listen — and the Father said it once more from the cloud, with a name: listen to Him.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- Of all the voices competing for your attention — news, worry, other people — which is loudest, and what helps you turn up Jesus' voice?
- "Teach them diligently to your children" — who is one younger person you could pass one verse to this week?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Deuteronomy 18:15** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In pairs: one person reads the Shema (Deuteronomy 6:4-5) aloud slowly while the other simply listens — then switch. Share one word that stood out while listening.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry this question: what is one practical way I will "listen to him" this week — less noise, more Word, one obedience? Pray for listening ears — that the group would hear Jesus above the noise.

It All Points to Jesus

Week 14 Teaching Kit

Days 92–98 • Sunday school plan • Sermon outline • Roundup with Jesus group guide

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

The law maps the road to life, but we keep stumbling on it — so Jesus walked the road Himself and stopped for us.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 92:** Deuteronomy 21:■–■2:30 | Luke 9:5■–■0:12 | Psalm 74:■–■3 | Proverbs 12:11
- **Day 93:** Deuteronomy 23:■–■5:19 | Luke 10:1■–■7 | Psalm 75:■–■0 | Proverbs 12:1■–■4
- **Day 94:** Deuteronomy 26:■–■7:26 | Luke 10:3■–■1:13 | Psalm 76:■–■2 | Proverbs 12:1■–■7
- **Day 95:** Deuteronomy 28:■–■8 | Luke 11:1■–■6 | Psalm 77:■–■0 | Proverbs 12:18
- **Day 96:** Deuteronomy 29:■–■0:20 | Luke 11:3■–■2:7 | Psalm 78:■–■1 | Proverbs 12:1■–■0
- **Day 97:** Deuteronomy 31:■–■2:27 | Luke 12:■–■4 | Psalm 78:3■–■5 | Proverbs 12:2■–■3
- **Day 98:** Deuteronomy 32:2■–■2 | Luke 12:3■–■9 | Psalm 78:5■–■4 | Proverbs 12:24

The arc of the week: The congregation read Moses' farewell (Deuteronomy 21–32): the blessings and the curses, the call to "choose life." And in Luke they walked with Jesus toward Jerusalem — the Good Samaritan, the Lord's prayer, warnings about riches and worry — and heard Psalm 77's cry: "I will remember the deeds of the

LORD.”

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will name the good life God’s law describes, admit where we fall short of it, and see Jesus as the Neighbor who lived it for us.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Deuteronomy 30:19 (“choose life”) and Luke 10:33 (“moved with compassion”) aloud, side by side.
- Ask: “If God’s law is the road map, why do we keep getting lost?” (Let them wonder — you’ll answer it by the end.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. The map

God laid out the road plainly: obey and be blessed, turn away and be broken (Deuteronomy 28). “Choose life,” Moses pleads in Deuteronomy 30:19, “that you and your offspring may live.” The map is good. The map is clear. The map has never been the problem.

2. The stumble

Jesus kept meeting people who knew the map and missed the road — Pharisees clean on the outside, the rich fool in Luke 12 storing up barns while his soul went empty. Psalm 78 says Israel “forgot his doings” again and again. We know the feeling.

3. The Neighbor

Then Jesus tells of a Samaritan who stopped, stooped, and paid — everything the law commanded, done by the last person anyone expected. “Go and do likewise,” Jesus says (Luke 10:37). And the deeper news: before we ever do likewise, Jesus has done it for us — He is the Neighbor who found us on the roadside.

Talk it over (10 min)

- Deuteronomy 30:19 says “choose life.” What is one daily choice where the good road and the easy road split for you?

- The Samaritan was “moved with compassion” (Luke 10:33). Who is one person on your road this week who needs a neighbor?
- Psalm 77:11 says “I will remember the deeds of the LORD.” What deed of His do you need to remember right now?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. On one side write a “road map” choice you’re facing this week; on the other, write Luke 10:33’s words: “moved with compassion.” Carry it in a pocket or purse — every time you touch it, pray: “Lord, make me a neighbor today.”

Close (3 min)

Pray thanks for the clear map, honestly about the stumbles, and praise for the Neighbor who stopped for us. Preview: next week (Days 99–105) — Moses dies, Joshua leads the conquest of Canaan, and Jesus tells of a lost son, a great banquet, and a rich man in torment (Deuteronomy 33–Joshua 12, Luke 13–17).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Luke 10:33 — *“But a certain Samaritan, as he traveled, came where he was. When he saw him, he was moved with compassion,”*

Suggested title: *The Neighbor on the Road*

Big idea: God’s law shows us the good life we cannot live on our own — and Jesus shows us the Neighbor who lived it for us.

Introduction

Everybody knows they should be a good neighbor. But the lawyer who questioned Jesus knew the law better than anyone in the room — and still asked, “Who is my neighbor?” This morning we walk the Jericho road with the congregation’s own readings from Day 93. A question, a map, and a surprise.

I. The question **(Luke 10:25–29)**

- “What shall I do to inherit eternal life?” — the right question, asked to justify himself (10:29).

- “Who is my neighbor?” — he wanted a smaller map, fewer people to love.
- Illustration from the week: the congregation read Deuteronomy 28’s blessings on Day 95 — the lawyer wanted the blessings with a loophole.

II. The passersby (Luke 10:30–32)

- The priest and the Levite saw him and passed by — religion that keeps its distance.
- Knowing the road and walking it are two different things; the map never saved anyone.
- Illustration from the week: Day 97’s rich fool (Luke 12:16–21) — full barns, empty soul; the same religion of self.

III. The choice behind the story (Deuteronomy 30:19–20)

- “Choose life... that you may love the LORD your God” — the law’s whole aim was a loving heart.
- The lawyer’s question exposed what Deuteronomy 30 already knew: we need a new heart, not a new rule.
- Illustration from the week: the congregation read “choose life” on Day 96 — Moses begging Israel as Jesus now begs the lawyer.

IV. The Samaritan (Luke 10:33–37)

- “Moved with compassion” — the same gut-feeling word the Gospels use of Jesus Himself.
- He stooped, he bandaged, he paid, he promised to return — a walking picture of what Jesus does for us.
- Illustration from the week: “Go and do likewise” (10:37) — the congregation read it on Day 93; the command only makes sense after the compassion.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

Here is the deeper reading of the parable: we are the man on the roadside, beaten and left for dead. Religion passed us by. Then Jesus — the true Neighbor — came down our road, bound our wounds, paid our debt, and said, “I will return.” That is the gospel in one story.

Closing call

Come to the Neighbor before you try to be one. If you have never let Jesus stop for you, let Him stop today. And this week, go and do likewise — one act of neighbor-love, on purpose.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

Thirty minutes on one road: the map, the stumble, and the Neighbor who stopped for us.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- What "choose life" moment did the readings put in front of you this week?
- Who is the neighbor on your road right now — and what is one small mercy you can show them?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Luke 10:33–34** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In pairs: tell the whole week — Deuteronomy's farewell and Jesus' road — in one sentence each. Then share your sentences with the group.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry question: "What is one neighbor-act I will do this week, on purpose?" Pray for each other by name — and for the neighbors each of you will pass on the road.

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Week 15 Teaching Kit

Days 99–105 • Sunday school plan • Sermon outline • Roundup with Jesus group guide

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

We all run from the Father; the Father runs to us — and in Jesus He ran all the way down.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 99:** Deuteronomy 33:■–■9 | Luke 13:■–■1 | Psalm 78:6■–■2 | Proverbs 12:25
- **Day 100:** Deuteronomy 34:■–■2 | Joshua 1:■–■:24 | Luke 13:2■–■4:6 | Psalm 79:■–■3 | Proverbs 12:26
- **Day 101:** Joshua 3:■–■:24 | Luke 14:■–■5 | Psalm 80:■–■9 | Proverbs 12:2■–■8
- **Day 102:** Joshua 5:■–■:15 | Luke 15:■–■2 | Psalm 81:■–■6 | Proverbs 13:1
- **Day 103:** Joshua 7:1■–■:2 | Luke 16:■–■8 | Psalm 82:■–■ | Proverbs 13:■–■
- **Day 104:** Joshua 9:■–■0:43 | Luke 16:1■–■7:10 | Psalm 83:■–■8 | Proverbs 13:4
- **Day 105:** Joshua 11:■–■2:24 | Luke 17:1■–■7 | Psalm 84:■–■2 | Proverbs 13:■–■

The arc of the week: Moses died on the mountain and Joshua took up the promise (Deuteronomy 33–34, Joshua 1–12): the Jordan parted, Jericho fell, the land was won. And in Luke the congregation heard Jesus' greatest stories — the lost son, the great banquet, the rich man and Lazarus — while Psalm 84 sang, "How lovely

are your dwellings.”

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will trace the conquest of Canaan and the parables of the lost, and find the Father’s running welcome at the center of both.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Joshua 1:9 (“be strong and courageous”) and Luke 15:20 (“his father saw him... and ran”) aloud, side by side.
- Ask: “What makes someone brave enough to start over?” (Let them wonder — you’ll answer it by the end.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. The new leader

Moses, the greatest leader Israel ever knew, died on the mountain looking at the land (Deuteronomy 34). But God’s promise didn’t die with him — “as I was with Moses, so I will be with you” (Joshua 1:5). New leader, same promise, same God.

2. The walls that fell

Jericho’s walls fell to trumpets and a shout — not to Israel’s strength (Joshua 6). But one man’s hidden sin at Ai (Joshua 7) stopped the whole army. God wins the battles; our hidden sin loses them. Confess it early, confess it fast.

3. The father who ran

The lost son rehearsed his apology; the father never let him finish it — he ran, he embraced, he threw a party (Luke 15:20–24). Then the older brother stood outside, angry at grace. Which brother are you this week? The Father is running toward both.

Talk it over (10 min)

- Joshua 1:9 says “be strong and courageous.” Where do you need courage to start something new right now?
- Achan’s hidden sin (Joshua 7) hurt everyone. Is there something hidden you need to bring into the light?

- The father ran to the younger son and went out to the older one (Luke 15:20, 28). Which one feels more like you today?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Draw a simple road with two ends: “far country” on one end, “the Father’s house” on the other. Mark where you are today with an X. Then write Luke 15:20’s “and ran” under the X — the Father is already running toward you. Tape it where you’ll see it this week.

Close (3 min)

Pray thanks for the promise that outlives every leader, honestly about the far countries we’ve wandered to, and praise for the running Father. Preview: next week (Days 106–112) — the land divided, Joshua’s farewell “choose whom you will serve,” and Jesus welcomes Zacchaeus and the widow’s mite (Joshua 13–24, Luke 18–21).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Luke 15:20 — *““He arose, and came to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him, and was moved with compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.”*

Suggested title: *The Father Who Ran*

Big idea: No one has wandered too far for the Father — He is already running, and in Jesus He ran all the way to the cross.

Introduction

Everybody loves a comeback story. But the congregation read the greatest one ever told on Day 102 — and it’s not really about the son who came home. It’s about the father who ran. Four scenes from the week: the far country, the pigpen, the road, and the older brother’s porch.

I. The far country **(Luke 15:11–16)**

- He demanded his share, wasted it, and ended up feeding pigs — rebellion always spends more than it planned.

- The far country promises freedom and delivers a pigpen; every time.
- Illustration from the week: Achan's buried treasure in Joshua 7 — hidden sin in the camp brought defeat at Ai, just as hidden sin stalls us.

II. Coming to himself (Luke 15:17–19)

- "I will get up and go to my father" — repentance is a direction before it's a speech.
- He rehearsed an apology; he didn't yet know the Father's heart.
- Illustration from the week: the Gibeonites in Joshua 9 came honestly and lived — God honors the honest approach.

III. The running father (Luke 15:20–24)

- "While he was still far off" — the Father saw him first; grace starts before we arrive.
- He ran — undignified, unheard-of for a patriarch — then robe, ring, sandals, and a feast: full restoration, no probation.
- Illustration from the week: Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground in Joshua 3–4 — God makes a way through what we cannot cross.

IV. The older brother (Luke 15:25–32)

- He was lost at home — obedient on the outside, angry at grace on the inside.
- "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours" — the Father goes out to him too.
- Illustration from the week: Jericho's walls fell in Joshua 6 — God does what we cannot; the older brother trusted his own record instead.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

The parable ends with a question hanging in the air: will the older brother come in? The Father is still running — toward the far country and toward the front porch. And in Jesus, the Father didn't just run down the road; He ran all the way to a cross, so no wanderer and no elder brother is ever beyond His reach.

Closing call

Come home. Whether you're in the pigpen or on the porch, the Father sees you and He's running. If you've never come — or you need to come back — come today. The feast is already prepared.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

Thirty minutes on the greatest homecoming ever told — and the Father who is still running.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- What "far country" did the readings remind you of — in the world, or in your own heart?
- The Father went out to both sons. Who in your life needs you to go out to them this week?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Luke 15:20–24** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In groups of three: retell the whole week — Moses' farewell, the conquest, and the lost son — in two sentences. Each group shares.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry question: "Am I the younger brother, the older brother, or both this week — and what is my first step home?" Pray for each other by name, and for the wanderers each of you loves.

Next week’s kit: **Week 16 (Days 106–112)** — God gave His people a home and asked for their hearts — and Jesus is the home our hearts were made for. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

God gave His people a home and asked for their hearts — and Jesus is the home our hearts were made for.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 106:** Joshua 13:■–■4:15 | Luke 18:■–■7 | Psalm 85:■–■3 | Proverbs 13:■–■
- **Day 107:** Joshua 15:■–■3 | Luke 18:1■–■3 | Psalm 86:■–■7 | Proverbs 13:■–■0
- **Day 108:** Joshua 16:■–■8:28 | Luke 19:■–■7 | Psalm 87:■–■ | Proverbs 13:11
- **Day 109:** Joshua 19:■–■0:9 | Luke 19:2■–■8 | Psalm 88:■–■8 | Proverbs 13:1■–■4
- **Day 110:** Joshua 21:■–■2:20 | Luke 20:■–■6 | Psalm 89:■–■3 | Proverbs 13:1■–■6
- **Day 111:** Joshua 22:2■–■3:16 | Luke 20:2■–■7 | Psalm 89:1■–■7 | Proverbs 13:1■–■9
- **Day 112:** Joshua 24:■–■3 | Luke 21:■–■8 | Psalm 89:3■–■2 | Proverbs 13:2■–■3

The arc of the week: The land was divided tribe by tribe and Joshua gave his farewell: “Choose for yourselves today whom you will serve” (Joshua 13–24). In Luke, the congregation met the rich young ruler who walked away sad and Zacchaeus who climbed a tree to see Jesus — and heard Psalm 89 sing of God’s

covenant that never breaks.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will face Joshua's great choice, watch two men choose in Luke, and see Jesus as the treasure worth choosing.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Joshua 24:15 ("as for me and my house") and Luke 19:10 ("the Son of Man came to seek and to save") aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "What is the hardest thing you have ever had to choose between?" (Let them wonder — you'll answer it by the end.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. The home secured

Tribe by tribe the land was divided — every family got its inheritance, and God even built mercy into the map with cities of refuge (Joshua 20) for the one who killed by accident. God gives His people a home before He asks for their hearts.

2. The choice commanded

Joshua rehearses the whole story — from Abraham to the Jordan — then lays it down: "Choose for yourselves today whom you will serve" (Joshua 24:15). Not someday. Today. Indecision is a decision.

3. The two choosers

The rich young ruler had everything and walked away sad — his riches chose him (Luke 18:23). Zacchaeus climbed a tree, welcomed Jesus joyfully, and gave half his goods to the poor — Jesus chose him, and he chose back. "Today salvation has come to this house" (Luke 19:9).

Talk it over (10 min)

- Joshua said "choose today." What is one choice you have been putting off that you need to make today?
- The ruler went away sad (Luke 18:23); Zacchaeus received Jesus joyfully (Luke 19:6). What made the difference?

- Proverbs 13:7 says some pretend to be rich yet have nothing. What is true riches, in Jesus' terms?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Write "AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE" at the top, then each person writes (or draws) one thing their house will choose this week — prayer at dinner, forgiving someone, giving something away. Take it home and put it on the fridge.

Close (3 min)

Pray the choice aloud together: "As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." Preview: next week (Days 113–119) — the sad cycle of the judges, and Jesus' last supper, cross, and resurrection (Judges 1–10, Luke 21–24).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Joshua 24:15 — *"If it seems evil to you to serve Yahweh, choose today whom you will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve Yahweh.""*

Suggested title: *Choose Today*

Big idea: God has given us everything and asks for one thing — our hearts, today — and Jesus is the treasure that makes the choice worth it.

Introduction

Every day is full of choices, but only one choice decides all the others. The congregation read Joshua's farewell on Day 112 — the most famous choice-speech in the Bible — and on Day 107 they watched a rich young man fail the very test. This morning: the inheritance, the choice, and the two men who faced it.

I. The inheritance **(Joshua 13:1–14:5; 20:1–9)**

- God divided the land before He demanded the choice — grace first, then obedience.

- Cities of refuge (Joshua 20): mercy was built into the map — God always provides a way back.
- Illustration from the week: the congregation read the whole land division, Days 106–109 — every tribe, every family, nobody forgotten.

II. The choice (Joshua 24:1–15)

- Joshua rehearses the story — “I took your father Abraham... I gave you a land” — then: choose.
- “Choose for yourselves TODAY” — not when it’s convenient; delay is a decision.
- Illustration from the week: Day 112’s farewell speech — Joshua’s last words to people he loved; last words are never small talk.

III. The ruler who walked away (Luke 18:18–25)

- He kept the commandments from his youth — and still went away sad; goodness wasn’t enough.
- “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter God’s Kingdom!” (18:24) — his treasure chose him.
- Illustration from the week: the congregation watched him walk away on Day 107 — the saddest “no” in the Gospels.

IV. The climber who came down (Luke 19:1–10)

- Zacchaeus couldn’t see over the crowd, so he climbed — longing beats dignity.
- “Today salvation has come to this house” (19:9) — the same word “today” as Joshua’s “today.”
- Illustration from the week: Day 108’s tree — Jesus looked UP at the chief tax collector and invited Himself to dinner; grace always moves first.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

Here is the wonder: “Joshua” and “Jesus” are the same name. The first Joshua gave Israel a land and asked for their choice; the greater Joshua gives us Himself and makes the choice possible. He chose the cross so that choosing Him would be the easiest hard thing we ever do — and the richest.

Closing call

Choose today. Not tomorrow, not when life settles — today. If you have never chosen Jesus, choose Him now. If you chose Him long ago, choose Him again, out loud, with your house.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

Thirty minutes on the biggest choice there is — and the treasure that makes it worth making.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- What is competing with Jesus for first place in your life right now?
- Zacchaeus gave half his goods away with joy. What is one generous "today" choice you can make this week?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Joshua 24:15** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In pairs: put the whole week — the divided land, Joshua's farewell, the ruler, and Zacchaeus — into one sentence. Share your sentences.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry question: "What is my 'today' choice — the one I've been putting off?" Pray for each other by name, that each would choose and keep choosing.

Next week’s kit: **Week 17 (Days 113–119)** — Every rescue in the old stories was a rehearsal — the real Rescue died on Friday and walked out on Sunday. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

Every rescue in the old stories was a rehearsal — the real Rescue died on Friday and walked out on Sunday.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 113:** Judges 1:■–■:9 | Luke 21:2■–■2:13 | Psalm 90:■–■1:16 | Proverbs 13:2■–■5
- **Day 114:** Judges 2:1■–■:31 | Luke 22:1■–■4 | Psalm 92:■–■3:5 | Proverbs 14:■–■
- **Day 115:** Judges 4:■–■:31 | Luke 22:3■–■3 | Psalm 94:■–■3 | Proverbs 14:■–■
- **Day 116:** Judges 6:■–■0 | Luke 22:5■–■3:12 | Psalm 95:■–■6:13 | Proverbs 14:■–■
- **Day 117:** Judges 7:■–■:17 | Luke 23:1■–■3 | Psalm 97:■–■8:9 | Proverbs 14:■–■
- **Day 118:** Judges 8:1■–■:21 | Luke 23:4■–■4:12 | Psalm 99:■–■ | Proverbs 14:■–■0
- **Day 119:** Judges 9:2■–■0:18 | Luke 24:1■–■3 | Psalm 100:■–■ | Proverbs 14:1■–■2

The arc of the week: Israel fell into the judges' sad cycle — sin, oppression, crying out, a deliverer — through Deborah and Gideon (Judges 1–10). And in Luke the congregation walked the whole Passion: the last supper, the cross, the empty tomb, and the stranger on the Emmaus road — while Psalm 100 shouted, "Shout

joyfully to Yahweh, all you lands!”

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will trace the judges’ cycle of failed rescues and see Jesus’ death and resurrection as the rescue every story was pointing to.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Judges 2:16 (“Yahweh raised up judges, who saved them”) and Luke 24:6 (“He is not here, but is risen”) aloud, side by side.
- Ask: “Why do the same problems keep coming back — in the Bible, and in us?” (Let them wonder — you’ll answer it by the end.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. The cycle

Again and again: Israel did evil, enemies oppressed them, they cried out, God raised a judge — and the moment the judge died, they went right back (Judges 2:11–19). The problem was never the lack of a leader. The problem was the heart.

2. The unlikely rescuers

Deborah, a prophetess, led the victory song (Judges 5). Gideon started with 32,000 men and God shrank his army to 300 — “lest Israel say, my own hand has saved me” (Judges 7:2). God saves His way: through the weak, so He gets the glory.

3. The real Rescue

The judges saved Israel for a lifetime; Jesus saves forever. He died on Friday — “Father, forgive them” (Luke 23:34) — and walked out on Sunday. The tomb is empty, and every old rescue was a rehearsal for this one.

Talk it over (10 min)

- The judges’ cycle repeated for generations (Judges 2:19). What cycle do you see repeating in your own life?
- God cut Gideon’s army to 300 (Judges 7:7). Why does God love to work through weakness?

- The women at the tomb “remembered his words” (Luke 24:8). What word of Jesus do you need to remember this week?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Draw a circle and divide it into four: SIN — CRY — RESCUE — REPEAT (the judges’ cycle). Then draw a cross breaking the circle open, and write “He is risen” across it. Jesus breaks every cycle. Keep it where you’ll see it.

Close (3 min)

Pray thanks for the empty tomb, honestly about the cycles we can’t break ourselves, and praise that the real Rescue came. Preview: next week (Days 120–126) — Samson, Ruth’s loyalty and the kinsman-redeemer, and John begins: the Word became flesh (Judges 11–Ruth 4, John 1–4).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Luke 24:27 — *“Beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, he explained to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.”*

Suggested title: *The Stranger on the Road*

Big idea: The whole Bible — judges, songs, and all — was always about Jesus, and the risen Christ still opens the Scriptures to burning hearts today.

Introduction

Two disciples walked home broken-hearted on Sunday afternoon, and a stranger joined them. The congregation read this story on Day 119 — the Emmaus road — and it’s the key to the whole Bible. This morning: the cycle that couldn’t save, the cross that could, and the stranger who explained it all.

I. Saviors who couldn’t save **(Judges 2:16–19)**

- God raised up judges — and every rescue expired when the rescuer died.
- The cycle proves the diagnosis: the problem isn’t circumstances, it’s the heart.

- Illustration from the week: the congregation read the whole sad loop on Day 114 — sin, oppression, crying out, rescue, repeat.

II. The Savior who died (Luke 23:33–46)

- Every judge fought Israel's enemies; Jesus fought ours — sin and death — by dying.
- "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing" (23:34) — mercy from the middle of murder.
- Illustration from the week: Days 116–117 walked the congregation to the cross itself — the darkest Friday in history.

III. The tomb that couldn't hold Him (Luke 24:1–12)

- "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen" (24:5–6).
- The women remembered His words (24:8) — resurrection turns memory into faith.
- Illustration from the week: Day 118's empty tomb — the stone rolled away before anyone arrived; God doesn't need our help with resurrection.

IV. The Scriptures He opened (Luke 24:25–32)

- "Beginning from Moses and from all the prophets" — Jesus showed that every story was about Him.
- "Didn't our hearts burn within us?" (24:32) — the Word still does this to honest hearts.
- Illustration from the week: Day 119's Emmaus road — the congregation's whole year of readings, explained by Jesus Himself in one walk.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

This is why the ministry is called "It All Points to Jesus" — because Jesus said so, on the road to Emmaus. The judges pointed to Him. The psalms pointed to Him. Your week's readings pointed to Him. And the risen Christ still walks beside confused disciples, opens the Scriptures, and makes hearts burn.

Closing call

Come to the table the way the disciples did — confused, honest, hungry — and let Him open the Word to you. If your heart has never burned, ask Him to walk with you today. He will.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

Thirty minutes on the Emmaus road — the cycle that couldn't save, and the Stranger who explained everything.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- Which part of the judges' cycle — sin, oppression, crying out, rescue — feels most like your life right now?
- "Didn't our hearts burn within us?" (Luke 24:32) — when has God's Word done that to you?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Luke 24:30–32** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In groups of three: tell the week's whole story — judges to Emmaus — as if to someone who never read it, in three sentences. Share.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry question: "What cycle in my life needs the risen Jesus to break it — and what is my first honest step?" Pray for each other by name, and for the ones still walking their Emmaus road.

Next week’s kit: **Week 18 (Days 120–126)** — When everyone did what was right in their own eyes, God was writing a love story about a Redeemer — and His name is Jesus. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

When everyone did what was right in their own eyes, God was writing a love story about a Redeemer — and His name is Jesus.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 120:** Judges 11:■–■2:15 | John 1:■–■8 | Psalm 101:■–■ | Proverbs 14:1■–■4
- **Day 121:** Judges 13:■–■4:20 | John 1:2■–■1 | Psalm 102:■–■8 | Proverbs 14:1■–■6
- **Day 122:** Judges 15:■–■6:31 | John 2:■–■5 | Psalm 103:■–■2 | Proverbs 14:1■–■9
- **Day 123:** Judges 17:■–■8:31 | John 3:■–■1 | Psalm 104:■–■3 | Proverbs 14:2■–■1
- **Day 124:** Judges 19:■–■0:48 | John 3:2■–■:3 | Psalm 104:2■–■5 | Proverbs 14:2■–■4
- **Day 125:** Judges 21:■–■5 | Ruth 1:■–■2 | John 4:■–■2 | Psalm 105:■–■5 | Proverbs 14:25
- **Day 126:** Ruth 2:■–■:22 | John 4:4■–■4 | Psalm 105:1■–■6 | Proverbs 14:2■–■7

The arc of the week: The judges' book ended in chaos — "everyone did that which was right in his own eyes" (Judges 11–21) — but tucked inside the darkness was Ruth: loyalty, gleaning, and a kinsman-redeemer. And John opened with glory: the Word became flesh, "Behold, the Lamb of God," and the Samaritan woman at the

well — while Psalm 103 sang, “Bless Yahweh, O my soul.”

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will contrast the chaos of Judges with the loyal love of Ruth, and see Jesus as our Kinsman-Redeemer.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Judges 21:25 (“everyone did that which was right in his own eyes”) and John 1:29 (“Behold, the Lamb of God”) aloud, side by side.
- Ask: “What does a redeemer do that a hero can’t?” (Let them wonder — you’ll answer it by the end.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. The chaos

The book of Judges ends in the dark — idolatry, civil war, everyone doing right in their own eyes (Judges 21:25). Samson’s strength was wasted on himself (Judges 16). When everyone is their own king, nobody is safe.

2. The loyal love

In the same dark days, a foreign widow clung to her mother-in-law: “Where you go, I will go... your God, my God” (Ruth 1:16). Then she gleaned in a stranger’s field — and the stranger was Boaz, generous and kind. Loyalty like this is what love looks like with its sleeves rolled up.

3. The Redeemer

Boaz paid the full price at the city gate to redeem Ruth — a kinsman-redeemer, family buying back family (Ruth 4:9–10). Their son Obed became the grandfather of David (Ruth 4:17) — and David’s greater Son is Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Boaz paid with money; Jesus paid with His life.

Talk it over (10 min)

- “Everyone did that which was right in his own eyes” (Judges 21:25). Where do you see that spirit today — and in yourself?

- Ruth 1:16 is one of the most loyal sentences ever spoken. Who has shown you that kind of loyalty?
- Boaz redeemed what was lost (Ruth 4:9–10). What has Jesus redeemed in your life?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Write “MY KINSMAN-REDEEMER” at the top, then finish this sentence: “Jesus bought back ___ in my life.” (A relationship, a habit, a hope.) Keep the card in your Bible — every time you see it, thank Him for the price He paid.

Close (3 min)

Pray thanks for the Redeemer, honestly about the chaos we make, and praise that loyal love wins. Preview: next week (Days 127–133) — Hannah’s prayer, Samuel, Israel demands a king, and Jesus the bread of life (1 Samuel 1–14, John 5–7).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: John 1:29 — *“The next day, he saw Jesus coming to him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”*

Suggested title: *The Kinsman Who Paid It All*

Big idea: God tucked a love story inside Israel’s darkest days to show us the Redeemer — Jesus, our Kinsman, who paid the full price for us.

Introduction

Tucked between the chaos of Judges and the crown of David is a love story only four chapters long. The congregation read all of Ruth on Days 125–126 — and it’s really about us. This morning: the chaos, the loyalty, the price at the gate, and the Lamb.

I. The chaos **(Judges 21:25)**

- The darkest sentence in Judges: everyone did right in their own eyes — and it ended in civil war.

- Samson’s wasted strength (Judges 16) is the picture: gifted, chosen, and ruined by self.
- Illustration from the week: the congregation read Judges’ bloody ending on Days 123–125 — the Bible doesn’t hide how bad “my way” gets.

II. The loyal love (Ruth 1:16–17; 2:1–13)

- “Where you go, I will go” — a Moabite widow out-loves all of Israel; loyalty isn’t about blood, it’s about covenant.
- Boaz notices her, protects her, feeds her — grace always notices the gleaners.
- Illustration from the week: Day 125’s field — the congregation watched Ruth glean behind the harvesters; God was arranging a marriage.

III. The price at the gate (Ruth 4:1–10)

- A kinsman-redeemer had to be family, willing, and able to pay — Boaz was all three.
- The nearer kinsman backed out; Boaz stepped up — redemption is never accidental, it’s purchased.
- Illustration from the week: Day 126’s city gate — the sandal, the witnesses, the price paid in public; salvation is never a back-room deal.

IV. The Lamb (John 1:29; 3:16)

- “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” — John the Baptist’s shout on Day 121.
- Boaz paid silver; Jesus paid blood — family buying back family, forever.
- Illustration from the week: Day 123’s Nicodemus — “God so loved the world” — the love story’s ending was always the cross.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

Ruth’s story ends with a baby named Obed — father of Jesse, father of David (Ruth 4:17). The Redeemer’s line runs straight to a manger in Bethlehem. Every kinsman-redeemer in the old stories was a whisper of Jesus: family, willing, able — and He paid it all.

Closing call

Come to your Kinsman-Redeemer. He is family — He became flesh. He is willing — He went to the cross. He is able — He walked out of the tomb. Let Him buy back what you've lost, today.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

Thirty minutes on the love story inside the chaos — and the Kinsman who paid it all.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- Ruth's loyalty (Ruth 1:16) shone in dark days. Where is God calling you to that kind of loyalty?
- Boaz paid the price at the gate (Ruth 4:9). What does it mean to you that Jesus paid your price in public, on a cross?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Ruth 4:13–17** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In pairs: tell Ruth's whole story — and how it points to Jesus — in four sentences. Share with the group.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry question: "What has Jesus redeemed in my life — and who needs to hear that story this week?" Pray for each other by name, and for the ones who still feel unredeemed.

Next week’s kit: **Week 19 (Days 127–133)** — Israel asked for a king and got a disappointment; Jesus offers Himself as the King who feeds every hunger. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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Week 19 Teaching Kit

Days 127–133 • Sunday school plan • Sermon outline • Roundup with Jesus group guide

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

Israel asked for a king and got a disappointment; Jesus offers Himself as the King who feeds every hunger.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 127:** 1 Samuel 1:■–■:21 | John 5:■–■3 | Psalm 105:3■–■5 | Proverbs 14:2■–■9
- **Day 128:** 1 Samuel 2:2■–■:22 | John 5:2■–■7 | Psalm 106:■–■2 | Proverbs 14:3■–■1
- **Day 129:** 1 Samuel 5:■–■:17 | John 6:■–■1 | Psalm 106:1■–■1 | Proverbs 14:3■–■3
- **Day 130:** 1 Samuel 8:■–■:27 | John 6:2■–■2 | Psalm 106:3■–■8 | Proverbs 14:3■–■5
- **Day 131:** 1 Samuel 10:■–■1:15 | John 6:4■–■1 | Psalm 107:■–■3 | Proverbs 15:■–■
- **Day 132:** 1 Samuel 12:■–■3:23 | John 7:■–■0 | Psalm 108:■–■3 | Proverbs 15:4
- **Day 133:** 1 Samuel 14:■–■2 | John 7:3■–■3 | Psalm 109:■–■1 | Proverbs 15:■–■

The arc of the week: Hannah prayed, Samuel listened, and Israel demanded a king like the nations (1 Samuel 1–14). In John, the congregation watched Jesus feed five thousand, walk on water, and say, “I am the bread of life” — while Psalm 107 sang, “Oh that men would praise Yahweh for his loving kindness.”

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will see the hunger behind Israel's demand for a king, and find Jesus as the bread that truly satisfies.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read 1 Samuel 1:15 ("I have poured out my soul before Yahweh") and John 6:35 ("I am the bread of life") aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "What are you hungry for that food can't fix?" (Let them wonder — you'll answer it by the end.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. The empty arms

Hannah had no child and a rival's mockery — so she poured out her soul before the LORD, and God heard (1 Samuel 1). Then her little boy Samuel heard God's voice in the night: "Speak, for your servant hears" (1 Samuel 3:10). God feeds hungry hearts that pray honestly.

2. The wrong king

Israel wanted a king "like all the nations" — and Samuel warned them exactly what a king would take (1 Samuel 8:11–18). They got Saul: tall, impressive, and hollow. We still chase impressive things that leave us empty.

3. The true bread

Jesus fed five thousand with a boy's lunch (John 6:9–13), then said the shocking thing: "I am the bread of life" (6:35). The crowd wanted more bread; He offered Himself. Many walked away (6:66) — but Peter said, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life" (6:68).

Talk it over (10 min)

- Hannah "poured out her soul" (1 Samuel 1:15). When have you prayed that honestly — and what happened?
- Israel wanted a king like the nations (1 Samuel 8:5). What "like everyone else" hunger tempts you?

- Peter said, “To whom would we go?” (John 6:68). What keeps you coming to Jesus when others walk away?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Draw a simple loaf of bread. Inside it, write one hunger only Jesus can fill — loneliness, forgiveness, purpose. Under it write John 6:35: “I am the bread of life.” Put it on the fridge as this week’s reminder of where true fullness comes from.

Close (3 min)

Pray thanks for the Bread of life, honestly about the empty places, and praise that He satisfies. Preview: next week (Days 134–140) — David anointed, Goliath falls, David spares Saul, and Jesus the light, the shepherd, the resurrection (1 Samuel 15–28, John 8–11).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: John 6:35 — *“Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will not be hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.”*

Suggested title: *The Bread That Satisfies*

Big idea: Every hunger in the human heart — for a child, a king, a full belly — is really a hunger for Jesus, the bread of life.

Introduction

Everybody’s hungry for something. The congregation read Hannah’s empty arms on Day 127, Israel’s demand for a king on Day 130, and a hungry crowd of five thousand on Day 129 — three hungers, one answer. This morning: the prayer, the king, the miracle, and the Bread.

I. The hungry prayer **(1 Samuel 1:10–20)**

- Hannah’s arms were empty and her heart was full of grief — so she prayed the most honest prayer in the Bible.
- God heard, Samuel was born, and Hannah sang (1 Samuel 2) — honest prayer is always heard.

- Illustration from the week: Day 127's temple — the congregation watched a weeping woman out-pray the priest who judged her.

II. The king they demanded (1 Samuel 8:4–9)

- "Give us a king like all the nations" — they rejected God to look normal.
- Samuel warned them what kings take (8:11–18); they said "no" anyway — we still trade the true King for impressive substitutes.
- Illustration from the week: Day 130's demand — the congregation heard Israel fire God as king; every idol since is the same vote.

III. The bread multiplied (John 6:5–13)

- Five loaves, two fish, five thousand fed — and twelve baskets left over; Jesus never runs short.
- The crowd tried to make Him king by force (6:15) — they wanted the miracle, not the Master.
- Illustration from the week: Day 129's hillside — the congregation counted the baskets; abundance is Jesus' signature.

IV. The Bread Himself (John 6:35, 66–69)

- "I am the bread of life" — not "I give bread," I AM it; the gift and the Giver are one.
- Many walked away (6:66); Peter stayed: "To whom would we go?" (6:68) — the question every disciple must answer.
- Illustration from the week: Day 131's fork in the road — the congregation watched the crowd thin out; following Jesus has always cost something.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

Hannah got her son. Israel got their king. The crowd got their lunch. But the hunger came back — until Jesus. He doesn't just fill the empty places; He IS the fullness. "He who comes to me will not be hungry" — not might not, will not. That is a promise you can build a life on.

Closing call

Come hungry. Whatever your empty place — come to the Bread of life today. And if you've been feeding on substitutes, lay them down; the table is set, and there's always room.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

Thirty minutes on hunger — the empty arms, the wrong king, and the Bread that satisfies.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- What hunger — old or new — did the readings stir up in you?
- Peter asked, "To whom would we go?" (John 6:68). What is your answer, in your own words?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **John 6:35** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In groups of three: sum up the week — Hannah, the king, the 5,000 — in one sentence that ends with Jesus. Share.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry question: "What substitute have I been feeding on — and what would it look like to feed on Jesus instead this week?" Pray for each other by name, and for the hungry people each of you knows.

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

Kings failed, giants fell, and death itself had to listen — when Jesus calls, the dead come out.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 134:** 1 Samuel 15:■–■6:23 | John 8:■–■0 | Psalm 110:■–■ | Proverbs 15:■–■0
- **Day 135:** 1 Samuel 17:■–■8:4 | John 8:2■–■0 | Psalm 111:■–■0 | Proverbs 15:11
- **Day 136:** 1 Samuel 18:■–■9:24 | John 8:3■–■9 | Psalm 112:■–■0 | Proverbs 15:1■–■4
- **Day 137:** 1 Samuel 20:■–■1:15 | John 9:■–■1 | Psalm 113:■–■14:8 | Proverbs 15:1■–■7
- **Day 138:** 1 Samuel 22:■–■3:29 | John 10:■–■1 | Psalm 115:■–■8 | Proverbs 15:1■–■9
- **Day 139:** 1 Samuel 24:■–■5:44 | John 10:2■–■2 | Psalm 116:■–■9 | Proverbs 15:2■–■1
- **Day 140:** 1 Samuel 26:■–■8:25 | John 11:■–■4 | Psalm 117:■–■ | Proverbs 15:2■–■3

The arc of the week: Saul was rejected, David was anointed, Goliath fell to a shepherd boy, and David twice spared the king who hunted him (1 Samuel 15–28). In John, the congregation heard “I am the light of the world,” met the Good Shepherd, and stood at Lazarus’s tomb — while Psalm 116 sang, “I love Yahweh,

because he listens to my voice.”

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will watch human kings fail and God’s King triumph, from Goliath’s forehead to Lazarus’s tomb.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read 1 Samuel 17:47 (“the battle is Yahweh’s”) and John 11:25 (“I am the resurrection and the life”) aloud, side by side.
- Ask: “What is the biggest ‘giant’ you have ever faced?” (Let them wonder — you’ll answer it by the end.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. The rejected king

Saul spared what God told him to destroy, then built himself a monument. Samuel’s verdict still stings: “To obey is better than sacrifice” (1 Samuel 15:22). God doesn’t want our leftovers dressed up as worship.

2. The shepherd boy

God chose the youngest, the one not even invited to the lineup — and the boy with five smooth stones told the giant, “The battle is Yahweh’s” (17:47). God loves an underdog, because underdogs have to trust Him.

3. The voice at the tomb

David spared Saul in the cave (1 Samuel 24) — mercy in the middle of a manhunt. But the week’s peak is Bethany: Jesus wept (John 11:35), then shouted, “Lazarus, come out!” (11:43) — and the dead man walked out wrapped in grave clothes. Death itself obeys His voice.

Talk it over (10 min)

- “To obey is better than sacrifice” (1 Samuel 15:22). Where might you be offering God substitutes instead of obedience?
- David refused to strike Saul (1 Samuel 24:6). When is it hardest for you to show mercy to someone who wronged you?

- Jesus wept at the tomb before He shouted (John 11:35, 43). What does His weeping tell you about His heart toward your grief?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Write the name of one “giant” you’re facing — fear, debt, illness, a broken relationship. Then write over it in big letters: “THE BATTLE IS YAHWEH’S” (1 Samuel 17:47). Carry it this week; every worry is a reminder to hand the battle back.

Close (3 min)

Pray thanks for the King who wins our battles, honestly about the giants, and praise that death itself listens to Him. Preview: next week (Days 141–147) — David crowned, the ark brought home, the promise of a forever throne, David’s fall, and Jesus the way, the truth, the life (1 Samuel 29–2 Samuel 12, John 11–16).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: John 11:25 — *“Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will still live, even if he dies.”*

Suggested title: *Come Out*

Big idea: The same voice that dropped Goliath and spared Saul now stands at every tomb — including ours — and calls the dead to life.

Introduction

Everybody has a tomb — a dead dream, a dead marriage, a dead hope. The congregation read David’s greatest victory on Day 135 and Jesus’ greatest sign on Day 140 — and they’re the same story. This morning: the rejected king, the shepherd boy, the mercy in the cave, and the voice at the tomb.

I. The rejected king **(1 Samuel 15:22–23)**

- Saul’s partial obedience was full rebellion — “to obey is better than sacrifice.”
- God regretted making Saul king (15:11) — leadership without obedience is just noise.

- Illustration from the week: Day 134’s monument — the congregation watched Saul build a trophy to himself; pride always builds monuments, obedience builds altars.

II. The shepherd boy (1 Samuel 17:40–47)

- Five smooth stones and a sling against nine feet of armor — the math was ridiculous, and that’s the point.
- “The battle is Yahweh’s” (17:47) — David’s theology in five words.
- Illustration from the week: Day 135’s valley — the congregation watched a boy run TOWARD the giant; faith doesn’t tiptoe.

III. The mercy in the cave (1 Samuel 24:10–12)

- David held Saul’s life in his hand and cut only the corner of his robe — then felt guilty about that.
- “Yahweh forbid that I should stretch out my hand against Yahweh’s anointed” (24:6) — mercy toward the merciless.
- Illustration from the week: Day 139’s dark cave — the congregation held its breath; the future king chose mercy over revenge.

IV. The voice at the tomb (John 11:38–44)

- “Take away the stone” (11:39) — Jesus asks us to do the possible; He does the impossible.
- “Lazarus, come out!” (11:43) — the shortest sermon ever preached to a dead man, and it worked.
- Illustration from the week: Day 140’s tomb — the congregation watched grave clothes fall off a walking man; no one who meets Jesus stays wrapped up.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

Goliath fell to a stone. Saul fell to his pride. Lazarus fell to death itself — and got up. Every power in the old stories bows to the voice at the tomb. “I am the resurrection and the life” isn’t a doctrine; it’s a Person standing at your grave, calling your name.

Closing call

Hear Him call. If something in you has died — hope, faith, love — the voice that raised Lazarus is speaking now. Come out. And if you've never answered His call, answer it today: believe, and live.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

Thirty minutes from the valley of Elah to the tomb at Bethany — giants fall, and the dead come out.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- "The battle is Yahweh's" (1 Samuel 17:47) — what battle do you need to hand back to Him?
- Lazarus walked out still wrapped up (John 11:44), and Jesus said, "Free him." What grave clothes is Jesus unwrapping in your life?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **John 11:25–26** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In pairs: compress the week — Saul, David, Goliath, Lazarus — into one sentence about Jesus. Share your sentences.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry question: "What is dead or dying in my life that I need to bring to the voice at the tomb?" Pray for each other by name — and speak life over the dead places.

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

David's throne was promised forever — and it is, because David's greater Son is on it now.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 141:** 1 Samuel 29:■–■1:13 | John 11:5■–■2:19 | Psalm 118:■–■8 | Proverbs 15:2■–■6
- **Day 142:** 2 Samuel 1:■–■:11 | John 12:2■–■0 | Psalm 118:1■–■9 | Proverbs 15:2■–■8
- **Day 143:** 2 Samuel 2:1■–■:39 | John 13:■–■0 | Psalm 119:■–■6 | Proverbs 15:2■–■0
- **Day 144:** 2 Samuel 4:■–■:23 | John 13:3■–■4:14 | Psalm 119:1■–■2 | Proverbs 15:3■–■2
- **Day 145:** 2 Samuel 7:■–■:18 | John 14:1■–■1 | Psalm 119:3■–■8 | Proverbs 15:33
- **Day 146:** 2 Samuel 9:■–■1:27 | John 15:■–■7 | Psalm 119:4■–■4 | Proverbs 16:■–■
- **Day 147:** 2 Samuel 12:■–■1 | John 16:■–■3 | Psalm 119:6■–■0 | Proverbs 16:■–■

The arc of the week: David was crowned, brought the ark home dancing, received the promise of a forever throne — and then fell into sin with Bathsheba (1 Samuel 29–2 Samuel 12). In John, the congregation heard "I am the way, the truth, and the life," the vine and the branches, and "be of good cheer, I have overcome the world"

— while Psalm 118 sang of the stone the builders rejected.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will trace David's rise, promise, and fall, and see Jesus as the forever King David's throne was pointing to.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read 2 Samuel 7:16 ("your throne will be established forever") and John 14:6 ("I am the way, the truth, and the life") aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "What promise are you still waiting on God to keep?" (Let them wonder — you'll answer it by the end.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. The king who danced

David brought the ark home with shouting and trumpets, dancing "with all his might" before the LORD (2 Samuel 6:14). Michal despised him for it — but joy before God is never undignified. Worship with your whole heart, and let the critics watch from the window.

2. The promise at night

David wanted to build God a house; God said, "I'll build YOU a house" — a dynasty, a throne "established forever" (2 Samuel 7:16). The promise was bigger than David: it was about a Son whose kingdom would never end.

3. The king who fell

From the rooftop, one look became adultery, then murder (2 Samuel 11). Nathan's finger pointed: "You are the man!" (12:7). Even the man after God's own heart could fall this far — which is exactly why the forever King had to be someone greater than David.

Talk it over (10 min)

- David danced "with all his might" (2 Samuel 6:14). What holds you back from worshiping that freely?

- God’s promise to David (2 Samuel 7:16) outlasted David’s failures. What does that tell you about God’s faithfulness to you?
- Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6). Why is “the way” better news than “a way”?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Draw a simple throne. On the seat, write one area of your life where you’ve been sitting on the throne instead of Jesus — a decision, a grudge, a worry. Then write under it: “Your throne will be established forever” (2 Samuel 7:16) — His throne, not mine. Give Him the seat this week.

Close (3 min)

Pray thanks for the forever King, honestly about the thrones we’ve clung to, and praise that His kingdom never ends. Preview: next week (Days 148–154) — Absalom’s rebellion, David’s grief, and Jesus’ last prayer, the cross, the empty tomb, and the ascension (2 Samuel 13–21, John 17–Acts 1).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: 2 Samuel 7:16 — *“Your house and your kingdom will be made sure forever before you. Your throne will be established forever.””””*

Suggested title: *A Throne Forever*

Big idea: God promised David a forever throne knowing David wouldn’t last — because the promise was always about Jesus.

Introduction

Everybody wants something that lasts. The congregation read God’s most sweeping promise to David on Day 145 — a throne forever — and then watched David nearly throw it all away on Days 146–147. This morning: the dance, the promise, the fall, and the Son who keeps it.

I. The king who danced **(2 Samuel 6:14–15)**

- The ark came home with shouting and trumpets, and David danced “with all his might” — joy is the right response to God’s presence.

- Michal despised him (6:16) — there is always a window with a critic in it; dance anyway.
- Illustration from the week: Day 144's procession — the congregation watched a king turn a parade into worship; leadership that worships is leadership that lasts.

II. The promise at night (2 Samuel 7:8–16)

- David offered God a house of cedar; God promised David a house of sons — "your throne will be established forever" (7:16).
- God's promises are always bigger than our plans; we build rooms, He builds dynasties.
- Illustration from the week: Day 145's night word — the congregation heard the promise that outgrew David in one sentence.

III. The king who fell (2 Samuel 11:2–4; 12:7)

- One idle afternoon, one look from a roof — adultery, deception, murder; sin never stays small.
- "You are the man!" (12:7) — Nathan's courage is the model: truth spoken in love to power.
- Illustration from the week: Days 146–147's rooftop — the congregation watched the man after God's own heart become a murderer; no one is beyond falling, and no fall is beyond grace.

IV. The Son who reigns (John 12:12–15)

- "Behold, your King is coming" (12:15) — the forever throne arrives on a donkey, not a warhorse.
- The crowd shouted "Hosanna!" (12:13) — the promise to David walks into Jerusalem.
- Illustration from the week: Day 141's palm branches — the congregation watched the promise of 2 Samuel 7 ride into town; every "forever" in the old book lands here.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

David’s throne lasted forty years; the promise lasted forever — because it was never really about David. It was about David’s Son, who never sinned from a rooftop, never needed Nathan’s rebuke, and now reigns where David couldn’t: forever. The forever King has a forever kingdom, and there’s room in it for you.

Closing call

Bow to the forever King. If you’ve been sitting on the throne of your own life, step down — the seat is taken, by Someone better. Come to Jesus today; His kingdom has no end, and neither does His welcome.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

Thirty minutes on the throne that lasts — David’s dance, David’s fall, and the forever King.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week’s Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week’s readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- David’s promise (2 Samuel 7:16) survived David’s failure. What promise of God are you clinging to?
- “I am the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6) — what is one practical way Jesus is “the way” for you this week?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **2 Samuel 7:16** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In groups of three: tell David’s week — crown, dance, promise, fall — in two sentences that end at Jesus. Share.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry question: “What throne in my life — what control, what worry — do I need to hand to the forever King this week?” Pray for each other by name, surrendering the thrones out loud.

Next week’s kit: **Week 22 (Days 148–154)** — David’s house broke beyond his mending — so the Son of David went to a cross and finished what no king could. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

David's house broke beyond his mending — so the Son of David went to a cross and finished what no king could.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 148:** 2 Samuel 13:■–■9 | John 17:■–■6 | Psalm 119:8■–■6 | Proverbs 16:■–■
- **Day 149:** 2 Samuel 14:■–■5:22 | John 18:■–■4 | Psalm 119:9■–■12 | Proverbs 16:■–■
- **Day 150:** 2 Samuel 15:2■–■6:23 | John 18:2■–■9:22 | Psalm 119:11■–■28 | Proverbs 16:1■–■1
- **Day 151:** 2 Samuel 17:■–■9 | John 19:2■–■2 | Psalm 119:12■–■52 | Proverbs 16:1■–■3
- **Day 152:** 2 Samuel 18:■–■9:10 | John 20:■–■1 | Psalm 119:15■–■76 | Proverbs 16:1■–■5
- **Day 153:** 2 Samuel 19:1■–■0:13 | John 21:■–■5 | Psalm 120:■–■ | Proverbs 16:1■–■7
- **Day 154:** 2 Samuel 20:1■–■1:22 | Acts 1:■–■6 | Psalm 121:■–■ | Proverbs 16:18

The arc of the week: Absalom rebelled, David fled weeping, and the king's grief — "O Absalom, my son, my son" — couldn't save his boy (2 Samuel 13–21). In John, the congregation heard Jesus' last prayer, watched the cross, found the tomb empty, and saw Him ascend — while Psalm 119:105 shone: "Your word is a lamp

to my feet.”

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will walk from David’s broken house to Jesus’ finished cross, and rest in the words “It is finished.”

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read 2 Samuel 18:33 (“O Absalom, my son, my son”) and John 19:30 (“It is finished”) aloud, side by side.
- Ask: “What is the difference between grief and hope?” (Let them wonder — you’ll answer it by the end.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. The broken house

David’s own son stole his throne, and the king fled Jerusalem barefoot and weeping. When Absalom died, David cried, “O Absalom, my son, my son!” (18:33) — a father’s grief with no resurrection in it. Sin breaks what even kings can’t mend.

2. The prayer before the pain

The night before the cross, Jesus prayed — for His glory, for His disciples, and “for those who will believe in me through their word” (John 17:20). That’s us. He prayed for you before He died for you.

3. The finished work

On the cross Jesus said, “It is finished!” (John 19:30) — not “I am finished,” IT is: the debt, the curse, the separation. Then the tomb: He is risen. David’s grief had no answer; our grief has an empty tomb.

Talk it over (10 min)

- David’s grief over Absalom (2 Samuel 18:33) had no hope in it. How does the resurrection change the way we grieve?
- Jesus prayed for future believers — for us — in John 17:20. How does it feel to know He had you on His heart before you were born?

- Proverbs 16:18 says “Pride goes before destruction.” Where did pride break something in this week’s readings — Absalom, the chief priests, or us?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Write one thing that feels “unfinished” in your life — a broken relationship, a lingering guilt, a grief. Then write across it in big letters: “IT IS FINISHED” (John 19:30). The cross finished what we cannot. Keep it where you’ll see it this week.

Close (3 min)

Pray thanks for the finished work, honestly about the broken places, and praise for the empty tomb. Preview: next week (Days 155–161) — David’s song, Solomon’s wisdom, the temple built, and the Holy Spirit falls at Pentecost (2 Samuel 22–1 Kings 7, Acts 2–7).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: John 19:30 — *“When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, “It is finished.” He bowed his head, and gave up his spirit.”*

Suggested title: *Finished*

Big idea: David’s house broke beyond his mending — so the Son of David went to a cross and finished what no king, no priest, and no sacrifice ever could.

Introduction

Everybody has something unfinished. The congregation read the saddest cry of a father on Day 152 — “O Absalom, my son, my son” — and the greatest cry of a Son on Day 150 — “It is finished.” This morning: the broken house, the prayer, the cross, and the tomb.

I. The broken house **(2 Samuel 18:31–33)**

- David’s grief was real and bottomless — “O Absalom, my son, my son!” — and it changed nothing.
- Sin breaks families in ways kings can’t fix; David’s house was Exhibit A.

- Illustration from the week: Day 152's gate — the congregation watched a king weep for a rebel son; grief without grace is just grief.

II. The prayer before the pain (John 17:1–5, 20–21)

- "Glorify your Son, that your Son may also glorify you" (17:1) — Jesus walked into the cross on purpose.
- He prayed for US — "those who will believe in me through their word" (17:20); you were on His heart before you were born.
- Illustration from the week: Day 148's upper room — the congregation overheard Jesus praying for them; no one is an afterthought to Him.

III. The cross (John 19:16–30)

- "It is finished!" (19:30) — the debt paid, the curse broken, the way opened; a cry of victory, not defeat.
- Even dying, He cared: "Woman, behold your son" (19:26) — love doesn't stop at the cross, it flows from it.
- Illustration from the week: Days 150–151's hill — the congregation stood at the cross; the darkest day in history was God's brightest plan.

IV. The gardener (John 20:1–18)

- Mary thought He was the gardener (20:15) — and in a way she was right: the Gardener of Eden, come back to tend His garden.
- One word — "Mary" (20:16) — and grief turned to joy; He still calls His own by name.
- Illustration from the week: Day 152's empty tomb — the congregation found it empty; David's tomb is occupied, Jesus' is not.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

David wept "O Absalom, my son" over a grave that stayed shut. Jesus cried "It is finished" and walked out of His. Every broken house, every rebel son, every grief in this room has an answer now — not in a king's tears, but in a Savior's finished work. It is finished. Believe it, and rest.

Closing call

Rest in the finished work. Stop trying to pay what He already paid. If you've been carrying unfinished guilt, lay it at the cross today — it is finished. And go tell someone else: the tomb is empty.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

Thirty minutes on the two cries — a father's grief, and a Savior's "It is finished."

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- David's grief (2 Samuel 18:33) had no answer. What grief in your life has the resurrection answered — or needs to?
- "It is finished" (John 19:30) — what unfinished burden do you need to lay down at the cross this week?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **John 19:30** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In pairs: tell the week — rebellion, prayer, cross, tomb — in one sentence that a child could understand. Share.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry question: "What am I still trying to finish that Jesus already finished — and what does resting look like this week?" Pray for each other by name, laying the unfinished things down out loud.

Next week's kit: **Week 23 (Days 155–161)** — David sang of rescue, Solomon built a house of stone — but at Pentecost God built His house out of people, and the door is open. | Tap and

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Week 23 Teaching Kit

Days 155–161 • Sunday school plan • Sermon outline • Roundup with Jesus group guide

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

David sang of rescue, Solomon built a house of stone — but at Pentecost God built His house out of people, and the door is open.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 155:** 2 Samuel 22:■–■3:23 | Acts 2:■–■7 | Psalm 122:■–■ | Proverbs 16:1■–■0
- **Day 156:** 2 Samuel 23:2■–■4:25 | Acts 3:■–■6 | Psalm 123:■–■ | Proverbs 16:2■–■3
- **Day 157:** 1 Kings 1:■–■3 | Acts 4:■–■7 | Psalm 124:■–■ | Proverbs 16:24
- **Day 158:** 1 Kings 2:■–■:2 | Acts 5:■–■2 | Psalm 125:■–■ | Proverbs 16:25
- **Day 159:** 1 Kings 3:■–■:34 | Acts 6:■–■5 | Psalm 126:■–■ | Proverbs 16:2■–■7
- **Day 160:** 1 Kings 5:■–■:38 | Acts 7:■–■9 | Psalm 127:■–■ | Proverbs 16:2■–■0
- **Day 161:** 1 Kings 7:■–■1 | Acts 7:3■–■0 | Psalm 128:■–■ | Proverbs 16:3■–■3

The arc of the week: David sang his song of deliverance, Solomon asked for wisdom and built the temple stone by stone (2 Samuel 22–1 Kings 7). In Acts, the congregation heard the wind and fire of Pentecost, Peter’s sermon, and Stephen’s witness — while Psalm 122 sang, “I was glad when they said to me, Let’s go to Yahweh’s house!”

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will move from David's song to Solomon's temple to the Spirit-filled church, and see themselves as God's house.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read 1 Kings 3:9 ("give your servant an understanding heart") and Acts 2:38 ("Repent, and be baptized... you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit") aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "If you could ask God for one thing, what would it be?" (Let them wonder — you'll answer it by the end.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. The song of the delivered

After years of running from Saul, David sang: "Yahweh is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer" (2 Samuel 22:2). Testimony is just telling what God did — and David's song is the whole Old Testament in one psalm.

2. The wisdom asked

God offered young Solomon anything — and he asked for "an understanding heart to judge your people" (1 Kings 3:9). God loved the ask so much He threw in riches and honor too (3:13). Ask for the right thing, and God adds the rest.

3. The house of people

The Spirit fell with wind and fire, Peter preached, and 3,000 were added in a day (Acts 2:41). Solomon's temple took seven years of stone; God's new temple took one sermon and living stones. "The promise is to you and to your children" (2:39) — that's us.

Talk it over (10 min)

- David's song (2 Samuel 22) is one long "God did it." What is your "God did it" story?
- Solomon asked for wisdom (1 Kings 3:9). What would you ask God for — and what does your answer say about your heart?

- The first church shared everything and “ate their food with gladness” (Acts 2:46). What would that kind of gladness look like in our church?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Draw a simple house. Inside it, write the names of people who are “living stones” in your life — then add one name of someone you’d like to invite into God’s house. Pray for that name every day this week.

Close (3 min)

Pray thanks for the Spirit, honestly about the stones still being shaped, and praise that the door is open. Preview: next week (Days 162–168) — Solomon’s great prayer, the kingdom divides, Elijah on Mount Carmel, and the gospel breaks out to all nations (1 Kings 8–18, Acts 7–11).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Acts 2:39 — *“For the promise is to you, and to your children, and to all who are far off, even as many as the Lord our God will call to himself.””*

Suggested title: *The Promise Is for You*

Big idea: The God who rescued David and gave Solomon wisdom has now poured out His Spirit — and the promise is for you, your children, and everyone far off.

Introduction

Everybody loves an open door. The congregation read David’s song on Day 155, Solomon’s temple rising on Days 160–161, and then — on that same Day 155 — the sound of wind and 3,000 baptisms. This morning: the song, the wisdom, the fire, and the promise.

I. The song of the delivered **(2 Samuel 22:2–4)**

- “Yahweh is my rock” — David’s testimony after decades of caves and battles.
- Testimony isn’t theology class; it’s “here’s what God did for me.”

- Illustration from the week: Day 155's song — the congregation sang David's whole life in one psalm; everyone's story is a verse.

II. The wisdom asked (1 Kings 3:5–14)

- Offered anything, Solomon asked for "an understanding heart" (3:9) — the right ask.
- God gave him what he didn't ask too (3:13) — generosity is God's reflex.
- Illustration from the week: Day 159's dream — the congregation heard God say "Ask!"; what we ask reveals what we love.

III. The Spirit poured (Acts 2:1–4, 14–21)

- Wind, fire, and languages — God announced His new temple the way He announced Sinai.
- "This is what has been spoken by the prophet Joel" (2:16) — Pentecost was promised, not random.
- Illustration from the week: Day 155's upper room — the congregation heard the rush of wind; the same Spirit lives in us.

IV. The promise extended (Acts 2:38–41)

- "Repent... and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (2:38) — the offer is that plain.
- "To all who are far off" (2:39) — two thousand years later, that's still us.
- Illustration from the week: Day 155's 3,000 baptisms — the congregation watched the church born in a day; it's still growing.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

David sang of a rescue. Solomon built a house of stone. But stone can't hold the Spirit — people can. At Pentecost God moved into His people, and the promise came with your name on it: to you, to your children, to all who are far off. The door of God's house is open, and you're invited in.

Closing call

Come into the house. Repent, be baptized, receive the Spirit — the promise is for you, today. And if you're already in, go find someone far off; the promise has their

name on it too.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

Thirty minutes on God's house — a song, a temple of stone, and a temple of people.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- "The promise is to you" (Acts 2:39) — when did that promise become personal for you?
- The first church was glad and generous (Acts 2:46–47). What is one glad, generous thing our group can do this week?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Acts 2:38–39** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In groups of three: tell the week — David's song, Solomon's temple, Pentecost — in two sentences ending with "the promise is for you." Share.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry question: "Who is one 'far off' person I can pray for and invite toward Jesus this week?" Pray for each other by name — and for the far-off ones by name too.

It All Points to Jesus

Week 24 Teaching Kit

Days 162–168 • Sunday school plan • Sermon outline • Roundup with Jesus group guide

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

Altars to everything left Israel empty — the fire fell where one man prayed to the one true God, and it still falls where hearts stop wavering.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 162:** 1 Kings 8:■–■6 | Acts 7:5■–■:13 | Psalm 129:■–■ | Proverbs 17:1
- **Day 163:** 1 Kings 9:■–■0:29 | Acts 8:1■–■0 | Psalm 130:■–■ | Proverbs 17:■–■
- **Day 164:** 1 Kings 11:■–■2:19 | Acts 9:■–■5 | Psalm 131:■–■ | Proverbs 17:■–■
- **Day 165:** 1 Kings 12:2■–■3:34 | Acts 9:2■–■3 | Psalm 132:■–■8 | Proverbs 17:6
- **Day 166:** 1 Kings 14:■–■5:24 | Acts 10:■–■3 | Psalm 133:■–■ | Proverbs 17:■–■
- **Day 167:** 1 Kings 15:2■–■7:24 | Acts 10:2■–■8 | Psalm 134:■–■ | Proverbs 17:■–■1
- **Day 168:** 1 Kings 18:■–■6 | Acts 11:■–■0 | Psalm 135:■–■1 | Proverbs 17:1■–■3

The arc of the week: Solomon dedicated the temple with a great prayer, then his heart turned and the kingdom tore in two (1 Kings 8–18). Elijah stood alone on

Carmel — “Yahweh, he is God!” — while in Acts the gospel broke every boundary: Stephen, Saul’s conversion, Cornelius, and the first Christians at Antioch — and Psalm 130 cried, “Out of the depths I have cried to you, Yahweh.”

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will see the ruin of divided hearts and the triumph of wholehearted faith, from Carmel to the Damascus road.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read 1 Kings 18:21 (“How long will you waver between two opinions?”) and Acts 9:5 (“Who are you, Lord?”) aloud, side by side.
- Ask: “What does a ‘divided heart’ look like?” (Let them wonder — you’ll answer it by the end.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. The prayer and the turn

Solomon’s dedication prayer (1 Kings 8) is one of the Bible’s greatest — “will God indeed dwell on the earth?” (8:27). But his heart turned after other gods (11:4), and the kingdom tore. Great beginnings don’t guarantee faithful endings; only a whole heart does.

2. The fire on Carmel

450 prophets of Baal shouted all day; nothing. Elijah prayed one simple prayer — and fire fell, the people fell on their faces: “Yahweh, he is God!” (18:39). One wholehearted prayer beats a thousand half-hearted rituals.

3. The persecutor turned preacher

Saul was breathing threats when Jesus knocked him flat on the Damascus road: “Who are you, Lord?” (Acts 9:5). The church’s worst enemy became its greatest missionary. No heart is too divided, too hard, or too far for Jesus.

Talk it over (10 min)

- Solomon’s heart “was not perfect with Yahweh” (1 Kings 11:4). What divides your heart these days?

- Elijah asked, “How long will you waver?” (1 Kings 18:21). Where are you wavering — and what would wholeheartedness look like?
- Saul became Paul (Acts 9). Who is the “Saul” in your life that you’ve given up on — and will you pray for them again?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Draw a line down the middle. On the left, write what competes with God for your heart; on the right, write “YAHWEH, HE IS GOD” (1 Kings 18:39). Fold the card so only the right side shows — that’s the prayer: “Lord, make the right side my whole life.” Keep it in your pocket this week.

Close (3 min)

Pray thanks for the fire that still falls, honestly about the wavering, and praise that no Saul is beyond Him. Preview: next week (Days 169–175) — Elijah’s whisper, Naaman washed clean, Peter freed from prison, and Lydia’s opened heart (1 Kings 19–2 Kings 7, Acts 12–16).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: 1 Kings 18:39 — *“When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces. They said, “Yahweh, he is God! Yahweh, he is God!””*

Suggested title: *How Long Will You Waver?*

Big idea: Divided hearts build empty altars — but one wholehearted prayer to the one true God still brings the fire, and Jesus still turns persecutors into preachers.

Introduction

Everybody wavers sometimes. The congregation read Solomon’s tragic turn on Day 164, Elijah’s showdown on Day 168, and Saul’s knockdown on that same Day 164 — three hearts, three directions. This morning: the prayer, the divided heart, the fire, and the persecutor.

I. The prayer at the dedication (1 Kings 8:22–30)

- Solomon’s prayer is stunning — “will God indeed dwell on the earth?” (8:27); he knew the temple couldn’t contain God.

- He prayed for foreigners too (8:41–43) — God's house was always meant for the nations.
- Illustration from the week: Day 162's dedication — the congregation heard the greatest prayer of Solomon's life; pray like that and mean it.

II. The divided heart (1 Kings 11:4–11)

- "His heart was not perfect with Yahweh his God" (11:4) — the wisest man alive slowly drifted.
- A thousand small compromises tore the kingdom; division always starts in the heart before the map.
- Illustration from the week: Day 164's turn — the congregation watched Solomon's glory curdle; giftedness is no guardrail.

III. The fire on Carmel (1 Kings 18:36–39)

- Elijah's prayer was 63 words — no shouting, no theatrics; wholeheartedness beats volume.
- Fire fell, water and all; the people fell on their faces: "Yahweh, he is God!" (18:39).
- Illustration from the week: Day 168's mountain — the congregation watched 450 prophets fail and one prayer succeed; God doesn't need our noise, He wants our hearts.

IV. The persecutor turned preacher (Acts 9:3–6, 15)

- "Who are you, Lord?" (9:5) — the question Carmel asked, now asked on a dirt road.
- "He is a chosen vessel to me" (9:15) — Jesus drafts His enemies; no one is disqualified.
- Illustration from the week: Day 164's Damascus road — the congregation watched the church's terrorist become its theologian; pray for your Saul.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

Carmel and Damascus tell one story: God answers wholehearted prayer with fire, and He answers persecutors with grace. The divided heart gets an empty altar; the surrendered heart gets the flame. And the flame has a name — Jesus, the one true

God, still turning Sauls into Pauls today.

Closing call

Stop wavering. Choose this day whom you will serve — and if you've been running from Him like Saul, hear Him calling your name. Come to Jesus; the fire falls on surrendered hearts, and there's room at the altar for you.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

Thirty minutes on wavering hearts — Solomon's drift, Elijah's fire, and Saul's turnaround.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- "How long will you waver?" (1 Kings 18:21) — where is God asking you for a whole heart?
- Saul's story (Acts 9) proves no one is too far gone. Who is your "Saul," and will you start praying again?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **1 Kings 18:36–39** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In pairs: tell the week — the temple, the torn kingdom, Carmel, Damascus — in two sentences about the heart. Share.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry question: "What is one divided place in my heart — and what is my first wholehearted step this week?" Pray for each other by name, and for the Sauls

each of you knows.

Next week's kit: **Week 25 (Days 169–175)** — God's rescue has always been simpler than our pride wants — dip, believe, be clean — and Jesus is the water that washes us all. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

God's rescue has always been simpler than our pride wants — dip, believe, be clean — and Jesus is the water that washes us all.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 169:** 1 Kings 19:■–■1 | Acts 12:■–■3 | Psalm 136:■–■6 | Proverbs 17:1■–■5
- **Day 170:** 1 Kings 20:■–■1:29 | Acts 12:2■–■3:15 | Psalm 137:■–■ | Proverbs 17:16
- **Day 171:** 1 Kings 22:■–■3 | Acts 13:1■–■1 | Psalm 138:■–■ | Proverbs 17:1■–■8
- **Day 172:** 2 Kings 1:■–■:25 | Acts 13:4■–■4:7 | Psalm 139:■–■4 | Proverbs 17:1■–■1
- **Day 173:** 2 Kings 3:■–■:17 | Acts 14:■–■8 | Psalm 140:■–■3 | Proverbs 17:22
- **Day 174:** 2 Kings 4:1■–■:27 | Acts 15:■–■5 | Psalm 141:■–■0 | Proverbs 17:23
- **Day 175:** 2 Kings 6:■–■:20 | Acts 15:3■–■6:15 | Psalm 142:■–■ | Proverbs 17:2■–■5

The arc of the week: Elijah heard God in a still small voice, Elisha watched him taken up, and Naaman the leper was cleansed by seven dips in the Jordan (1 Kings 19–2 Kings 7). In Acts, Peter walked out of prison past sleeping guards, Paul and Barnabas were sent out, and Lydia's heart was opened — while every verse of

Psalm 136 sang, “for his loving kindness endures forever.”

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will hear God’s whisper, watch Naaman’s pride melt, and receive the simple gospel: believe and be clean.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read 1 Kings 19:12 (“a still small voice”) and Acts 16:14 (“the Lord opened her heart”) aloud, side by side.
- Ask: “Why do we expect God to shout when He loves to whisper?” (Let them wonder — you’ll answer it by the end.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. The whisper, not the wind

Elijah expected God in the wind, the earthquake, the fire — but God was in “a still small voice” (1 Kings 19:12). Then God fed him, let him rest, and gave him his next assignment. Despair meets grace in the quiet.

2. The leper’s pride

Naaman was a great man with a terrible disease — and he nearly missed his healing because dipping in the Jordan seemed too simple. “Wash, and be clean” (2 Kings 5:10) offended his pride. His servants talked sense into him: it’s just washing — do it.

3. The seventh dip

He dipped seven times — and “his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child” (2 Kings 5:14). Simple obedience, total cleansing. Same week, Lydia heard Paul preach and “the Lord opened her heart” (Acts 16:14). God does the opening; we do the dipping.

Talk it over (10 min)

- God spoke in a whisper, not the wind (1 Kings 19:11–12). When has God met you quietly?

- Naaman raged at a simple command (2 Kings 5:11–12). What simple obedience is your pride resisting?
- Psalm 136 repeats “his loving kindness endures forever” 26 times. Why do we need to hear it that many times?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Write “DIP SEVEN TIMES” at the top. Under it, write one simple step of obedience you’ve been avoiding — an apology, a habit to drop, a call to make. Number 1 through 7 beside it; check one off each day this week as you pray over it. Simple, daily, clean.

Close (3 min)

Pray thanks for the whisper and the washing, honestly about the pride, and praise that His kindness endures forever. Preview: next week (Days 176–182) — Jehu’s zeal, the fall of Israel, Hezekiah’s prayer, and Paul in Philippi, Athens, Corinth, and Ephesus (2 Kings 8–19, Acts 16–21).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: 2 Kings 5:14 — *“Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.”*

Suggested title: *Wash and Be Clean*

Big idea: Pride wants a complicated rescue; God offers a simple one — dip, believe, be clean — and Jesus is the cleansing water.

Introduction

Everybody wants the cure to be impressive. The congregation read about a general who almost missed his miracle on Day 174 — because it was too simple. This morning: the whisper, the pride, the seventh dip, and the opened heart.

I. The whisper, not the wind **(1 Kings 19:11–13)**

- Wind, earthquake, fire — God was in none of them; then “a still small voice.”

- Elijah was exhausted and despairing; God gave him food, rest, and a whisper — grace for the burned-out.
- Illustration from the week: Day 169's cave — the congregation listened for God in the noise; He's still in the whisper.

II. The leper's pride (2 Kings 5:9–12)

- Naaman came with horses, chariots, and money — and Elisha didn't even come to the door.
- "Wash, and be clean" (5:10) — the prescription offended him; pride always wants a production.
- Illustration from the week: Day 174's driveway — the congregation watched a great man rage at a simple command; we're all Naaman sometimes.

III. The seventh dip (2 Kings 5:13–14)

- His servants' logic: if he'd asked something hard you'd do it — so just wash.
- Seven dips — obedience before understanding, repetition before results — and "he was clean."
- Illustration from the week: Day 174's Jordan — the congregation counted the dips with him; the sixth dip changed nothing, the seventh changed everything.

IV. The opened heart (Acts 16:13–15)

- Lydia heard Paul by the riverside — and "the Lord opened her heart to listen" (16:14).
- She was baptized, her whole household with her — the whisper opens hearts the wind can't.
- Illustration from the week: Day 175's riverbank — the congregation watched a businesswoman become the first European convert; God opens hearts in ordinary places.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

Naaman wanted drama; God gave him a dip. Lydia wasn't arguing; God opened her heart. The gospel is still that simple: wash in Jesus and be clean. Not seven

dips in a river — one trust in a Savior. His blood cleanses what no Jordan ever could, and His whisper still opens hearts today.

Closing call

Come and be clean. If pride has kept you from the simple step — believing, confessing, being baptized — take it today. Dip. Believe. The water's fine, and the Savior is waiting.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

Thirty minutes on the simple gospel — a whisper, a washing, and an opened heart.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- Naaman's pride nearly cost him his healing (2 Kings 5:11). What simple obedience is pride costing you?
- "The Lord opened her heart" (Acts 16:14) — who are you praying God will open, and what is your part?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **2 Kings 5:14** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In pairs: retell Naaman's story — and what it says about Jesus — in three sentences. Share.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry question: "What is my 'seventh dip' — the simple obedience I've been avoiding?" Pray for each other by name, for the courage to dip.

Next week's kit: **Week 26 (Days 176–182)** — Every altar to an unknown god, every desperate prayer in a besieged city, was reaching for the God who has now made Himself known in Jesus. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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Week 26 Teaching Kit

Days 176–182 • Sunday school plan • Sermon outline • Roundup with Jesus group guide

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

Every altar to an unknown god, every desperate prayer in a besieged city, was reaching for the God who has now made Himself known in Jesus.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 176:** 2 Kings 8:■–■:13 | Acts 16:1■–■0 | Psalm 143:■–■2 | Proverbs 17:26
- **Day 177:** 2 Kings 9:1■–■0:31 | Acts 17:■–■4 | Psalm 144:■–■5 | Proverbs 17:2■–■8
- **Day 178:** 2 Kings 10:3■–■2:21 | Acts 18:■–■2 | Psalm 145:■–■1 | Proverbs 18:1
- **Day 179:** 2 Kings 13:■–■4:29 | Acts 18:2■–■9:12 | Psalm 146:■–■0 | Proverbs 18:■–■
- **Day 180:** 2 Kings 15:■–■6:20 | Acts 19:1■–■1 | Psalm 147:■–■0 | Proverbs 18:■–■
- **Day 181:** 2 Kings 17:■–■8:12 | Acts 20:■–■8 | Psalm 148:■–■4 | Proverbs 18:■–■
- **Day 182:** 2 Kings 18:1■–■9:37 | Acts 21:■–■7 | Psalm 149:■–■ | Proverbs 18:8

The arc of the week: Jehu’s zeal purged Baal, Israel fell to Assyria, and Hezekiah spread Sennacherib’s letter before the LORD and watched God answer (2 Kings

8–19). In Acts, Paul sang in a Philippian jail, preached the unknown God in Athens, and wept farewell at Ephesus — while Psalm 148 called all creation to praise.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will see desperate prayers answered and unknown gods exposed, and meet Jesus as the God made known.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read 2 Kings 19:19 (“that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you, Yahweh, are God alone”) and Acts 17:23 (“what you worship in ignorance, this I announce to you”) aloud, side by side.
- Ask: “What are people around us worshiping without knowing it?” (Let them wonder — you’ll answer it by the end.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. The prayer of a cornered king

Sennacherib’s army surrounded Jerusalem and mocked God. Hezekiah took the threatening letter into the temple and spread it out before the LORD (2 Kings 19:14) — the best thing to do with bad news is to lay it before God. That night the angel of the LORD struck 185,000 Assyrians (19:35). Prayer is not the last resort; it’s the first weapon.

2. The city full of idols

Paul walked through Athens — “a city full of idols” (Acts 17:16) — and his spirit was provoked. But he didn’t start with anger; he started with their own altar: “TO AN UNKNOWN GOD” (17:23). Meet people where they are, then tell them who He is.

3. The God made known

Paul’s sermon is a masterpiece: God made the world, needs nothing, put eternity in us — and now “commands all men everywhere to repent” (Acts 17:30), because He raised Jesus from the dead (17:31). The unknown God has a name, a face, and an empty tomb.

Talk it over (10 min)

- Hezekiah spread the letter before the LORD (2 Kings 19:14). What “letter” — what bad news — do you need to spread out before Him?
- Athens was “full of idols” (Acts 17:16). What fills our city’s altars today?
- Paul quoted their own poets (Acts 17:28). How can we start gospel conversations where people already are?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Write “TO AN UNKNOWN GOD” at the top. Under it, write the name of one person in your life who doesn’t know Jesus yet — then write one thing you share in common (a hobby, a hurt, a hope) as your starting point. Pray for them daily this week; look for the open door.

Close (3 min)

Pray thanks for the God who answers and reveals Himself, honestly about our own unknown gods, and praise that He is known. Preview: next week (Days 183–189) — Hezekiah’s illness, Josiah’s reforms, the fall of Jerusalem, and Paul on trial before kings (2 Kings 20–1 Chronicles 6, Acts 21–26).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Acts 17:23 — *“For as I passed along, and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.’ What therefore you worship in ignorance, this I announce to you.”*

Suggested title: *The Unknown God, Made Known*

Big idea: Every human heart has an altar to an unknown god — and the God who answered Hezekiah has now announced Himself in Jesus.

Introduction

Everybody worships something. The congregation read Hezekiah’s desperate prayer on Day 182 and Paul’s brilliant sermon on Day 177 — a king who knew his God and a city that didn’t. This morning: the letter, the idols, the sermon, and the Man.

I. The prayer of a cornered king (2 Kings 19:14–19)

- Hezekiah spread Sennacherib's letter before the LORD — take your threats to the throne before you answer them.
- "Save us... that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you are God alone" (19:19) — he prayed for God's glory, not just his skin.
- Illustration from the week: Day 182's temple floor — the congregation watched a king lay bad news before God; the letter never left the temple, but the answer shook an army.

II. The city full of idols (Acts 17:16–23)

- Paul's spirit was "provoked" (17:16) — idolatry should bother us, but provocation must lead to proclamation.
- He found common ground in their own altar: "TO AN UNKNOWN GOD" (17:23) — start where they are.
- Illustration from the week: Day 177's Areopagus — the congregation walked Athens with Paul; our cities have the same altars with new names.

III. The God who needs nothing (Acts 17:24–28)

- He made the world, "doesn't dwell in temples made with hands" (17:24), and "gives to all life and breath" (17:25).
- "In him we live and move and have our being" (17:28) — even their poets knew; truth is truth wherever it's found.
- Illustration from the week: Day 177's sermon — the congregation heard Paul build a bridge from creation to Christ; learn to build bridges, not walls.

IV. The Man He has appointed (Acts 17:30–31)

- "He commands all men everywhere to repent" (17:30) — the unknown God is not vague about this.
- Proof: "he has raised him from the dead" (17:31) — the resurrection is God's receipt.
- Illustration from the week: Day 177's verdict — some mocked, some believed (17:32–34); the same sermon still divides every room, including this one.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

Hezekiah knew the God who answers; Athens didn't know the God they worshiped. But here's the wonder: the God of both is Jesus. The unknown God stepped out of the shadows, took on flesh, died, and rose — so that no one ever has to worship in ignorance again. He is known. He is near. He is calling.

Closing call

Come to the known God. If you've been worshiping at unknown altars — success, comfort, self — turn today; He commands it and He welcomes it. And go tell someone: the God they've been reaching for has a name, and His name is Jesus.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

Thirty minutes on the God who answers desperate prayers and announces Himself to searching cities.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- Hezekiah laid his bad news before God (2 Kings 19:14). What do you need to lay down this week?
- Paul started with common ground (Acts 17:23). Who is one person you share common ground with — and what is your next step toward Jesus with them?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Acts 17:27–28** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In groups of three: sum up the week — the siege, the idols, the sermon — in one sentence about the known God. Share.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry question: “Who is my ‘Athens’ — the person or place where God wants me to announce the unknown God?” Pray for each other by name, and for open doors in Athens.

Next week’s kit: **Week 27 (Days 183–189)** — Kings rise and kingdoms fall, but God has already set His King — Jesus — and no exile can undo it. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

Kings rise and kingdoms fall, but God has already set His King — Jesus — and no exile can undo it.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 183:** 2 Kings 20:■–■2:2 | Acts 21:1■–■6 | Psalm 150:■–■ | Proverbs 18:■–■0
- **Day 184:** 2 Kings 22:■–■3:30 | Acts 21:3■–■2:16 | Psalm 1:■–■ | Proverbs 18:1■–■2
- **Day 185:** 2 Kings 23:3■–■5:30 | Acts 22:1■–■3:10 | Psalm 2:■–■2 | Proverbs 18:13
- **Day 186:** 1 Chronicles 1:■–■:17 | Acts 23:1■–■5 | Psalm 3:■–■ | Proverbs 18:1■–■5
- **Day 187:** 1 Chronicles 2:1■–■:4 | Acts 24:■–■7 | Psalm 4:■–■ | Proverbs 18:1■–■8
- **Day 188:** 1 Chronicles 4:■–■:17 | Acts 25:■–■7 | Psalm 5:■–■2 | Proverbs 18:19
- **Day 189:** 1 Chronicles 5:1■–■:81 | Acts 26:■–■2 | Psalm 6:■–■0 | Proverbs 18:2■–■1

The arc of the week: Judah's last kings fall and Jerusalem goes into exile — then the story rewinds to the family line God preserved, while Paul stands trial before earthly kings pointing to the heavenly one.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will see that human kingdoms fail but God's promised King stands forever.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Psalm 2:7-8 and 2 Kings 23:3 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "Josiah tore his clothes when he heard God's word — what does God's word do to us?" (Let them wonder; you'll come back to it.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. A king who listened

Josiah was only a boy when he became king. When the lost Book of the Law was found and read to him, he tore his clothes — he took God's word seriously. He gathered the people and made a covenant to follow the Lord. God's word still does that work in us today.

2. A kingdom that fell

But the kings after Josiah did evil, and Babylon came. Jerusalem fell, the temple burned, and the people were carried away. Sin has consequences — real ones. Yet even in the exile, God was not finished with His people.

3. A line that survived

Then the story starts over with names — Adam, Seth, Noah, Abraham, Israel, David. Why list names after a disaster? Because the promise travels through a family, and God kept the family. Centuries later Paul stands before King Agrippa and says the promise has come: its name is Jesus.

Talk it over (10 min)

- Josiah responded to God's word with tears and action. What is one way God's word has moved you lately?
- The exile was the consequence of generations of sin. Where do you see small compromises growing into big trouble today?
- Paul told the story of Jesus to kings without fear. Who is one person you could tell about Jesus this week?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Each person writes the name of one person in their family — or their church family — they are praying for. Tape the cards in a long line on the wall: our own family line, the one God is still writing.

Close (3 min)

Pray for the people named on the wall — that each one would know the King who never falls. Preview: next week (Days 190-196) — David is crowned king, the ark comes home with singing, and Paul survives a shipwreck (1 Chronicles 7-21, Acts 27-28, Romans 1-3).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Psalm 2:7-8 — *"I will tell of the decree. Yahweh said to me, "You are my son. Today I have become your father. Ask of me, and I will give the nations for your inheritance, the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession."*

Suggested title: *The King Who Never Falls*

Big idea: Every human throne falls, but God's King — Jesus — reigns forever.

Introduction

Everybody has watched a leader fall — a hero, a president, a pastor. Suggest: this week the congregation watched a whole kingdom fall. But Psalm 2 was written for weeks like this: while thrones shake, God has already settled the matter. He has set His King.

I. A king who trembled at the word **(2 Kings 23:1-3)**

- Josiah hears the lost book read and tears his clothes — the word of God still has that power.
- He doesn't hide the book; he gathers the people and makes a covenant. Revival starts with the word, out loud, together.
- Illustration from the week: the congregation read the whole reform on Day 2. Ask what Josiah's tears stir in them.

II. A kingdom that fell (2 Kings 25:1-12)

- Jerusalem falls, the temple burns, the people are carried away. Sin sends an invoice, and it always comes due.
- Be honest here: nations still fall the same way — one compromise at a time. Name it gently, pastor to people.
- Illustration from the week: Days 1-3 walked the congregation straight through the fall. They felt the weight of it.

III. A line that survived (1 Chronicles 1:1-4)

- Right after the wreckage, the Chronicler lists names — Adam to Noah and beyond. Every name is God saying, 'I'm not done.'
- The promise travels through a family. God kept the family because He keeps His promises.
- Illustration from the week: Days 4-7 were all names. Tell them why the boring chapters are actually the hope chapters.

IV. A King announced to kings (Acts 26:24-29)

- Paul in chains, before King Agrippa: 'I am not mad.' The King has come, and His name is Jesus.
- 'Almost you persuade me to become a Christian.' Almost is not enough — press the decision gently but clearly.
- Illustration from the week: the congregation read Paul's whole defense on Day 7. They heard a prisoner preach to a king.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

Psalm 2 ends with a warning and a blessing: 'Blessed are all those who take refuge in him.' The Son in this psalm is Jesus — the King God set, the King no exile could stop, the King Paul preached in chains. Every fallen throne in this week's readings is an argument for the one throne that stands.

Closing call

The question Agrippa faced is ours today: what will you do with this King? Invite anyone still trusting a throne that will fall — success, politics, self — to take refuge in the King who never falls. Pray it plainly, and let them come.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week we watched a kingdom fall, a family line survive, and a prisoner preach to a king — and it all points to the King who never falls.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- Which king from this week's readings — Hezekiah, Josiah, or one of the failures — do you most want to be like, and why?
- Paul told his Jesus story to kings without fear. What is one sentence of your story you could share this week?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Psalm 2:7-8** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In pairs: say the whole week in one sentence — a fallen kingdom, a surviving line, and a King announced to kings.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry-question: 'Where in my life am I still trusting a throne that will fall instead of the King who won't?' Pray for each other by name — and for courage like Paul's to speak about Jesus.

Next week's kit: **Week 28 (Days 190–196)** — The same God who put David on the throne carried Paul through the shipwreck — and His gospel is power for everyone who believes. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

The same God who put David on the throne carried Paul through the shipwreck — and His gospel is power for everyone who believes.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 190:** 1 Chronicles 7:■–■:40 | Acts 27:■–■0 | Psalm 7:■–■7 | Proverbs 18:22
- **Day 191:** 1 Chronicles 9:■–■0:14 | Acts 27:2■–■4 | Psalm 8:■–■ | Proverbs 18:2■–■4
- **Day 192:** 1 Chronicles 11:■–■2:18 | Acts 28:■–■1 | Psalm 9:■–■2 | Proverbs 19:■–■
- **Day 193:** 1 Chronicles 12:1■–■4:17 | Romans 1:■–■7 | Psalm 9:1■–■0 | Proverbs 19:■–■
- **Day 194:** 1 Chronicles 15:■–■6:36 | Romans 1:1■–■2 | Psalm 10:■–■5 | Proverbs 19:■–■
- **Day 195:** 1 Chronicles 16:3■–■8:17 | Romans 2:■–■4 | Psalm 10:1■–■8 | Proverbs 19:■–■
- **Day 196:** 1 Chronicles 19:■–■1:30 | Romans 2:2■–■:8 | Psalm 11:■–■ | Proverbs 19:1■–■2

The arc of the week: David is crowned and the ark comes home with singing, while Paul is shipwrecked on the way to Rome — and through it all, the gospel keeps moving: it is the power of God.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will trust that God carries His people through every storm to finish His work.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Psalm 8:3-4 and Romans 1:16 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "What is one storm — big or small — you are walking through right now?"

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. A king at last

All Israel gathered and made David king, 'according to the word of the Lord.' Years of running, hiding, and waiting — and God's promise kept, right on time. God's promises keep. Even the slow ones.

2. Joy on the road

David brought the ark of God to Jerusalem with shouting, trumpets, and dancing. Worship wasn't the after-party — it was the journey. God's people sing on the way up, before everything is settled.

3. A shipwreck that saved everyone

Paul was a prisoner on a sinking ship. But God's messenger stood up in the storm and said, 'Take heart — there will be no loss of life among you.' God kept His worker through the storm because the work wasn't finished: Paul had to preach in Rome.

Talk it over (10 min)

- David waited years for the throne. What promise are you still waiting on — and what helps you wait?
- Paul encouraged everyone else on the sinking ship. Who could you encourage in their storm this week?
- Romans 1:16 says the gospel is 'the power of God.' Where have you seen that power at work?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Everyone draws a small boat. On one side of the boat write one storm; on the other side write one promise — 'God carries me.' Keep the card in your Bible this week.

Close (3 min)

Pray for the storms named — that each person would hear 'take heart' from the Lord. Preview: next week (Days 197-203) — David prepares the temple and Solomon builds it, while Paul explains the greater gift: eternal life in Christ Jesus (1 Chronicles 22-29, 2 Chronicles 1-8, Romans 3-8).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Romans 1:16-17 — *“For I am not ashamed of the Good News of Christ, because it is the power of God for salvation for everyone who believes; for the Jew first, and also for the Greek. For in it is revealed God’s righteousness from faith to faith. As it is written, “But the righteous shall live by faith.””*

Suggested title: *Not Ashamed*

Big idea: The gospel is God's power to save — and it is for everyone who believes.

Introduction

Ask who they've ever been embarrassed to be associated with — then turn it: Paul says the opposite about the gospel. Suggest: this week the congregation read about a king crowned, an ark carried home with singing, and a prisoner preaching through a shipwreck. All of it runs on the same power.

I. Power, not advice **(Romans 1:16)**

- The gospel isn't good advice — it's power. Dynamite, not a suggestion. It saves.
- 'For everyone who believes' — Jew first, then Greek. No one is outside the offer.

- Illustration from the week: the congregation read these exact words on Day 4. Ask them to say 'power of God' out loud.

II. Carried through the storm (Acts 27:23-25)

- God's messenger in chains still delivers God's promise: 'Take heart.' The storm couldn't stop the mission.
- Paul's confidence wasn't in the ship — it was in the God he belonged to. 'I belong to God, and I serve him.'
- Illustration from the week: Days 2-3 were the shipwreck. They read Paul preaching courage on a sinking ship.

III. Sing on the way up (1 Chronicles 16:8-11)

- David's psalm as the ark came home: 'Give thanks to Yahweh... Seek his face always.' Worship before the victory is finished.
- Thanksgiving is how God's people travel — singing on the road, not just at the arrival.
- Illustration from the week: Days 5-6 brought the ark up with trumpets. The congregation heard the music.

IV. Crowned with glory (Psalm 8:4-6)

- 'What is man, that you think of him?' Yet God crowned him with glory and honor.
- The psalm points past David to the Son of Man — Jesus — crowned through suffering, reigning forever.
- Illustration from the week: the congregation read Psalm 8 on Day 2. Ask them to step outside one night this week, look up, and say the psalm's question out loud: 'what is man?'

Landing: it all points to Jesus

Romans 1:3-4 tells us who the power is about: God's Son, 'declared to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead.' The gospel is power because Jesus is alive. David's throne pointed to Him; Paul's chains couldn't stop Him; and He is not ashamed to call us His own — so we will not be ashamed of Him.

Closing call

Some of us have been quiet about Jesus — at work, at home, with friends. Today is the day to stop being ashamed. Invite anyone who has never believed to trust the gospel's power right now, and invite believers to name one person they'll speak to this week.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week David took the throne, the ark came home with singing, and Paul preached through a shipwreck — all on the power of the gospel.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- David waited years for God's promise. Paul trusted God in a storm. Which one speaks to where you are right now?
- Paul said 'take heart' to frightened sailors. Who needs to hear 'take heart' from you this week?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Romans 1:16-17** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In pairs: say the whole week in one sentence — a crowned king, a singing procession, a shipwreck, and the gospel's power through it all.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry-question: 'Where have I been ashamed of the gospel, and what is one small brave step I can take this week?' Pray for each other by name — and for the people each of you will speak to.

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

David prepared and Solomon built a house of stone, but no building can hold God — so He gave what we could never earn: eternal life in Christ Jesus.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 197:** 1 Chronicles 22:■–■3:32 | Romans 3:■–■1 | Psalm 12:■–■ | Proverbs 19:1■–■4
- **Day 198:** 1 Chronicles 24:■–■6:11 | Romans 4:■–■2 | Psalm 13:■–■ | Proverbs 19:1■–■6
- **Day 199:** 1 Chronicles 26:1■–■7:34 | Romans 4:1■–■:5 | Psalm 14:■–■ | Proverbs 19:17
- **Day 200:** 1 Chronicles 28:■–■9:30 | Romans 5:■–■1 | Psalm 15:■–■ | Proverbs 19:1■–■9
- **Day 201:** 2 Chronicles 1:■–■:17 | Romans 6:■–■3 | Psalm 16:■–■1 | Proverbs 19:2■–■1
- **Day 202:** 2 Chronicles 4:■–■:11 | Romans 7:■–■3 | Psalm 17:■–■5 | Proverbs 19:2■–■3
- **Day 203:** 2 Chronicles 6:1■–■:10 | Romans 7:1■–■:8 | Psalm 18:■–■5 | Proverbs 19:2■–■5

The arc of the week: A father gathers materials and a son raises the temple, while Paul explains the greater building project: God justifies sinners freely by His grace

through Jesus.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will rest in this: salvation is God's free gift, not our good work.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Psalm 16:11 and Romans 6:23 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "What is the best gift you ever received — and what made it so good?"

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. A father prepares

David couldn't build the temple himself, so he spent his last years gathering everything his son would need — gold, silver, timber, stoneworkers. 'The house must be exceedingly magnificent,' he said. Sometimes our job is to prepare the way for what God will do next.

2. A son builds

Solomon built it, and when he prayed, fire fell and God's glory filled the house. The people bowed with their faces to the ground. It was the most beautiful building Israel ever raised — and still, it was only stone.

3. A gift we could never build

Paul gives the week's biggest sentence: 'The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.' Wages are earned; gifts are given. Nobody can build or earn their way to God — so God gave the way.

Talk it over (10 min)

- David prepared for a temple he would never enter. What is one thing you can prepare for the next generation's faith?
- What is the difference between a wage and a gift — and why does it matter for how we come to God?
- Romans 5:8 says Christ died for us 'while we were yet sinners.' How does that change the way you see yourself?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. On one side write 'WAGES' and one thing you have tried to earn God's love with. On the other side write 'GIFT' and the words 'eternal life in Christ Jesus.' Talk in pairs about the difference, then keep the card.

Close (3 min)

Thank God out loud for the gift — no earning, no wages, just grace. Preview: next week (Days 204-210) — the kingdom splits and kings rise and fall, but nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ (2 Chronicles 8-25, Romans 8-12, Psalms 18-22).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Romans 6:23 — *"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Suggested title: *Wages or Gift*

Big idea: You cannot earn life — but God gives it freely in Christ Jesus.

Introduction

Everybody knows the difference between a paycheck and a present. Suggest: this week the congregation read about the most expensive building project in Israel's history — and then Paul's one-sentence sermon that outshines it all. Wages or gift: which are you living on?

I. All have sinned **(Romans 3:23-24)**

- 'All have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God' — no exceptions, no loopholes, no resume strong enough.
- 'Being justified freely by his grace' — freely means freely. The verdict changes without the defendant paying.
- Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 1. Let the 'all' land before you rush to the grace.

II. While we were still sinners **(Romans 5:8)**

- God didn't wait for us to clean up. 'While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.' The gift came to the unworthy.
- This kills both pride ('I earned it') and despair ('I'm too far gone'). Both are wrong about the gift.
- Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 4. Ask who needed that sentence this week.

III. Who am I? (1 Chronicles 29:14)

- David at the height of giving: 'All things come from you, and of your own have we given you.' Even our giving is His gift first.
- The temple David funded was built with borrowed wealth — everything we 'give' God was His already.
- Illustration from the week: Day 4's reading — David's prayer after the offering. Generosity without pride.

IV. No condemnation (Romans 8:1)

- 'There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.' The courtroom is closed.
- Not 'less condemnation' or 'condemnation later' — none. Now. In Christ.
- Land it personally: somebody here has been condemning themselves for years. The gift says stop. Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 7. Let them hear 'no condemnation' in the same voice as their morning reading.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

The gift has a name: Christ Jesus our Lord. Solomon's temple took seven years and a nation's wealth, and it still couldn't hold God — so God did what no building could do: He came Himself, died for sinners, and rose to give eternal life. Wages earn death. Grace gives life. That's the whole gospel in one verse.

Closing call

Stop trying to earn what can only be received. If you've been living on wages — striving, hiding, hoping you're good enough — come receive the gift today. Pray with anyone ready to stop earning and start receiving, and let the church rejoice

like the people at Solomon's dedication.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week a father prepared, a son built a glorious temple, and Paul announced a greater gift — eternal life, free, in Christ Jesus.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- David gave generously because everything was God's already. What is one thing you hold too tightly?
- What is the difference the 'gift, not wages' truth makes on an ordinary Monday?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Romans 6:23** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In pairs: say the whole week in one sentence — a prepared temple, a built temple, and the free gift no temple could contain.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry-question: 'Where am I still trying to earn God's love instead of receiving it?' Pray for each other by name — with thanksgiving for the gift.

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

Kingdoms split and kings fail, but nothing — nothing — can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 204:** 2 Chronicles 8:1■–■0:19 | Romans 8:■–■5 | Psalm 18:1■–■6 | Proverbs 19:26
- **Day 205:** 2 Chronicles 11:■–■3:22 | Romans 8:2■–■9 | Psalm 18:3■–■0 | Proverbs 19:2■–■9
- **Day 206:** 2 Chronicles 14:■–■6:14 | Romans 9:■–■4 | Psalm 19:■–■4 | Proverbs 20:1
- **Day 207:** 2 Chronicles 17:■–■8:34 | Romans 9:2■–■0:13 | Psalm 20:■–■ | Proverbs 20:■–■
- **Day 208:** 2 Chronicles 19:■–■0:37 | Romans 10:1■–■1:12 | Psalm 21:■–■3 | Proverbs 20:■–■
- **Day 209:** 2 Chronicles 21:■–■3:21 | Romans 11:1■–■6 | Psalm 22:■–■8 | Proverbs 20:7
- **Day 210:** 2 Chronicles 24:■–■5:28 | Romans 12:■–■1 | Psalm 22:1■–■1 | Proverbs 20:■–■0

The arc of the week: The kingdom tears in two and king after king rises and falls, while Paul climbs to the peak: no trouble, no failure, no power can separate us from God's love — and Psalm 22 shows the price Love paid.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will hold onto this: nothing can separate them from God's love in Christ.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Psalm 22:1 and Romans 8:38-39 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "Have you ever felt far from God? What brought you back?"

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. A kingdom split

Rehoboam answered the people harshly — 'my father disciplined you with whips; I will with scorpions' — and ten tribes walked away. One proud answer tore the kingdom in two. Pride still divides: families, churches, nations.

2. A king who prayed

Jehoshaphat faced an army he couldn't beat and prayed the most honest prayer in the Bible: 'We don't know what to do, but our eyes are on you.' God answered: the battle is mine. They marched out singing, and God fought for them.

3. A love that holds

Then Paul's great list: neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither present nor future — nothing 'will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.' Read the 'neithers' slowly. Let each one land.

Talk it over (10 min)

- Rehoboam's pride split a kingdom. Where do you see pride doing damage today — and what is the humble alternative?
- Jehoshaphat said, 'We don't know what to do.' When has not-knowing driven you to God instead of to panic?
- Which of Paul's 'neithers' do you most need to believe this week?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Everyone writes one thing that makes them feel far from God — a failure, a fear, a trouble. Then flip the card and write in big letters:

'CANNOT SEPARATE ME.' Keep it where you'll see it this week.

Close (3 min)

Pray Romans 8:38-39 over each person by name — nothing separating, love holding. Preview: next week (Days 211-217) — exile and return, the Shepherd's psalm, and Paul's message: Christ crucified (2 Chronicles 26-36, Ezra 1-2, Romans 13-1 Corinthians 2).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Romans 8:38-39 — *“For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from God’s love, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

Suggested title: *Nothing Can Separate*

Big idea: No failure, no trouble, no power in heaven or earth can separate you from God's love in Christ Jesus.

Introduction

Everybody has a 'what if' that keeps them up at night — what if I fail, what if they leave, what if it's too late. Suggest: this week the congregation watched a kingdom split and kings fall, one after another. Into that wreckage Paul speaks the strongest sentence in the Bible.

I. If God is for us **(Romans 8:31-34)**

- 'If God is for us, who can be against us?' — the question answers itself.
- Christ died, rose, and now intercedes. The defense attorney never sleeps and never loses.
- Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 2. Ask: who is accusing you that outranks this?

II. The price of the promise **(Psalm 22:1, 16-18)**

- 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' — Jesus cried this from the cross. He was separated so we never will be.
- Pierced hands and feet, divided garments — written a thousand years before, fulfilled at Calvary.
- Illustration from the week: the congregation read the cross psalm on Day 6. They stood at the foot of the cross in their daily reading.

III. The battle is God's (2 Chronicles 20:15)

- Jehoshaphat's choir marched singing into battle — and God fought. Worship is warfare.
- 'Do not be afraid... for the battle is not yours, but God's.' Somebody needs that sentence today.
- Illustration from the week: Day 5's reading. The congregation watched singers lead an army.

IV. Give Him the whole life (Romans 12:1-2)

- The inseparable life is given back wholly: 'present your bodies a living sacrifice.'
- 'Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed' — the world splits kingdoms; God renews minds.
- Close the loop: because nothing can separate us, we can give everything. That's the only sane response. Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 7 — the week's last word is a living sacrifice.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

Here is the gospel in one breath: Jesus was forsaken on the cross — crying Psalm 22 — so that you would never be forsaken. The separation He felt is the reason Romans 8 can promise you'll never feel it from God. Every 'neither' in Paul's list was purchased at Calvary. Nothing can separate you, because Someone was separated for you.

Closing call

Some of us walked in here feeling far from God — failure, fear, or just distance. Hear the word: nothing can separate you from His love in Christ Jesus. Come back

today. Pray with anyone returning, anyone believing for the first time, and let the church sing like Jehoshaphat's choir.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week a kingdom split, kings rose and fell, a choir marched into battle — and Paul announced that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- Jehoshaphat prayed, 'We don't know what to do, but our eyes are on you.' Where do you need to pray that prayer?
- Jesus cried 'why have you forsaken me' so we never would be. How does that change the way you face trouble?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Romans 8:38-39** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In pairs: say the whole week in one sentence — a split kingdom, a singing army, a forsaken Savior, and a love nothing can separate.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry-question: 'What is one "what if" I will hand to God this week instead of carrying it myself?' Pray for each other by name — speaking Romans 8:38-39 over every fear named.

Next week's kit: **Week 31 (Days 211–217)** — Every king failed and the nation went into exile, but the Shepherd never lost His sheep — He brought them home, and His name is Jesus. | Tap and

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

Every king failed and the nation went into exile, but the Shepherd never lost His sheep — He brought them home, and His name is Jesus.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 211:** 2 Chronicles 26:■–■8:27 | Romans 13:■–■4 | Psalm 23:■–■ | Proverbs 20:11
- **Day 212:** 2 Chronicles 29:■–■6 | Romans 14:■–■3 | Psalm 24:■–■0 | Proverbs 20:12
- **Day 213:** 2 Chronicles 30:■–■1:21 | Romans 15:■–■2 | Psalm 25:■–■5 | Proverbs 20:1■–■5
- **Day 214:** 2 Chronicles 32:■–■3:13 | Romans 15:2■–■6:9 | Psalm 25:1■–■2 | Proverbs 20:1■–■8
- **Day 215:** 2 Chronicles 33:1■–■4:33 | Romans 16:1■–■7 | Psalm 26:■–■2 | Proverbs 20:19
- **Day 216:** 2 Chronicles 35:■–■6:23 | 1 Corinthians 1:■–■7 | Psalm 27:■–■ | Proverbs 20:2■–■1
- **Day 217:** Ezra 1:■–■:70 | 1 Corinthians 1:1■–■:5 | Psalm 27:■–■4 | Proverbs 20:2■–■3

The arc of the week: Pride, repentance, reform, and finally exile — then Cyrus opens the door and the exiles come home, while Paul announces the message that

gathers all nations: Christ crucified.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will see that no failure is final with the Shepherd who brings His people home.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Psalm 23:1-3 and Ezra 1:3 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "What does it feel like to come home after being away a long time?"

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. The worst king repented

Manasseh did evil for fifty-five years — the worst king Judah ever had. Then in chains in Babylon, he humbled himself and prayed, and God heard him. If Manasseh wasn't too far gone, nobody is.

2. The door opened

Cyrus, a foreign king who didn't know God, announced: 'The God of heaven has given me all the kingdoms of the earth — go up and rebuild His house.' God can open doors through anyone, anywhere, anytime.

3. The message for all nations

Paul sums up the week's good news: 'We preach Christ crucified.' Not power, not wisdom — a crucified Savior. To the world it's foolishness; to us who are saved, it's the power of God.

Talk it over (10 min)

- Manasseh's story says no one is too far gone. Who have you been tempted to give up on?
- God used Cyrus — an outsider — to bring His people home. Where might God be working through unexpected people today?
- Why do you think God chose something as 'foolish' as the cross to save the world?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Everyone draws a simple shepherd's staff and writes their own name inside it. Underneath write: 'One sheep the Shepherd brought home: me.' Share with one neighbor.

Close (3 min)

Thank the Shepherd out loud — for finding, for restoring, for bringing home. Preview: next week (Days 218-224) — the temple rises again, Nehemiah rebuilds the walls, and Paul says: you are God's temple (Ezra 3-10, Nehemiah 1-5, 1 Corinthians 2-7).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: 1 Corinthians 1:23 — *“but we preach Christ crucified; a stumbling block to Jews, and foolishness to Greeks,”*

Suggested title: *The Message Nobody Expected*

Big idea: God saves the world not through power or wisdom, but through Christ crucified.

Introduction

Everybody loves a winner — strength, smarts, success. Suggest: this week the congregation watched every kind of king fail, then heard Paul announce the strangest victory plan ever: a crucified Savior. The message nobody expected is the only one that saves.

I. The worst king prayed **(2 Chronicles 33:12-13)**

- Manasseh in chains humbles himself — and God hears. Fifty-five years of evil, undone by one honest prayer.
- No one is too far gone. Say it plainly: somebody here thinks they are. They're wrong.
- Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 4. The worst king in the book became a witness to grace.

II. God opens doors (Ezra 1:2-3)

- Cyrus credits 'the God of heaven' — a pagan king preaching theology — and the exiles go home.
- God is never stuck. When His people can't open the door, He opens it through someone else.
- Illustration from the week: Day 7's reading. After seventy years, the door swung open in a day.

III. He restores my soul (Psalm 23:3)

- The Shepherd's work in three verbs: He restores, He leads, He is with me in the valley.
- 'He restores my soul' — Manasseh's story in four words. The exile's story in four words. Maybe yours too.
- Let them say it together: 'He restores my soul.' Somebody needs to hear their own voice say it. Illustration from the week: the congregation read Psalm 23 on Day 1. They've been carrying the Shepherd all week.

IV. The word of the cross (1 Corinthians 1:18)

- 'The word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are saved it is the power of God.'
- Two groups, one message, opposite reactions. The cross sorts the world.
- Press it: which group are you in today? The cross doesn't leave neutral ground. Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 7. The week's last reading is the cross — end where the week ended.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

The Shepherd of Psalm 23 laid down His life for the sheep — that's what the cross is. Manasseh the evil king, exiles far from home, Greeks chasing wisdom, Jews demanding signs — all of them meet at the same place: Christ crucified. The message nobody expected is the Shepherd calling His sheep home, one cross at a time.

Closing call

The door is open — like Cyrus opened it, God has opened it wider in Christ. If you've been far from home, come home today. If you've never believed the 'foolish' message, believe it now. Pray with all who come, and let the church welcome them the way Jerusalem welcomed the returning exiles: with joy.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week the worst king repented, exiles came home through an opened door, and Paul announced the message that gathers the nations: Christ crucified.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- Manasseh was given one more chance after fifty-five years of evil. What does that tell you about God's patience with you?
- The cross looks like foolishness to the world. How do you explain its power to someone who doesn't believe yet?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Psalm 23:1-3** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In pairs: say the whole week in one sentence — failed kings, an opened door, a Shepherd who restores, and a crucified Savior.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry-question: 'Who is one "far from home" person I can invite toward Jesus this week?' Pray for each other by name — and for those far-off ones by name too.

Next week’s kit: **Week 32 (Days 218–224)** — They rebuilt God's house with stone, but God's greatest building project is people — in Jesus, you are His temple. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

They rebuilt God's house with stone, but God's greatest building project is people — in Jesus, you are His temple.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 218:** Ezra 3:■–■:23 | 1 Corinthians 2:■–■:4 | Psalm 28:■–■ | Proverbs 20:2■–■5
- **Day 219:** Ezra 4:2■–■:22 | 1 Corinthians 3:■–■3 | Psalm 29:■–■1 | Proverbs 20:2■–■7
- **Day 220:** Ezra 7:■–■:20 | 1 Corinthians 4:■–■1 | Psalm 30:■–■2 | Proverbs 20:2■–■0
- **Day 221:** Ezra 8:2■–■:15 | 1 Corinthians 5:■–■3 | Psalm 31:■–■ | Proverbs 21:■–■
- **Day 222:** Ezra 10:■–■4 | 1 Corinthians 6:■–■0 | Psalm 31:■–■8 | Proverbs 21:3
- **Day 223:** Nehemiah 1:■–■:14 | 1 Corinthians 7:■–■4 | Psalm 31:1■–■4 | Proverbs 21:4
- **Day 224:** Nehemiah 3:1■–■:13 | 1 Corinthians 7:2■–■0 | Psalm 32:■–■1 | Proverbs 21:■–■

The arc of the week: Stone by stone the temple rises again and Nehemiah weeps over broken walls, while Paul tells the church: your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit — you were bought with a price.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will honor God with their bodies, knowing they are His temple.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Ezra 3:11 and 1 Corinthians 6:19 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "If God Himself lives in you, what changes about an ordinary Tuesday?"

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. They started with worship

Before the walls, before the foundation was even finished, they built the altar and offered sacrifices. Worship first, building second. When God is the foundation, the rest can rise.

2. They built through opposition

Nehemiah's builders worked with a tool in one hand and a weapon in the other. Enemies mocked, threatened, and schemed — and the wall went up anyway. Opposition is normal; quitting is optional.

3. You are the temple

Paul takes the whole temple project and turns it personal: 'Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit... you were bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.' The stone temple pointed to you.

Talk it over (10 min)

- They put worship before walls. What does 'worship first' look like in your weekly schedule?
- Nehemiah's crew built with a sword in hand. What opposition are you building through right now?
- If your body is God's temple, what is one way you can honor Him with it this week?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Everyone writes 'ONE BRICK' at the top, then one habit they will build this week — or one they will tear down. Share with a partner and pray for each other's brick.

Close (3 min)

Pray over the 'bricks' — that God would build His temple in each life. Preview: next week (Days 225-231) — the wall is finished, the covenant renewed, Esther is crowned, and Paul teaches: one body, many parts (Nehemiah 5-13, Esther 1-3, 1 Corinthians 8-12).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 — *“Or don’t you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”*

Suggested title: *You Are the Temple*

Big idea: God no longer lives in a building — in Christ, He lives in you.

Introduction

Ask what the most sacred building they've ever stood in felt like — then turn it: this week the congregation watched a temple rise stone by stone, and then Paul said the most startling thing in the letter. The sacred building is you.

I. Worship first **(Ezra 3:11)**

- 'For he is good, for his loving kindness endures forever' — the foundation song, sung before the foundation was finished.
- They worshiped with the work half-done. Faith sings before it sees.
- Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 1. Old men wept, young men shouted — ask which one they are.

II. Build with a sword in hand **(Nehemiah 4:17)**

- 'With one of his hands he did the work, and with the other held his weapon.' Building and battling at the same time.
- Opposition didn't stop the work — it just changed how they held their tools. Expect it; keep building.
- Illustration from the week: Day 7's reading. Fifty-two days, enemies on every side, wall finished.

III. Blessed is the forgiven (Psalm 32:1-2)

- 'Blessed is he whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is covered.' The temple God builds starts with a clean heart.
- David hid his sin and wasted away; he confessed and was blessed. The foundation of the temple is forgiveness.
- Read it slowly — somebody here is still hiding. The blessed life starts with 'I confess.' Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 7. David's confession was their closing psalm.

IV. God's temple is holy (1 Corinthians 3:16)

- 'Don't you know that you are a temple of God, and that God's Spirit lives in you? ... The temple of God is holy, which you are.'
- Holy means set apart — not for common use. Your life has a 'do not disturb' sign with God's name on it.
- The price tag: 'you were bought with a price.' Somebody paid for this temple — Jesus did. Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 2, right in the middle of the temple rebuilding.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

The stone temple was always a shadow. The true Temple is a person — Jesus said, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up,' speaking of His body. And now, in Him, the Spirit lives in you. You are the building project God cares about most. Honor Him with the temple He bought.

Closing call

Today, present the temple to its Owner. If there's a habit tearing down what God is building, lay it down. If you've never given Him the house — your life — give it now.

Pray with all who come, and let the church rededicate itself like the people at the wall: with joy and with resolve.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week the temple rose stone by stone, builders worked with swords in hand — and Paul announced that God's true temple is us.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- They worshiped before the foundation was finished. What is one thing you can thank God for before you see the outcome?
- What is one 'brick' — one habit — you are building or tearing down this week?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **1 Corinthians 6:19-20** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In pairs: say the whole week in one sentence — a rebuilt altar, a defended wall, a forgiven heart, and the temple that is us.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry-question: 'What is one way I will honor God with my body — His temple — this week?' Pray for each other by name — and for the 'bricks' each person named.

Next week's kit: **Week 33 (Days 225–231)** — God finished the wall, renewed the covenant, and positioned one young woman in a palace — because every member has a place in His body. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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Week 33 Teaching Kit

Days 225–231 • Sunday school plan • Sermon outline • Roundup with Jesus group guide

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

God finished the wall, renewed the covenant, and positioned one young woman in a palace — because every member has a place in His body.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 225:** Nehemiah 5:1■–■:73 | 1 Corinthians 8:■–■3 | Psalm 33:■–■1 | Proverbs 21:■–■0
- **Day 226:** Nehemiah 7:7■–■:21 | 1 Corinthians 9:■–■8 | Psalm 33:1■–■2 | Proverbs 21:1■–■2
- **Day 227:** Nehemiah 9:2■–■0:39 | 1 Corinthians 9:1■–■0:13 | Psalm 34:■–■0 | Proverbs 21:13
- **Day 228:** Nehemiah 11:■–■2:26 | 1 Corinthians 10:1■–■3 | Psalm 34:1■–■2 | Proverbs 21:1■–■6
- **Day 229:** Nehemiah 12:2■–■3:31 | 1 Corinthians 11:■–■6 | Psalm 35:■–■6 | Proverbs 21:1■–■8
- **Day 230:** Esther 1:■–■:15 | 1 Corinthians 11:1■–■4 | Psalm 35:1■–■8 | Proverbs 21:1■–■0
- **Day 231:** Esther 4:■–■:10 | 1 Corinthians 12:■–■6 | Psalm 36:■–■2 | Proverbs 21:2■–■2

The arc of the week: The wall is finished in 52 days, the people weep and rejoice at God's word, and Esther is crowned 'for such a time as this' — while Paul teaches

that every part of Christ's body matters.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will find their place in Christ's body and serve it with joy.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Esther 4:14 and 1 Corinthians 12:18 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "Where has God placed you right now — and who might need you there?"

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. The wall is finished

Fifty-two days. Enemies on every side, rubble everywhere — and the wall went up. Nehemiah 6:15 says it plainly: 'So the wall was finished.' When God starts a work, He finishes it. He finishes His work in us too.

2. Placed for such a time

A Jewish orphan becomes queen of Persia, just as a plot to destroy her people unfolds. Mordecai's question echoes through the centuries: 'Who knows if you haven't come to the kingdom for such a time as this?' You are placed where you are on purpose.

3. Every part matters

Paul says God set each member in the body 'just as he desired.' The eye can't say to the hand, 'I don't need you.' The church needs your part — and you need the church's parts.

Talk it over (10 min)

- Nehemiah's project took 52 days of focused work. What is one 'wall' in your life that needs 52 days of steady faithfulness?
- Esther risked her life by going to the king uninvited. What is God asking you to risk for others?
- Which 'part of the body' are you — and how do you know?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Everyone writes one gift or strength God gave them — their 'part.' Then trade cards with a neighbor and pray out loud over each other's place in the body.

Close (3 min)

Thank God for placing each person exactly where they are. Preview: next week (Days 232-238) — Esther's people are saved, Job loses everything, and Paul opens with the God of all comfort (Esther 8-10, Job 1-22, 1 Corinthians 12-2 Corinthians 1).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: 1 Corinthians 12:27 — *“Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.”*

Suggested title: *Placed on Purpose*

Big idea: You are not an accident in God's church — you are a member, placed on purpose.

Introduction

Ask who has ever felt like the extra piece — unneeded, overlooked. Suggest: this week the congregation read about a wall finished by ordinary workers, a queen placed in a palace, and Paul's great truth: God puts every member in the body exactly where He wants them.

I. The joy of the Lord **(Nehemiah 8:10)**

- 'The joy of Yahweh is your strength.' Not your plans, not your energy — His joy.
- They wept at the word, then feasted at the word. Sorrow and joy can share the same day.
- Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 2 — the people weeping, then celebrating. Strength for the placed life comes from joy, not grit.

II. For such a time as this (Esther 4:14)

- Esther's crown wasn't about Esther — it was about her people. Position is for purpose.
- 'If you remain silent... relief will arise from another place.' God's plan doesn't depend on us — but our part in it does.
- Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 7. Ask: what is your 'such a time as this'?

III. Many parts, one body (1 Corinthians 12:14-20)

- The foot can't resign from the body. The ear can't say, 'I don't belong.' Neither can you.
- 'God has set the members, each one of them, in the body, just as he desired.' Your placement is God's choice, not an accident.
- Press it gently: the church is weaker without your part. Somebody needs to hear they're needed. Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 7 — the body passage closed their week.

IV. Taste and see (Psalm 34:8)

- 'Oh taste and see that Yahweh is good.' The placed life is the tasted life — you only know by trying.
- 'Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.' Refuge first, then service. Belonging before doing.
- Close the point with an invitation to taste — to step into their part this week. Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 3. They've been tasting all week.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

Jesus is the head of this body — and He placed Himself in our place. The Queen of Persia risked her life for her people; the King of heaven gave His life for His. You are a member of His body because He first became a member of our suffering. Find your part, and fill it with joy.

Closing call

Stop sitting on the sidelines of the body. If you know your part, step into it this week. If you don't, come find out — the church will help you discover where God placed you. Pray with all who commit, and let the body rejoice over every member found.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week a wall was finished, a covenant renewed, a queen positioned — and Paul reminded us that every member of Christ's body is placed on purpose.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- Esther was placed in a palace 'for such a time as this.' Where has God placed you, and for whom?
- What is your part in the body — and what is one step you can take in it this week?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **1 Corinthians 12:27** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In pairs: say the whole week in one sentence — a finished wall, a positioned queen, and a body where every part matters.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry-question: 'What is one way I will serve my part in Christ's body this week?' Pray for each other by name — blessing each person's place and part.

Next week’s kit: **Week 34 (Days 232–238)** — Esther's people were saved from death, Job lost everything, and Paul says why God comforts us — so we can comfort others, in Christ. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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Week 34 Teaching Kit

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

Esther's people were saved from death, Job lost everything, and Paul says why God comforts us — so we can comfort others, in Christ.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 232:** Esther 8:■–■0:3 | 1 Corinthians 12:2■–■3:13 | Psalm 37:■–■1 | Proverbs 21:2■–■4
- **Day 233:** Job 1:■–■:26 | 1 Corinthians 14:■–■7 | Psalm 37:1■–■9 | Proverbs 21:2■–■6
- **Day 234:** Job 4:■–■:21 | 1 Corinthians 14:1■–■0 | Psalm 37:3■–■0 | Proverbs 21:27
- **Day 235:** Job 8:■–■1:20 | 1 Corinthians 15:■–■8 | Psalm 38:■–■2 | Proverbs 21:2■–■9
- **Day 236:** Job 12:■–■5:35 | 1 Corinthians 15:2■–■8 | Psalm 39:■–■3 | Proverbs 21:3■–■1
- **Day 237:** Job 16:■–■9:29 | 1 Corinthians 16:■–■4 | Psalm 40:■–■0 | Proverbs 22:1
- **Day 238:** Job 20:■–■2:30 | 2 Corinthians 1:■–■1 | Psalm 40:1■–■7 | Proverbs 22:■–■

The arc of the week: A nation celebrates rescue at Purim while one man sits in ashes asking why — and Paul opens his hardest letter with the tenderest truth: God comforts us in all our affliction.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will learn to receive God's comfort and pass it on.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Psalm 40:1-2 and 2 Corinthians 1:4 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "Who comforted you in a hard time — and how did they do it?"

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. Rescue remembered

Esther's people were saved from destruction, and Mordecai told them to remember it every year at Purim — 'days of feasting and gladness.' Remembering what God did is how we survive what we're going through.

2. Suffering unexplained

Job lost his wealth, his children, and his health — and God gave no explanation. Job's wife said, 'Curse God and die.' Job answered, 'Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?' Faith doesn't always get answers.

3. Comfort recycled

Paul's great discovery: God 'comforts us in all our affliction, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction.' Your pain, comforted by God, becomes someone else's comfort. Nothing is wasted.

Talk it over (10 min)

- Esther's people made a yearly feast of their rescue. What rescue in your life deserves remembering?
- Job never got an explanation. How do you trust God when He doesn't explain?
- Who in your life needs the comfort you once received?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Everyone writes the name of one person who is suffering right now. Under the name, write one comfort you once received that you could

share with them. Pray over the names, then reach out this week.

Close (3 min)

Pray for the suffering ones named — that God's comfort would find them. Preview: next week (Days 239-245) — God answers Job out of the whirlwind, and Paul announces: in Christ, new creation (Job 23-42, Ecclesiastes 1-3, 2 Corinthians 1-6).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 — *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; who comforts us in all our affliction, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, through the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."*

Suggested title: *Comfort to Give Away*

Big idea: God comforts you in your affliction so you can comfort others in theirs.

Introduction

Everybody has been comforted by someone who'd been there — that's why it worked. Suggest: this week the congregation read the two extremes side by side: a nation dancing at Purim and a man sitting in ashes. Into both, Paul speaks the tenderest sentence he ever wrote.

I. The Lord gave **(Job 1:21)**

- 'Yahweh gave, and Yahweh has taken away. Blessed be Yahweh's name.' Worship in ashes — before any answers came.
- Job didn't bless God because he understood; he blessed because God is God.
- Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 2. They watched everything taken and worship remain.

II. From sorrow to gladness **(Esther 9:22)**

- Purim: the month 'turned from sorrow to gladness, from mourning into a good day.' God turns tables.
- Feasting, gladness, giving to the poor — rescue that doesn't share itself isn't finished.
- Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 1. Celebration with open hands — that's the pattern.

III. Christ the firstfruits (1 Corinthians 15:20)

- In the same week as Job's ashes, the congregation read: 'But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who are asleep.'
- Resurrection is the final answer to every 'why.' Death doesn't win; comfort has the last word.
- Let the hope sit: Job's story ends in restoration, but ours ends in resurrection. Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 4, the same week they sat with Job. Resurrection met them mid-week.

IV. Comfort overflows (2 Corinthians 1:5)

- 'As the sufferings of Christ abound to us, even so our comfort also abounds through Christ.' Suffering and comfort run on the same track.
- Your affliction is not a dead end — it's a supply line. Comfort received becomes comfort given.
- Press it: who is waiting for the comfort only you can give, because only you've been where they are? Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 7 — the week's last word is comfort that overflows.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

Jesus is the Man of Sorrows — He knows affliction from the inside. And He is the God of all comfort — He meets us in it. His sufferings abound to us, and so does His comfort. The cross is God's final word on suffering: He didn't stay distant from it; He entered it, and He carries us through it.

Closing call

Some of us are in the ashes today. Receive His comfort — let Him lift your head like Psalm 40 says. And some of us have been comforted and are holding it in.

Give it away this week. Pray with all who come — the suffering and the comforters — and let the church be what God made it: comfort, recycled.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week we celebrated a rescue, sat with Job in the ashes, and learned that God's comfort is meant to be given away.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- Job worshiped without answers. What helps you worship when you don't understand?
- Who needs the comfort you once received — and what will you do about it this week?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **2 Corinthians 1:3-4** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In pairs: say the whole week in one sentence — a rescue remembered, suffering unexplained, and comfort meant to be shared.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry-question: 'Who is one suffering person I will comfort this week with the comfort God gave me?' Pray for each other by name — and for the ones each of you will go to.

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Week 35 Teaching Kit

Days 239–245 • Sunday school plan • Sermon outline • Roundup with Jesus group guide

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

God never explained Job's suffering — He showed up; and in Jesus, He shows up for us, making all things new.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 239:** Job 23:■–■7:23 | 2 Corinthians 1:1■–■:11 | Psalm 41:■–■3 | Proverbs 22:■–■
- **Day 240:** Job 28:■–■0:31 | 2 Corinthians 2:1■–■7 | Psalm 42:■–■1 | Proverbs 22:7
- **Day 241:** Job 31:■–■3:33 | 2 Corinthians 3:■–■8 | Psalm 43:■–■ | Proverbs 22:■–■
- **Day 242:** Job 34:■–■6:33 | 2 Corinthians 4:■–■2 | Psalm 44:■–■ | Proverbs 22:1■–■2
- **Day 243:** Job 37:■–■9:30 | 2 Corinthians 4:1■–■:10 | Psalm 44:■–■6 | Proverbs 22:13
- **Day 244:** Job 40:■–■2:17 | 2 Corinthians 5:1■–■1 | Psalm 45:■–■7 | Proverbs 22:14
- **Day 245:** Ecclesiastes 1:■–■:22 | 2 Corinthians 6:■–■3 | Psalm 46:■–■1 | Proverbs 22:15

The arc of the week: Out of the whirlwind God answers Job, Job repents in dust and ashes and is restored — then the Preacher asks what it all means, and Paul answers: in Christ, new creation.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will meet God in their unanswered questions and trust Him to make all things new.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Job 42:5 and 2 Corinthians 5:17 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "What is one question you have carried to God for a long time?"

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. God answered with Himself

After 35 chapters of questions, God answered Job out of the whirlwind — not with explanations, but with Himself: 'Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?' Sometimes God's answer to 'why' is 'who.'

2. Job saw and repented

Job said, 'I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you.' Seeing God changed everything. He repented in dust and ashes — and God restored him, double.

3. New creation

Paul gives the New Testament twin of Job's restoration: 'If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away. Behold, all things have become new.' God doesn't just explain the old — He makes it new.

Talk it over (10 min)

- God answered Job's 'why' with 'who.' Has God ever met you that way — with His presence instead of an explanation?
- Job prayed for his friends — the ones who'd hurt him — and then God restored him. What does that teach us about forgiveness?
- What is one 'old thing' you need God to make new?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Everyone writes one 'old thing' — a habit, a hurt, a regret — and lays it face down. Then tear the card in half together as a picture of the old

passing away. Pray: 'Make all things new.'

Close (3 min)

Pray for the 'old things' torn up — that each person would know the new creation. Preview: next week (Days 246-252) — Ecclesiastes concludes, the Song sings of love, Isaiah begins, and Paul gives thanks for the indescribable gift (Ecclesiastes 4-12, Song of Songs, Isaiah 1-5, 2 Corinthians 6-11).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: 2 Corinthians 5:17 — *"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away. Behold, all things have become new."*

Suggested title: *All Things New*

Big idea: You don't need all the answers — you need the God who makes all things new.

Introduction

Everybody has a question God never answered — yet. Suggest: this week the congregation read the end of the oldest argument in the Bible. God never told Job why. He did something better: He showed up. And Paul tells us what God does with old, broken things.

I. Where were you? (Job 38:4)

- God's first question to Job: 'Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?' Mystery is not the enemy of faith — it's the doorway.
- Job's friends had tidy answers and were wrong. God had questions and was right.
- Illustration from the week: the congregation read the whirlwind speeches on Day 5. Let the bigness of God humble the room — gently.

II. Restored double (Job 42:10)

- 'Yahweh restored Job's prosperity... and gave him twice as much as he had before.' But first: Job prayed for his friends.

- Restoration came through forgiveness, not through answers. Somebody needs to hear that order.
- Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 6 — the last chapter of Job. The story ends in double, not in explanation.

III. God is our refuge (Psalm 46:1)

- 'God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.' Not a distant help — a very present one.
- 'Therefore we won't be afraid, though the earth changes.' The world shakes; the refuge stands.
- Read it as the week's anchor: the same week as the whirlwind, the congregation sang the refuge psalm. Illustration from the week: the congregation sang it on Day 7, right after the whirlwind. The refuge psalm closed Job's story.

IV. Treasure in clay jars (2 Corinthians 4:7)

- 'We have this treasure in clay vessels, that the exceeding greatness of the power may be of God, and not from ourselves.'
- Cracked pots carry the treasure — on purpose. Your weakness is the delivery system for His power.
- Land it: Job was a cracked pot. You are too. The treasure is Christ — and He makes all things new. Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 4. Cracked pots carried them through the week.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

The new creation began at an empty tomb. Jesus went down into death — the ultimate whirlwind — and came up making all things new. Job got double; we get resurrection. Your unanswered questions don't disqualify you — they qualify you for the God who shows up and makes old things new.

Closing call

Bring Him the old thing — the regret, the habit, the question. In Christ, old things pass away and all things become new. If you've never been made new, come today. Pray with all who come, and let the church celebrate every new creation like Job's restoration: with double joy.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week God answered Job out of the whirlwind, restored him double, and Paul announced that in Christ we are a new creation.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- God answered Job with Himself instead of explanations. When has God's presence been enough for you?
- What is one 'old thing' you are ready to let God make new?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **2 Corinthians 5:17** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In pairs: say the whole week in one sentence — a whirlwind answer, a double restoration, and the new creation in Christ.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry-question: 'What is one old thing I will stop carrying and let Jesus make new this week?' Pray for each other by name — speaking 'new creation' over every old thing named.

Next week's kit: **Week 36 (Days 246–252)** — Life under the sun is vapor, but love is strong as death — and God's love has a name: Jesus, the indescribable gift. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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Days 246–252 • Sunday school plan • Sermon outline • Roundup with Jesus group guide

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

Life under the sun is vapor, but love is strong as death — and God's love has a name: Jesus, the indescribable gift.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 246:** Ecclesiastes 4:■–■:12 | 2 Corinthians 6:1■–■:7 | Psalm 47:■–■ | Proverbs 22:16
- **Day 247:** Ecclesiastes 7:■–■:18 | 2 Corinthians 7:■–■6 | Psalm 48:■–■4 | Proverbs 22:1■–■9
- **Day 248:** Ecclesiastes 10:■–■2:14 | 2 Corinthians 8:■–■5 | Psalm 49:■–■0 | Proverbs 22:2■–■1
- **Day 249:** Song of Solomon 1:■–■:16 | 2 Corinthians 8:1■–■4 | Psalm 50:■–■3 | Proverbs 22:2■–■3
- **Day 250:** Song of Solomon 5:■–■:14 | 2 Corinthians 9:■–■5 | Psalm 51:■–■9 | Proverbs 22:2■–■5
- **Day 251:** Isaiah 1:■–■:22 | 2 Corinthians 10:■–■8 | Psalm 52:■–■ | Proverbs 22:2■–■7
- **Day 252:** Isaiah 3:■–■:30 | 2 Corinthians 11:■–■5 | Psalm 53:■–■ | Proverbs 22:2■–■9

The arc of the week: The Preacher concludes — fear God; the Song sings of a love strong as death; Isaiah calls a sinful nation to be washed — and Paul says: thanks be to God for His indescribable gift.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will treasure Christ above everything life under the sun offers.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Ecclesiastes 12:13 and 2 Corinthians 9:15 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "What is one thing you chased that didn't satisfy?"

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. The conclusion

After twelve chapters of 'vanity of vanities,' the Preacher lands: 'Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man.' Everything under the sun fades — only God remains.

2. Love strong as death

The Song sings of a love that many waters cannot quench — a picture of love that won't let go. Human love points to a greater Love that never lets go of us.

3. Come, be washed

Isaiah begins with a nation stained scarlet, and God's invitation: 'Come now, let us reason together... though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.' Vapor ends; washing begins.

Talk it over (10 min)

- The Preacher tried everything — pleasure, work, wisdom — and called it vapor. What 'vapors' do people chase today?
- The Song says love is 'strong as death.' Where have you seen a love that wouldn't let go?
- Isaiah 1:18 offers washing to the scarlet-stained. What keeps people from coming to be washed?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. On one side write one 'vapor' — something empty you've been chasing. On the back, write the Gift's name in big letters: JESUS. Keep the

card where you'll see it when the vapor calls.

Close (3 min)

Thank God out loud for the indescribable gift — the one thing that satisfies. Preview: next week (Days 253-259) — Isaiah sees the Lord high and lifted up, a Child is promised, and Paul learns that grace is sufficient (Isaiah 6-24, 2 Corinthians 11-Galatians 3).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: 2 Corinthians 9:15 — *"Now thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift!"*

Suggested title: *The Indescribable Gift*

Big idea: Everything under the sun fades — but God's gift in Jesus lasts forever.

Introduction

Ask what the most expensive gift they've ever received was — then turn it: this week the congregation read a wise man who had everything and called it vapor, a love song about a love that won't drown, and a prophet offering washing to the stained. Then Paul names the gift no words can hold.

I. Remember your Creator (Ecclesiastes 12:1)

- 'Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come.' Don't wait until the vapor clears to find the solid.
- The Preacher's last advice is his first: start with God, early, now.
- Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 3. The wisest man alive says: remember. Ask the young to hear it.

II. Many waters (Song of Songs 8:7)

- 'Many waters can't quench love, neither can floods drown it.' Love this strong doesn't negotiate — it endures.
- If human love can be this fierce, how fierce is the love of God? The Song is a whisper of Calvary.

- Let it point: the love that wouldn't let go let itself be nailed down — for us. Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 5, inside the Song. Love that won't drown met them mid-week.

III. Scarlet to snow (Isaiah 1:18)

- 'Come now, and let us reason together... though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.' God invites; God washes.
- Scarlet doesn't fade on its own. It needs washing — and only God does this laundry.
- Press it: somebody's stain feels permanent. It isn't. Come, reason, be washed. Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 6 — Isaiah's washing was their Saturday reading.

IV. Create in me a clean heart (Psalm 51:10)

- David after his fall: 'Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me.' The gift includes a new heart.
- Not 'repair' — create. Only God makes hearts; only He remakes them.
- Close the point in prayer: let the congregation pray David's prayer as their own, quietly. Illustration from the week: the congregation prayed it on Day 5. David's prayer was their mid-week cry.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

All vapor ends at the cross. The Preacher's search, the Song's longing, Isaiah's washing, David's cry for a clean heart — every thread runs to Jesus, the unspeakable gift. He is the solid in the vapor, the love strong as death, the snow for the scarlet. Thanks be to God.

Closing call

Stop chasing vapor. Come receive the gift — the only one that satisfies and the only one that lasts. If you've been running on empty, come be filled today. Pray with all who come, and let the church give thanks together: for His indescribable gift.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week the Preacher called it all vapor, the Song sang of unquenchable love, Isaiah offered washing — and Paul gave thanks for the indescribable gift.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- What is one 'vapor' you keep chasing, and what would it look like to let it go?
- The Song says love is strong as death. How have you experienced the strength of God's love?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **2 Corinthians 9:15** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In pairs: say the whole week in one sentence — vapor exposed, love exalted, sins washed, and the gift above all gifts.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry-question: 'What is one vapor I will lay down this week to treasure Jesus more?' Pray for each other by name — with thanksgiving for the indescribable gift.

Next week's kit: **Week 37 (Days 253–259)** — Isaiah saw God's holiness and the nations' judgment — and right in the middle of the darkness, God promised a Child. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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Week 37 Teaching Kit

Days 253–259 • Sunday school plan • Sermon outline • Roundup with Jesus group guide

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

Isaiah saw God's holiness and the nations' judgment — and right in the middle of the darkness, God promised a Child.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 253:** Isaiah 6:■–■:25 | 2 Corinthians 11:1■–■3 | Psalm 54:■–■ | Proverbs 23:■–■
- **Day 254:** Isaiah 8:■–■:21 | 2 Corinthians 12:■–■0 | Psalm 55:■–■3 | Proverbs 23:■–■
- **Day 255:** Isaiah 10:■–■1:16 | 2 Corinthians 12:1■–■1 | Psalm 56:■–■3 | Proverbs 23:■–■
- **Day 256:** Isaiah 12:■–■4:32 | 2 Corinthians 13:■–■4 | Psalm 57:■–■1 | Proverbs 23:■–■1
- **Day 257:** Isaiah 15:■–■8:7 | Galatians 1:■–■4 | Psalm 58:■–■1 | Proverbs 23:12
- **Day 258:** Isaiah 19:■–■1:17 | Galatians 2:■–■6 | Psalm 59:■–■7 | Proverbs 23:1■–■4
- **Day 259:** Isaiah 22:■–■4:23 | Galatians 2:1■–■:9 | Psalm 60:■–■2 | Proverbs 23:1■–■6

The arc of the week: The prophet sees the Lord high and lifted up, pronounces woe on the nations, and still the light breaks through: to us a child is born — while Paul learns that God's grace is sufficient in weakness.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will place their hope in the promised Child when the world looks dark.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Isaiah 6:3 and Isaiah 9:6 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "Where do you most need light to break in right now?"

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. Holy, holy, holy

Isaiah saw the Lord on His throne, and the angels crying, 'Holy, holy, holy.' His first response wasn't excitement — it was 'Woe is me! I am undone.' Seeing God rightly always comes before serving Him rightly.

2. A virgin shall conceive

In the middle of war and fear, God gave King Ahaz a sign: a virgin will conceive and bear a son, and call his name Immanuel — God with us. God's answer to fear is His presence.

3. To us a child is born

Then the promise grows: 'To us a child is born... and his name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God.' The government will rest on His shoulders. When everything is judged and broken, God answers with a Child.

Talk it over (10 min)

- Isaiah's first response to God's holiness was 'woe is me.' Why does seeing God rightly change how we see ourselves?
- 'Immanuel' means 'God with us.' Where do you most need to know God is with you right now?
- Paul's thorn taught him that grace is sufficient. What weakness in your life could become a place for God's strength?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Everyone writes one dark place — a nation, a home, a heart. Then write over it in big letters: 'A CHILD IS BORN.' Tape them to the wall as the class's promise gallery.

Close (3 min)

Pray for the dark places named — that the promised Child's light would break in. Preview: next week (Days 260-266) — a feast for all peoples, 'no savior besides Me,' and Paul's clearest sentence: saved by grace through faith (Isaiah 25-43, Galatians 3-Ephesians 2).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Isaiah 9:6 — *"For to us a child is born. To us a son is given; and the government will be on his shoulders. His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

Suggested title: *A Child Is Promised*

Big idea: When the world is darkest, God's answer is a Child.

Introduction

Ask what people do when the news is all bad — then turn it: this week the congregation read the darkest chapters of Isaiah — judgment on nation after nation. And right in the middle of the darkness, God does the most unexpected thing: He promises a baby.

I. Here am I, send me **(Isaiah 6:8)**

- Cleansed by the coal from the altar, Isaiah volunteers: 'Here am I. Send me.' Cleansing comes before calling.
- God didn't lower His holiness for Isaiah — He lifted Isaiah to it. Grace first, then mission.
- Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 1. The vision that undid the prophet is the vision that sent him.

II. Immanuel **(Isaiah 7:14)**

- 'Behold, the virgin will conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.' God with us — the sign in the middle of war.
- Ahaz wouldn't ask for a sign; God gave one anyway. Grace doesn't wait for our asking.
- The name is the promise: whatever the battle, God is with us in it. Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 1. God-with-us opened their week.

III. A shoot from the stump (Isaiah 11:1-2)

- Jesse's line cut down to a stump — yet 'a shoot will come out of the stock of Jesse.' Death isn't the end of the story.
- 'The Spirit of Yahweh will rest on him.' The Branch carries the fullness of the Spirit.
- Illustration from the week: Day 3's reading. A stump sprouting is God's favorite picture of hope.

IV. Grace is sufficient (2 Corinthians 12:9)

- Paul's thorn stayed — and God's answer was: 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'
- The Child's way is the thorn's way: strength through weakness, victory through surrender.
- Land it: the Mighty God came as a baby. Weakness is not the obstacle to God's power — it's the doorway. Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 2, the same day as the promised Child. Weakness and promise arrived together.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

The Child is the Mighty God. Isaiah's promise walked into Bethlehem, grew up in Nazareth, died on a cross, and rose as King. The manger leads to the cross, and the cross leads to the throne. When the world is darkest, look for the Child — God's answer has a name, and it is Jesus.

Closing call

If your world feels dark — the nation, your home, your heart — hear the promise: a Child is born. Come to Him today. If you've never trusted the promised Child, trust Him now. Pray with all who come, and let the church sing like the angels over Bethlehem: light has come.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week Isaiah saw the holy God, pronounced judgment on the nations — and right in the middle, God promised a Child.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- Isaiah was undone by God's holiness, then sent by God's grace. How has seeing God changed your serving?
- Where is one dark place you need to believe 'a Child is born' over this week?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Isaiah 9:6** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In pairs: say the whole week in one sentence — a holy vision, a virgin's sign, a promised Child, and grace sufficient in weakness.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry-question: 'Where will I look for the Child's light instead of cursing the darkness this week?' Pray for each other by name — and for the dark places each person named.

Next week’s kit: **Week 38 (Days 260–266)** — Isaiah's God spreads a feast for all peoples and declares there is no savior besides Him — and Paul agrees: we are saved by grace through faith, not by works. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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Week 38 Teaching Kit

Days 260–266 • Sunday school plan • Sermon outline • Roundup with Jesus group guide

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

Isaiah's God spreads a feast for all peoples and declares there is no savior besides Him — and Paul agrees: we are saved by grace through faith, not by works.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 260:** Isaiah 25:■–■8:13 | Galatians 3:1■–■2 | Psalm 61:■–■ | Proverbs 23:1■–■8
- **Day 261:** Isaiah 28:1■–■0:11 | Galatians 3:2■–■:31 | Psalm 62:■–■2 | Proverbs 23:1■–■1
- **Day 262:** Isaiah 30:1■–■3:9 | Galatians 5:■–■2 | Psalm 63:■–■1 | Proverbs 23:22
- **Day 263:** Isaiah 33:1■–■6:22 | Galatians 5:1■–■6 | Psalm 64:■–■0 | Proverbs 23:23
- **Day 264:** Isaiah 37:■–■8:22 | Galatians 6:■–■8 | Psalm 65:■–■3 | Proverbs 23:24
- **Day 265:** Isaiah 39:■–■1:16 | Ephesians 1:■–■3 | Psalm 66:■–■0 | Proverbs 23:2■–■8
- **Day 266:** Isaiah 41:1■–■3:13 | Ephesians 2:■–■2 | Psalm 67:■–■ | Proverbs 23:2■–■5

The arc of the week: A feast for all nations, a God who carries His people, and a ringing declaration — 'besides me there is no savior' — while Paul writes the

clearest sentence in the Bible: by grace you have been saved through faith.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will rest from earning and receive salvation as God's gift.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Isaiah 43:11 and Ephesians 2:8 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "Why is it so hard to just receive a gift?"

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. A feast for all peoples

Isaiah 25 pictures God Himself hosting a feast 'for all peoples' — rich food, well-aged wine, and the end of death and tears. Salvation is a party God throws, not a wage we earn.

2. No savior besides Me

'I, even I, am Yahweh; and besides me there is no savior.' No backup plan, no second option. If God doesn't save, nobody does — and He does.

3. By grace, through faith

Paul's clearest sentence: 'For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, that no one would boast.' Gift, not wages. Rest, not striving.

Talk it over (10 min)

- God's feast is 'for all peoples.' Who do we tend to leave off the guest list — and what does that say?
- Why do we keep trying to earn what God gives freely? What does 'earning' look like in your life?
- Ephesians 2:10 says we are created 'for good works.' How are works different when they come after grace instead of before it?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Everyone writes one thing they try to earn God's love with — being good, being busy, being perfect. Then write 'GIFT' across it in big letters and lay the cards at the front of the room, at the foot of the cross.

Close (3 min)

Thank God out loud for the gift — received, not earned. Preview: next week (Days 267-273) — the Suffering Servant gives His life, glory breaks out, and every knee will bow (Isaiah 43-62, Ephesians 3-Philippians 2).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Ephesians 2:8-10 — *“for by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, that no one would boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before that we would walk in them.”*

Suggested title: *Saved by Grace*

Big idea: You cannot earn salvation — but you don't have to: it is God's gift in Jesus.

Introduction

Ask what they'd do with a gift they couldn't afford and didn't deserve — then turn it: this week the congregation read about a feast they didn't cook, a Savior with no competitors, and Paul's most famous sentence. Most people are still trying to earn the free gift.

I. Death swallowed up **(Isaiah 25:8)**

- 'He will swallow up death forever! And the Lord Yahweh will wipe away tears from off all faces.' The feast ends death.
- This isn't wishful thinking — it's the menu. God Himself hosts it; God Himself pays for it.
- Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 1. The feast for all peoples starts with death defeated.

II. Christ redeemed us **(Galatians 3:13)**

- 'Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us.' He took the curse; we get the blessing.
- Redemption means bought back — the price was the cross, the receipt is the empty tomb.
- The curse we earned, He carried. The blessing He earned, we receive. That's the exchange. Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 1, alongside the feast. Curse lifted, table set — same day.

III. Redemption through His blood (Ephesians 1:7)

- 'In whom we have our redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.'
- Forgiveness isn't thin — it's 'according to the riches of his grace.' Rich grace for deep sin.
- Somebody's sin feels too big for grace. It isn't. The riches don't run out. Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 6. Rich grace met them near the week's end.

IV. My soul rests in God alone (Psalm 62:1)

- 'My soul rests in God alone. My salvation is from him.' Rest is the proof that grace has landed.
- Striving is the symptom of not-yet-believing the gift. Rest is the evidence you have.
- Close the point quietly: invite the room to rest — to stop earning for one honest moment. Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 2. Rest arrived early in the week — remind them.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

Grace has a name: Jesus. The feast is His table, the redemption is His blood, the gift is His life. Isaiah's God who declares 'besides me there is no savior' is the God who became the Savior. Stop earning. Start receiving. The table is set, the price is paid, and your seat has your name on it.

Closing call

If you've been striving — trying to be good enough, busy enough, perfect enough — lay it down today and receive the gift. If you've never received it at all, receive it now. Pray with all who come, and let the church feast together like Isaiah's vision: with joy, because it is finished.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week God spread a feast for all peoples, declared there is no savior besides Him — and Paul announced we are saved by grace through faith.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- Where in your life are you still trying to earn what God gives freely?
- The feast is 'for all peoples.' Who is one person you can invite to the table this week?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Ephesians 2:8-9** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In pairs: say the whole week in one sentence — a feast prepared, a Savior declared, and salvation received as a gift.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry-question: 'What is one striving I will lay down this week and replace with rest in grace?' Pray for each other by name — speaking 'gift, not wages' over every striving named.

Next week’s kit: **Week 39 (Days 267–273)** — Isaiah's Servant was wounded for our transgressions — and because He went down, God lifted Him up: every knee will bow to Jesus. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

Isaiah's Servant was wounded for our transgressions — and because He went down, God lifted Him up: every knee will bow to Jesus.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 267:** Isaiah 43:1■–■5:10 | Ephesians 3:■–■1 | Psalm 68:■–■8 | Proverbs 24:■–■
- **Day 268:** Isaiah 45:1■–■8:11 | Ephesians 4:■–■6 | Psalm 68:1■–■5 | Proverbs 24:■–■
- **Day 269:** Isaiah 48:1■–■0:11 | Ephesians 4:1■–■2 | Psalm 69:■–■8 | Proverbs 24:■–■
- **Day 270:** Isaiah 51:■–■3:12 | Ephesians 5:■–■3 | Psalm 69:1■–■6 | Proverbs 24:7
- **Day 271:** Isaiah 54:■–■7:14 | Ephesians 6:■–■4 | Psalm 70:■–■ | Proverbs 24:8
- **Day 272:** Isaiah 57:1■–■9:21 | Philippians 1:■–■6 | Psalm 71:■–■4 | Proverbs 24:■–■0
- **Day 273:** Isaiah 60:■–■2:5 | Philippians 1:2■–■:18 | Psalm 72:■–■0 | Proverbs 24:1■–■2

The arc of the week: The Servant suffers and dies for His people, then the glory breaks out — arise, shine, new names, everlasting joy — while Paul sings: Christ emptied Himself, so God highly exalted Him.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will worship Jesus as the Servant who suffered and the King who reigns.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Isaiah 53:5 and Philippians 2:9 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "What does it mean that the way up is down?"

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. Wounded for us

'He was pierced for our transgressions. He was crushed for our iniquities.' The Servant didn't suffer for His own sins — He had none. He suffered for ours. This is the great exchange at the heart of the gospel.

2. Arise, shine

After the suffering comes the glory: 'Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of Yahweh has risen on you.' Suffering is not the end of the Servant's story — glory is.

3. Every knee will bow

Paul sings the Servant's song in Philippians 2: Christ emptied Himself to the cross, 'therefore God also highly exalted him' — so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow. The way up is down.

Talk it over (10 min)

- Isaiah 53 was written 700 years before Jesus. What does that tell you about God's plan?
- 'By his wounds we are healed.' What healing — body, heart, or soul — do you need to bring to Him?
- The Servant's path was down before it was up. Where might God be calling you to 'go down' in humility?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Everyone writes one burden — one sin, one sorrow — that Jesus carried for them. Then walk to the front and lay the cards at the foot of a cross drawn on the board. Leave them there.

Close (3 min)

Worship the Servant-King out loud — wounded for us, raised in glory. Preview: next week (Days 274-280) — new heavens and a new earth, Jeremiah begins his hard calling, and Paul says our citizenship is in heaven (Isaiah 62-Jeremiah 9, Philippians 2-Colossians 3).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Isaiah 53:5 — *"But he was pierced for our transgressions. He was crushed for our iniquities. The punishment that brought our peace was on him; and by his wounds we are healed."*

Suggested title: *Wounded for Us*

Big idea: The Servant suffered in our place — and God raised Him as King over all.

Introduction

Ask who has ever taken the blame for someone else — then turn it: this week the congregation read the most astonishing chapter in the Old Testament, written seven centuries before it happened. A Servant, wounded — not for His sins, but for ours. And then Paul tells us where the story ends.

I. All we like sheep **(Isaiah 53:6)**

- 'All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and Yahweh has laid on him the iniquity of us all.'
- Our straying, His carrying. Every 'my own way' laid on the one Man.
- Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 4. Ask them to hear 'us all' — and then hear 'on him.'

II. Come, everyone who thirsts **(Isaiah 55:1)**

- 'Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters... buy wine and milk without money and without price.'
- The Servant's suffering buys a feast for the thirsty — free, because He paid.
- The invitation is now: thirsty souls, come. The price is paid; the water is free. Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 5. The free invitation came right after the Servant's suffering.

III. He emptied Himself (Philippians 2:5-8)

- 'Have this in your mind, which was also in Christ Jesus' — the mind that goes down: God, to man, to servant, to cross.
- 'He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, yes, the death of the cross.' Each step lower; each step for us.
- This is the pattern for us too: the mind of Christ is the mind that goes down to lift others up. Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 7 — the week's last reading is the mind of Christ.

IV. All kings will bow (Psalm 72:11)

- 'Yes, all kings shall fall down before him. All nations shall serve him.' The Servant is the King.
- The wounded One wears the crown. Suffering didn't disqualify Him — it qualified Him.
- End with the vision: every knee, every tongue, every king. Including ours. Bow now, willingly, in worship. Illustration from the week: the congregation read it on Day 7. The week ended with every knee bowing — end the sermon there too.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

Isaiah saw Him — pierced, crushed, buried, and then prolonged in days. Paul sang Him — emptied, obedient, exalted, every knee bowing. The Psalms crown Him — all kings falling down before Him. The Servant and the King are one person, and His name is Jesus. It all points to Him — it always did.

Closing call

The Servant was wounded for you — personally, particularly, for your transgressions. Bow the knee today: believe on Him, receive His peace, be healed by His wounds. If you've never bowed to King Jesus, bow now. Pray with all who come, and let the church worship the Servant who became the King.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week the Servant was wounded for our transgressions — and God raised Him up so that every knee will bow to Jesus.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- Isaiah 53 was written 700 years before the cross. How does that strengthen your trust in God's plan?
- 'By his wounds we are healed.' What is one wound — yours or someone else's — you will bring to Him this week?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Isaiah 53:5** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In pairs: say the whole week in one sentence — a suffering Servant, a glorious rising, and every knee bowing to Jesus.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

Carry-question: 'Where will I bow the knee to King Jesus in a new way this week?' Pray for each other by name — worshiping the Servant-King together.

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

The God who is making all things new holds everything together in Christ.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 274:** Isaiah 62:■–■5:25 | Philippians 2:1■–■:3 | Psalm 73:■–■8 | Proverbs 24:1■–■4
- **Day 275:** Isaiah 66:■–■4 | Philippians 3:■–■1 | Psalm 74:■–■3 | Proverbs 24:1■–■6
- **Day 276:** Jeremiah 1:■–■:30 | Philippians 4:■–■3 | Psalm 75:■–■0 | Proverbs 24:1■–■0
- **Day 277:** Jeremiah 2:3■–■:18 | Colossians 1:■–■7 | Psalm 76:■–■2 | Proverbs 24:2■–■2
- **Day 278:** Jeremiah 4:1■–■:15 | Colossians 1:1■–■:7 | Psalm 77:■–■0 | Proverbs 24:2■–■5
- **Day 279:** Jeremiah 6:1■–■:7 | Colossians 2:■–■3 | Psalm 78:■–■1 | Proverbs 24:26
- **Day 280:** Jeremiah 8:■–■:26 | Colossians 3:■–■7 | Psalm 78:3■–■5 | Proverbs 24:27

The arc of the week: Isaiah ends with a promise of new heavens and a new earth; Jeremiah begins his hard calling in dark days; and Philippians and Colossians lift our eyes to the Christ who holds it all together and calls us heavenward.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will see that the same Christ who created all things is making all things new, and set their hearts on Him.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Isaiah 65:17 and Colossians 1:16-17 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "If Jesus holds everything together, what does that mean for the broken pieces of your week?" (Let them wonder — you will answer it by the end.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. A new world is coming (Isaiah 62-66)

Isaiah ends his book with the biggest promise in the Old Testament: God will create new heavens and a new earth, and the old troubles will not even be remembered. The wolf and the lamb will feed together. All flesh will come to worship. This is not a wish. It is a promise from the Maker Himself.

2. Called in dark days (Jeremiah 1-9)

Jeremiah's call came when God's people had forsaken Him, the spring of living waters, for broken cisterns. God told the young prophet: before I formed you, I knew you. The days were dark, but the caller was sure. God does His best work through people who feel too small for the job.

3. Held together in Christ (Colossians 1; Philippians 3-4)

Colossians says Jesus is the image of the invisible God, and in Him all things are held together — every atom, every family, every broken heart. Philippians says our citizenship is in heaven, so we press on and rejoice always. The God making all things new has already begun the work in us.

Talk it over (10 min)

- Isaiah 66:23 says all flesh will come to worship. Who is one person you hope is there?

- Jeremiah 2:13 pictures broken cisterns that hold no water. What are the broken cisterns people chase today?
- Psalm 73:25 says, "Whom have I in heaven but you?" What would change this week if you truly believed that?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Everyone writes one broken thing they are trusting Jesus to hold together, and one new thing they are hoping for. Fold the cards and place them in a basket at the front as an offering. Pray over the basket together.

Close (3 min)

Pray thanks that Christ holds all things, honestly about the broken pieces, and hope in the new creation. Preview: next week (Days 281-287) — Jeremiah warns and comforts, and the Thessalonian letters teach us to stay awake, for the Lord is coming (Jeremiah 10-25, 1-2 Thessalonians).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Colossians 1:15-17 — *"who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in the heavens and on the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things have been created through him, and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things are held together."*

Suggested title: *Held Together*

Big idea: The Christ who made everything is the Christ who holds everything — including you — and He is making it all new.

Introduction

Everybody has felt things coming apart — a family, a body, a plan. Suggest: what if the universe is not falling apart, but being held together by Someone? This morning we meet the One at the center of it all, straight from the week's readings.

I. The promise of a new world **(Isaiah 65:17; 66:22-23)**

- "I create new heavens and a new earth." The end of the story is not ruin — it is renewal.
- All flesh coming to worship: God's plan was always bigger than one nation.
- Illustration from the week: the congregation read Isaiah's finale on Days 274-275. Ask what "the former things will not be remembered" stirs in them.

II. The call in dark days (Jeremiah 1:5; 2:13)

- "Before I formed you in the belly, I knew you." God calls the small and the scared.
- Broken cisterns: we keep digging our own wells when the spring of living water is right here.
- Illustration from the week: Day 276 introduced Jeremiah. Name the broken cisterns gently — pastor to people.

III. The life set heavenward (Philippians 3:13-14, 20)

- Forgetting what is behind, pressing toward the goal — this is the posture of hope.
- "Our citizenship is in heaven." We live here, but we belong there.
- Illustration from the week: Day 275's reading. Ask what they are still carrying that belongs "behind."

IV. The Christ who holds all (Colossians 1:15-17)

- Image of the invisible God — if you want to see God, look at Jesus.
- "In him all things are held together" — the glue of the universe has a name and a face.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

The same Jesus who holds the stars together holds your week together. The God of Isaiah 65 is not finished — He is making all things new, and He started with you. That is the whole program in one sentence, and it is true this morning.

Closing call

Come to the One who holds it all. If your life feels like it is coming apart, bring the pieces to Jesus today. He does not drop what He holds.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week we watched God promise a brand-new world, call a scared young prophet, and reveal the Christ who holds everything together.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- What broken cistern did the readings make you want to leave behind?
- How does "in him all things are held together" change the way you face tomorrow?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Colossians 1:15-17** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In groups of three or four, say the whole week in one sentence, starting with the words "Jesus holds..." Each group shares its sentence.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

One question to carry: What is one thing I have been trying to hold together myself that I will hand to Jesus this week? Pray for each other by name — that each one would feel held.

Next week's kit: **Week 41 (Days 281–287)** — Stay awake, stand firm, and keep the lamps lit — the Lord is coming. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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Week 41 Teaching Kit

Days 281–287 • Sunday school plan • Sermon outline • Roundup with Jesus group guide

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

Stay awake, stand firm, and keep the lamps lit — the Lord is coming.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 281:** Jeremiah 10:■–■1:23 | Colossians 3:1■–■:18 | Psalm 78:5■–■2 | Proverbs 24:2■–■9
- **Day 282:** Jeremiah 12:■–■4:10 | 1 Thessalonians 1:■–■:8 | Psalm 79:■–■3 | Proverbs 24:3■–■4
- **Day 283:** Jeremiah 14:1■–■6:15 | 1 Thessalonians 2:■–■:13 | Psalm 80:■–■9 | Proverbs 25:■–■
- **Day 284:** Jeremiah 16:1■–■8:23 | 1 Thessalonians 4:■–■:3 | Psalm 81:■–■6 | Proverbs 25:■–■
- **Day 285:** Jeremiah 19:■–■1:14 | 1 Thessalonians 5:■–■8 | Psalm 82:■–■ | Proverbs 25:■–■0
- **Day 286:** Jeremiah 22:■–■3:20 | 2 Thessalonians 1:■–■2 | Psalm 83:■–■8 | Proverbs 25:1■–■4
- **Day 287:** Jeremiah 23:2■–■5:38 | 2 Thessalonians 2:■–■7 | Psalm 84:■–■2 | Proverbs 25:15

The arc of the week: Jeremiah confronts false gods and calls God's people back to the true and living God; the Thessalonian letters urge the church to watch, pray, and stand firm; and the psalms cry out for the face of God.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will learn what it means to stay awake and stand firm while waiting for Christ's return.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Jeremiah 10:10 and 1 Thessalonians 5:6 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "What is the difference between waiting with hope and just waiting around?" (Let them wonder — you will answer it by the end.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. The true God, not the fakes (Jeremiah 10-25)

Jeremiah looked at the idols of the nations and said plainly: they cannot do good, and they cannot do harm. But the LORD is the true God, the living God, the everlasting King. God's word, he said, is like fire and like a hammer that breaks rock. It does not tickle — it transforms.

2. A heart like a tree (Jeremiah 17:7-8)

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD — he will be like a tree planted by the waters, with roots that find the stream in the drought. Trust is not a feeling. It is a root system. The dry season reveals where your roots are.

3. The church on watch (1-2 Thessalonians)

Paul told the Thessalonians the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout — so stay awake, pray without ceasing, give thanks in everything, and stand firm. Waiting for Jesus is not sitting still. It is living ready: sober, thankful, and holding the truth with both hands.

Talk it over (10 min)

- Jeremiah 10:23 says it is not in man to direct his steps. Where do you see people — maybe yourself — trying to direct their own steps this week?
- What does a "tree planted by the waters" look like in a hard season? Who do you know that looks like that?
- Psalm 84:10 says one day in God's courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. What competes for your thousand days?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. On one side everyone writes "STAY AWAKE" and one way they will watch for Jesus this week (prayer, thanks, kindness). On the other side, one person they will invite to watch with them. Keep the card in a pocket or on the fridge all week.

Close (3 min)

Pray for watchful hearts — sober, thankful, and rooted. Preview: next week (Days 288-294) — a letter of hope to exiles, a new covenant written on the heart, and the one Mediator (Jeremiah 26-38, 1 Timothy).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 — *“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus toward you.”*

Suggested title: *Stay Awake*

Big idea: Waiting for Jesus is not passive — it is rejoicing, praying, and giving thanks until He comes.

Introduction

Everybody waits — in lines, in doctor's offices, in the night watches of worry. Suggest: there is a kind of waiting that is worship. This morning, from the week's own readings, we learn how the church waits for her Lord.

I. A word like fire **(Jeremiah 23:29)**

- "Isn't my word like fire?" God's word does not merely inform — it ignites and breaks.
- The idols cannot speak. The living God will not be silent.
- Illustration from the week: Day 287's reading. Ask what God's word has been burning in them lately.

II. A heart like a tree **(Jeremiah 17:7-8)**

- Trust plants you by the water. Drought comes to everyone — roots decide the outcome.
- The tree does not fear the heat. Neither does the trusting heart.
- Illustration from the week: the congregation read this on Day 284. Ask who they know with deep roots.

III. A church on watch (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

- Sons of light, sons of the day — we do not sleep through the story.
- The armor: faith, love, and the hope of salvation. Dressed for the day of the Lord.
- Illustration from the week: Days 284-285 walked them through the night-watch passages. Night is when the lamps matter.

IV. A shout from heaven (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

- "The Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout." Not a rumor — a return.
- Caught up together to meet the Lord in the air — and so we will always be with the Lord.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

We do not wait like people with no hope. We wait like people whose Lord is already on the way — rejoicing always, praying without ceasing, giving thanks in everything. The shout is coming. Stay awake, church. It all points to Jesus.

Closing call

If you have been sleeping through your faith, wake up today. Rejoice, pray, give thanks — and if you have never trusted the coming Lord, trust Him now. The door is open while it is still called today.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week Jeremiah showed us the true God versus the fakes, and Paul taught us how to wait: awake, thankful, and standing firm.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week’s Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week’s readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- What is one "fake god" — something that cannot save — that people around you are trusting in?
- Which of the three — rejoice, pray, give thanks — is hardest for you right now, and why?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In groups of three or four, finish this sentence together: "A watchful Christian..." Each group shares its ending.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

One question to carry: What is one concrete way I will "stay awake" for Jesus this week — in prayer, thanks, or witness? Pray for each other by name — for watchful, thankful hearts.

It All Points to Jesus

Week 42 Teaching Kit

Days 288–294 • Sunday school plan • Sermon outline • Roundup with Jesus group guide

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

In the middle of exile, God promises a new covenant written on the heart — and one Mediator to bring it.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 288:** Jeremiah 26:■–■7:22 | 2 Thessalonians 3:■–■8 | Psalm 85:■–■3 | Proverbs 25:16
- **Day 289:** Jeremiah 28:■–■9:32 | 1 Timothy 1:■–■0 | Psalm 86:■–■7 | Proverbs 25:17
- **Day 290:** Jeremiah 30:■–■1:26 | 1 Timothy 2:■–■5 | Psalm 87:■–■ | Proverbs 25:1■–■9
- **Day 291:** Jeremiah 31:2■–■2:44 | 1 Timothy 3:■–■6 | Psalm 88:■–■8 | Proverbs 25:2■–■2
- **Day 292:** Jeremiah 33:■–■4:22 | 1 Timothy 4:■–■6 | Psalm 89:■–■3 | Proverbs 25:2■–■4
- **Day 293:** Jeremiah 35:■–■6:32 | 1 Timothy 5:■–■5 | Psalm 89:1■–■7 | Proverbs 25:2■–■7
- **Day 294:** Jeremiah 37:■–■8:28 | 1 Timothy 6:■–■1 | Psalm 89:3■–■2 | Proverbs 25:28

The arc of the week: Jeremiah writes a letter of hope to exiles in Babylon and promises a new covenant; Paul charges Timothy to guard the gospel; and at the center stands the one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will grasp that God meets us in exile with a heart-written covenant and a single Mediator, Jesus.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Jeremiah 29:11 and 1 Timothy 2:5 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "Why do you think God gave His promise of hope to people who were being punished?" (Let them wonder — you will answer it by the end.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. A letter to exiles (Jeremiah 29)

Jeremiah wrote to God's people dragged to Babylon: build houses, plant gardens, seek the welfare of the city — and hear God's heart: "I know the thoughts I think toward you, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you hope and a future." God does not abandon His people in exile. He plans their future there.

2. A covenant on the heart (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

Then the greatest promise in Jeremiah: a new covenant, not like the old one they broke. "I will put my law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it." No more stone tablets on the outside — God's law written on the inside, where we live.

3. One Mediator (1 Timothy 2:5)

Paul tells Timothy: there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men — the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all. One God, one go-between, one ransom. The new covenant has a name, and the Mediator has a face.

Talk it over (10 min)

- Jeremiah 33:3 says, "Call to me, and I will answer you." What keeps people from calling?
- What is the difference between rules written on stone and a law written on the heart?

- "One mediator" — why does that matter in a world with so many spiritual options?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Everyone writes Jeremiah 33:3 in their own handwriting: "Call to me, and I will answer you." Under it, write one thing they will call out to God about this week. Take the card home and put it where you will see it every morning.

Close (3 min)

Pray the exile prayer: honest about where we are, confident in who God is. Preview: next week (Days 295-301) — the city falls, but the promise stands; Paul in chains tells Timothy to finish the race (Jeremiah 39-52, 2 Timothy, Titus).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: 1 Timothy 2:5 — *“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,”*

Suggested title: *One Mediator*

Big idea: Between a holy God and a broken humanity stands exactly one bridge — Jesus.

Introduction

Everybody needs a go-between sometimes — a friend to smooth things over, a lawyer to speak for you. Suggest: between us and God, the gap is wider than we know, and the Mediator is better than we dreamed. From the week's readings, one verse says it all.

I. Plans of peace **(Jeremiah 29:10-14)**

- "Thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you hope and a future." Spoken to exiles, not to the comfortable.
- Seventy years, then restoration — God's clock is slower than ours and surer than ours.

- Illustration from the week: Day 289's reading. Ask who feels in "Babylon" right now.

II. A covenant on the heart (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

- "I will put my law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it." Inside, not outside.
- "They shall all know me" — the covenant ends in knowing God, not just obeying rules.
- Illustration from the week: Days 290-291 carried the new-covenant promise. This is the hinge of the whole book.

III. A Savior for sinners (1 Timothy 1:15)

- "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners — of whom I am chief." Paul's testimony, our testimony.
- The Mediator came for the worst of us, which means He came for all of us.
- Illustration from the week: Day 289. Nobody is beyond the ransom.

IV. One Mediator (1 Timothy 2:5-6)

- One God, one Mediator, one ransom for all — the math of the gospel is beautifully simple.
- "The man Christ Jesus" — the bridge is a person, and He has a name.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

You do not need a dozen mediators, a ladder of rituals, or a better version of yourself. You need one Mediator, and God has provided Him. The man Christ Jesus gave Himself as a ransom for all — including you, including today. It all points to Jesus.

Closing call

Call to Him — He will answer. If you have been trying to reach God your own way, stop climbing and trust the one Mediator. Come to Jesus today; the bridge is finished.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week God wrote hope to exiles, promised a covenant on the heart, and showed us the one Mediator.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- Where in your life do you feel "in exile" — far from home — and what does Jeremiah 29:11 say to that place?
- What would change if God's law were truly written on your heart this week, not just in your head?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **1 Timothy 2:5-6** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In groups of three or four, say the whole week in one sentence, using the word "heart" and the name "Jesus." Each group shares its sentence.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

One question to carry: What is one thing I will stop trying to fix on my own and hand to the one Mediator this week? Pray for each other by name — that each heart would know it is held.

Next week's kit: **Week 43 (Days 295–301)** — When the city falls, the promise stands — finish the race, keep the faith. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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Week 43 Teaching Kit

Days 295–301 • Sunday school plan • Sermon outline • Roundup with Jesus group guide

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

When the city falls, the promise stands — finish the race, keep the faith.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 295:** Jeremiah 39:■–■1:18 | 2 Timothy 1:■–■8 | Psalm 90:■–■1:16 | Proverbs 26:■–■
- **Day 296:** Jeremiah 42:■–■4:23 | 2 Timothy 2:■–■1 | Psalm 92:■–■3:5 | Proverbs 26:■–■
- **Day 297:** Jeremiah 44:2■–■7:7 | 2 Timothy 2:2■–■:17 | Psalm 94:■–■3 | Proverbs 26:■–■
- **Day 298:** Jeremiah 48:■–■9:22 | 2 Timothy 4:■–■2 | Psalm 95:■–■6:13 | Proverbs 26:■–■2
- **Day 299:** Jeremiah 49:2■–■0:46 | Titus 1:■–■6 | Psalm 97:■–■8:9 | Proverbs 26:1■–■6
- **Day 300:** Jeremiah 51:■–■3 | Titus 2:■–■5 | Psalm 99:■–■ | Proverbs 26:17
- **Day 301:** Jeremiah 51:5■–■2:34 | Titus 3:■–■5 | Psalm 100:■–■ | Proverbs 26:1■–■9

The arc of the week: Jeremiah watches Jerusalem fall exactly as he prophesied; Paul, in chains and near the end, urges Timothy to endure and finish; and the psalms sing of the unshaken refuge underneath it all.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will learn to stand firm when everything shakes, anchored in God's unchanging promise.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Psalm 91:1-2 and 2 Timothy 4:7 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "What is the difference between a faith that survives the fall and one that doesn't?" (Let them wonder — you will answer it by the end.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. The city fell (Jeremiah 39-52)

Everything Jeremiah warned about happened. Jerusalem fell, the temple burned, the people were carried away. God's word did not fail — that is the sobering part. When God speaks, it happens. His warnings are true, and so are His promises. Both stand.

2. No spirit of fear (2 Timothy 1)

Paul wrote from prison to young Timothy: God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control. "I know whom I have believed," he said. Faith is not knowing all the answers — it is knowing the One you trusted. Chains could not chain the gospel.

3. The refuge that does not move (Psalm 90-91)

Moses' psalm calls God our dwelling place in all generations — before the mountains were born. And Psalm 91: he who dwells in the secret place of the Most High rests in the shadow of the Almighty. Cities fall. Refuges remain.

Talk it over (10 min)

- Jerusalem fell exactly as prophesied. Does that scare you or steady you — and why?
- Paul says "I know whom I have believed," not "I know what will happen." What is the difference?
- Psalm 100 says "the LORD is good; his loving kindness endures forever." How do you praise when things are falling?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Everyone writes "I have fought the good fight" at the top — then one area where they want to finish strong this year (family, prayer, forgiveness, witness). Trade cards with a neighbor, and each prays for the other's finish line before leaving.

Close (3 min)

Pray for endurance — power, love, and self-control for every runner. Preview: next week (Days 302-308) — a city in ruins weeps, but God's mercies are new every morning; we meet our great High Priest (Lamentations, Ezekiel 1-11, Hebrews 1-6).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: 2 Timothy 4:7-8 — *"I have fought the good fight. I have finished the course. I have kept the faith. From now on, there is stored up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day; and not to me only, but also to all those who have loved his appearing."*

Suggested title: *Finish the Race*

Big idea: The goal is not to start well but to finish well — and the crown is waiting.

Introduction

Everybody admires a strong start — but races are won at the finish line. Suggest: Paul wrote these words with the end in sight, and they are for every tired runner in this room. From the week's readings, a farewell that is really a battle cry.

I. The city fell **(Jeremiah 52:1-14)**

- It happened just as God said. His word never falls to the ground — warnings or promises.
- The fall of Jerusalem is the proof that God means what He says.
- Illustration from the week: Day 301 walked the congregation through the fall. Let the weight land — then lift their eyes.

II. No spirit of fear (2 Timothy 1:7, 12)

- "God didn't give us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control." Fear is not from Him.
- "I know whom I have believed" — the anchor is a Person, not a plan.
- Illustration from the week: Day 295's reading. Paul in chains, utterly free — ask what chains them.

III. All Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

- "Every Scripture is God-breathed." The runner's food, the soldier's sword.
- Complete, equipped for every good work — the Word makes finishers.
- Illustration from the week: Day 297. This is why the daily reading matters — it is how God equips.

IV. The crown laid up (2 Timothy 4:7-8)

- Fought the fight, finished the course, kept the faith — three verbs for one life.
- The crown is "stored up" — already reserved, waiting at the finish line.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

Paul finished. The city fell, the chains held, and still he could say: I kept the faith. You can too — not because you are strong, but because the One you believed is strong. The crown is stored up. Run the last lap like it. It all points to Jesus.

Closing call

Some of you are tired mid-race. Hear Paul: the power is given, the course is marked, the crown is waiting. Come to Jesus today — start the race, or get back in it. Nobody is disqualified who comes to Him.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week we watched a city fall and a prisoner sing — and learned that the promise outlasts the ruins.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week’s Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week’s readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- What is one "good fight" you are in right now, and what would finishing well look like?
- Psalm 91 calls God our refuge and fortress. Where do you run when you are afraid?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **2 Timothy 4:7-8** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In groups of three or four, each person names one runner in Scripture or in their life who finished well, and one sentence about why. Share the names with the whole group.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

One question to carry: What is one step I will take this week to "keep the faith" when it would be easier to quit? Pray for each other by name — for endurance to the finish.

Next week’s kit: **Week 44 (Days 302–308)** — In the ruins, His mercies are new every morning — and we have an anchor for the soul in Jesus. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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Week 44 Teaching Kit

Days 302–308 • Sunday school plan • Sermon outline • Roundup with Jesus group guide

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

In the ruins, His mercies are new every morning — and we have an anchor for the soul in Jesus.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 302:** Lamentations 1:■–■:22 | Philemon 1:■–■5 | Psalm 101:■–■ | Proverbs 26:20
- **Day 303:** Lamentations 3:■–■6 | Hebrews 1:■–■4 | Psalm 102:■–■8 | Proverbs 26:2■–■2
- **Day 304:** Lamentations 4:■–■:22 | Hebrews 2:■–■8 | Psalm 103:■–■2 | Proverbs 26:23
- **Day 305:** Ezekiel 1:■–■:15 | Hebrews 3:■–■9 | Psalm 104:■–■3 | Proverbs 26:2■–■6
- **Day 306:** Ezekiel 3:1■–■:14 | Hebrews 4:■–■6 | Psalm 104:2■–■5 | Proverbs 26:27
- **Day 307:** Ezekiel 7:■–■:11 | Hebrews 5:■–■4 | Psalm 105:■–■5 | Proverbs 26:28
- **Day 308:** Ezekiel 10:■–■1:25 | Hebrews 6:■–■0 | Psalm 105:1■–■6 | Proverbs 27:■–■

The arc of the week: Lamentations weeps over the fallen city and finds hope in God's faithfulness; Ezekiel sees the glory of God on the move among the exiles; and Hebrews lifts our eyes to the Son and the anchor of our hope.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will discover that grief and hope can live in the same heart, anchored in Christ.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Lamentations 3:22-23 and Hebrews 6:19 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "Can a person be heartbroken and hopeful at the same time?" (Let them wonder — you will answer it by the end.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. Tears with hope inside (Lamentations 3)

Jeremiah sat in the rubble of Jerusalem and wept — five chapters of tears. But in the middle of the darkest chapter he wrote the brightest words: God's compassions never fail; they are new every morning; great is His faithfulness. Hope did not ignore the ruins. Hope sang in them.

2. The glory on the move (Ezekiel 1-3)

Far from home, by a river in Babylon, Ezekiel saw the heavens open: wheels within wheels, living creatures, and above it all the likeness of God's glory. God had not stayed behind in the ruined temple. His glory travels with His people — even into exile.

3. The anchor holds (Hebrews 1-6)

Hebrews begins: God has spoken to us by His Son. Then it gives us a High Priest who understands our weakness, and a hope that is "an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast." Anchors are for storms. This one holds because it is fastened to Jesus.

Talk it over (10 min)

- "New every morning" — what would it look like to actually start tomorrow that way?
- Ezekiel saw God's glory in Babylon, not Jerusalem. Where have you seen God show up in an unexpected place?

- What is the difference between an anchor and a life jacket? What is your anchor fastened to?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. On one side, write one grief you are carrying (honest, short). On the other side, write Lamentations 3:23: "Great is your faithfulness." Keep the card in your Bible all week — grief on one side, faithfulness on the other, both true.

Close (3 min)

Pray honestly — tears welcome — and thank God that His mercies are new every morning. Preview: next week (Days 309-315) — Ezekiel calls for turning, and Hebrews proclaims the once-for-all sacrifice (Ezekiel 12-23, Hebrews 7-10).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Lamentations 3:22-23 — *“It is because of Yahweh’s loving kindnesses that we are not consumed, because his compassion doesn’t fail. They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness.”*

Suggested title: *New Every Morning*

Big idea: God's faithfulness does not depend on our circumstances — His mercies are new every single morning.

Introduction

Everybody knows what it is to wake up to the same trouble — the same diagnosis, the same grief, the same mess. Suggest: what if mercy had a morning delivery, fresh every day? From the week's readings, a prophet in the rubble found exactly that.

I. The weeping city **(Lamentations 1:1-11; 2:10-13)**

- "How the city sits solitary." Jeremiah does not rush past the pain — and neither should we.
- Real grief, real tears, real God. Lament is a language of faith, not a lack of it.

- Illustration from the week: Day 302 opened Lamentations. Ask what ruins they have wept over.

II. The glory on the move (Ezekiel 1:26-28)

- Above the wheels and the creatures: a throne, and the likeness of God's glory.
- God was not trapped in the fallen temple. He goes with His people into exile.
- Illustration from the week: Day 305's vision. The glory travels — even to Babylon, even to your Babylon.

III. The Son has spoken (Hebrews 1:1-3)

- "God... has at the end of these days spoken to us by his Son." The final word is a Person.
- The Son upholds all things by His word — the same word that made the morning mercies.
- Illustration from the week: Day 303. Prophets pointed; the Son arrived.

IV. The anchor holds (Hebrews 6:19)

- "An anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast." Storms test anchors — this one holds.
- The anchor is fastened inside the veil, where Jesus has gone ahead of us.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

The prophet wept, and in the weeping he found it: great is His faithfulness. Your morning mercy is already on its way — new, fresh, and sure. And your soul has an anchor that no storm can drag. His name is Jesus. It all points to Him.

Closing call

Bring your grief to the God of the morning mercies. If you have been trying to hold yourself together, drop the anchor instead — trust Jesus today, and wake up tomorrow to mercies you have never seen.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week we wept with Jeremiah, saw God's glory in exile with Ezekiel, and grabbed hold of our anchor in Hebrews.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- What does "new every morning" mean for the hardest morning you face this week?
- Where have you seen God's glory show up far from where you expected it?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Lamentations 3:22-23** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In groups of three or four, read Lamentations 3:22-23 aloud together, then each person says one word for what God's faithfulness means to them right now. Share the words with the whole group.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

One question to carry: What is one morning this week I will start by naming God's mercy before I name my trouble? Pray for each other by name — for morning mercies, fresh and sure.

Next week's kit: **Week 45 (Days 309–315)** — One offering, once for all — Jesus opened the way into God's presence forever. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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Days 309–315 • Sunday school plan • Sermon outline • Roundup with Jesus group guide

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

One offering, once for all — Jesus opened the way into God's presence forever.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 309:** Ezekiel 12:■–■4:11 | Hebrews 7:■–■7 | Psalm 105:3■–■5 | Proverbs 27:3
- **Day 310:** Ezekiel 14:1■–■6:41 | Hebrews 7:1■–■8 | Psalm 106:■–■2 | Proverbs 27:■–■
- **Day 311:** Ezekiel 16:4■–■7:24 | Hebrews 8:■–■3 | Psalm 106:1■–■1 | Proverbs 27:■–■
- **Day 312:** Ezekiel 18:■–■9:14 | Hebrews 9:■–■0 | Psalm 106:3■–■8 | Proverbs 27:10
- **Day 313:** Ezekiel 20:■–■9 | Hebrews 9:1■–■8 | Psalm 107:■–■3 | Proverbs 27:11
- **Day 314:** Ezekiel 21:■–■2:31 | Hebrews 10:■–■7 | Psalm 108:■–■3 | Proverbs 27:12
- **Day 315:** Ezekiel 23:■–■9 | Hebrews 10:1■–■9 | Psalm 109:■–■1 | Proverbs 27:13

The arc of the week: Ezekiel confronts sin head-on and calls every soul to turn and live; Hebrews proclaims the better Priest and the once-for-all offering; and Psalm 107 leads the redeemed in thanks.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will understand that Christ's one sacrifice finished the work and opened bold access to God.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Ezekiel 18:32 and Hebrews 10:22 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "If the way to God is already open, why do so many people still feel far from Him?" (Let them wonder — you will answer it by the end.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. Turn and live (Ezekiel 18)

Ezekiel spoke plainly: the soul who sins will die — but God takes no pleasure in it. "Turn yourselves, and live." God's judgment is real, and so is His mercy. The same mouth that warns is the mouth that invites. Turning is not punishment; it is the way back to life.

2. A Priest who never dies (Hebrews 7)

Hebrews tells us about a better Priest. The old priests kept dying and being replaced, but Jesus lives forever — so He can save completely, "to the uttermost," everyone who comes to God through Him. He never stops interceding for His people.

3. One offering, open door (Hebrews 9-10)

Then the heart of it: by one offering He has perfected forever those He is saving. Not many offerings — one. Not for a while — forever. Because the work is finished, we can draw near to God with boldness, with full assurance of faith.

Talk it over (10 min)

- Why do people keep trying to earn what God gives freely?
- "Turn and live" — what is one direction in your life that needs turning?
- What does it mean to pray "with boldness" instead of timidly?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Everyone writes one thing they have been trying to earn or fix on their own. Then everyone tears the card in half together — the old way is finished. On a fresh card write "DRAW NEAR — Hebrews 10:22" and take it home.

Close (3 min)

Pray with boldness — near to God, thankful for the finished work. Preview: next week (Days 316-322) — dry bones live, heroes of faith run, and Jesus authors our faith (Ezekiel 24-38, Hebrews 11-13, James 1-2).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Hebrews 10:19-22 — *“Having therefore, brothers, boldness to enter into the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by the way which he dedicated for us, a new and living way, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; and having a great priest over God’s house, let’s draw near with a true heart in fullness of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and having our body washed with pure water,”*

Suggested title: *Once for All*

Big idea: You cannot add to a finished work — you can only draw near.

Introduction

Everybody has tried to make up for something — an apology gift, an extra shift, a promise to do better. Suggest: what if the making-up were already finished, once for all? From the week's readings, a better Priest and a better offering.

I. Turn and live **(Ezekiel 18:30-32)**

- "I have no pleasure in the death of him who dies. Therefore turn yourselves, and live." God's heart in one sentence.
- The soul who turns lives. Repentance is not punishment — it is rescue.
- Illustration from the week: Day 312's reading. Ask what "turn" would look like in one concrete area.

II. A better Priest **(Hebrews 7:24-25)**

- "He is able to save to the uttermost" — all the way, no exceptions, no edge cases.
- He lives forever to intercede — your Priest never clocks out.
- Illustration from the week: Days 309-310. The old priests died; this one lives.

III. One offering (Hebrews 9:27-28; 10:14)

- "By one offering he has perfected forever" — one, not many; forever, not for a while.
- Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. The repetition is over.
- Illustration from the week: Days 313-314. Ask what they have been trying to re-pay.

IV. Draw near (Hebrews 10:19-22)

- "Having boldness to enter into the holy place by the blood of Jesus" — boldness, not timidity.
- "Let us draw near with a true heart" — the invitation is the conclusion.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

The veil is torn, the way is open, the offering is finished. You do not come to God with your goodness — you come by the blood of Jesus, bold and near. Draw near today. It all points to Jesus.

Closing call

Stop trying to earn what is already given. Turn from the old way, trust the one offering, and draw near to God today. The way is open — come.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week Ezekiel called us to turn and live, and Hebrews showed us the one offering that opens the way to God.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week’s Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week’s readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- What does "turn and live" mean for one habit or direction in your life right now?
- How does knowing the way to God is already open change the way you pray?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Hebrews 10:19-22** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In groups of three or four, each person finishes this sentence: "Because Jesus opened the way, I can..." Share the endings with the whole group.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

One question to carry: What is one thing I will stop offering God as a bargain and start receiving as a gift this week? Pray for each other by name — for bold, near-to-God hearts.

It All Points to Jesus

Week 46 Teaching Kit

Days 316–322 • Sunday school plan • Sermon outline • Roundup with Jesus group guide

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

God breathes life into dead places — and Jesus, the author of our faith, runs the race with us.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 316:** Ezekiel 24:■–■6:21 | Hebrews 11:■–■6 | Psalm 110:■–■ | Proverbs 27:14
- **Day 317:** Ezekiel 27:■–■8:26 | Hebrews 11:1■–■1 | Psalm 111:■–■0 | Proverbs 27:1■–■6
- **Day 318:** Ezekiel 29:■–■0:26 | Hebrews 11:3■–■2:13 | Psalm 112:■–■0 | Proverbs 27:17
- **Day 319:** Ezekiel 31:■–■2:32 | Hebrews 12:1■–■9 | Psalm 113:■–■14:8 | Proverbs 27:1■–■0
- **Day 320:** Ezekiel 33:■–■4:31 | Hebrews 13:■–■5 | Psalm 115:■–■8 | Proverbs 27:2■–■2
- **Day 321:** Ezekiel 35:■–■6:38 | James 1:■–■8 | Psalm 116:■–■9 | Proverbs 27:2■–■7
- **Day 322:** Ezekiel 37:■–■8:23 | James 1:1■–■:17 | Psalm 117:■–■ | Proverbs 28:1

The arc of the week: Ezekiel sees a valley of dry bones come alive and hears the promise of a new heart; Hebrews parades the heroes of faith and fixes our eyes on Jesus; and James calls us to live what we believe.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will trust God to bring life to dead places and run their race looking to Jesus.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Ezekiel 37:3 and Hebrews 12:1-2 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "What is the deadest, driest place in your life right now — and could God breathe there?" (Let them wonder — you will answer it by the end.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. The valley of dry bones (Ezekiel 37)

God set Ezekiel down in a valley full of dry bones and asked, "Can these bones live?" Ezekiel answered, "Lord, you know." Then God told him to speak — and as he spoke, breath came into them and they lived. God's word plus God's Spirit brings dead things to life.

2. A new heart (Ezekiel 36:26)

To the same exiles God promised: "I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. I will take away the stony heart and give you a heart of flesh." God does not just repair the old heart. He gives a new one.

3. Faith that runs (Hebrews 11-12; James 1-2)

Hebrews 11 parades the heroes of faith — and Hebrews 12 tells us to run our race "looking to Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith." James adds: be doers of the word, not hearers only. Faith runs. Faith does. Faith looks to Jesus.

Talk it over (10 min)

- "Can these bones live?" What is your honest answer for the dead place in your life?
- What is the difference between hearing the word and doing it (James 1:22)?
- Who is one person in the "great cloud of witnesses" of your own life?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Everyone draws a simple valley of dry bones on one side (stick figures are fine!). On the other side, write one dead place they are asking God to breathe on. Trade cards — each person prays for the valley on the card they received.

Close (3 min)

Pray for the valleys by name — and thank God that His breath still comes. Preview: next week (Days 323-329) — a river of life flows from the temple, and God's chosen people carry a living hope (Ezekiel 39-48, James 3-5, 1 Peter 1-3).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Ezekiel 37:3-10 — *"He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I answered, "Lord Yahweh, you know." Again he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and tell them, 'You dry bones, hear Yahweh's word. Thus says the Lord Yahweh to these bones: "Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and you will live. I will lay sinews on you, and will bring up flesh on you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you will live. Then you will know that I am Yahweh."'" So I prophesied as I was commanded. As I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, there was an earthquake. Then the bones came together, bone to its bone. I saw, and, behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh came up, and skin covered them above; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the wind, prophesy, son of man, and tell the wind, 'Thus says the Lord Yahweh: "Come from the four winds, breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live."'" So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up on their feet, an exceedingly great army."*

Suggested title: *Can These Bones Live?*

Big idea: God does not ask if the bones can live — He tells us to speak, and He brings the breath.

Introduction

Everybody has a valley — a marriage gone cold, a child far from God, a dream that died. Suggest: the question is not whether the valley is too far gone. The question is whether God can breathe. From the week's readings, a prophet, a valley, and

some very dry bones.

I. The valley (Ezekiel 37:1-2)

- "The hand of the LORD was on me" — God takes His prophet to the worst place on purpose.
- "Very many... and very dry." No excuses, no pretending. Honest about the deadness.
- Illustration from the week: Day 322's reading. Ask them to picture their own valley.

II. The question (Ezekiel 37:3)

- "Son of man, can these bones live?" God asks the impossible question first.
- "You know, LORD." The only right answer — humility and hope in one breath.
- Illustration from the week: the congregation read this on Day 322. Let the question hang in the room.

III. The breath (Ezekiel 37:7-10)

- "Prophesy to the breath." God uses human voices to carry His life.
- "Breath came into them, and they lived" — the word plus the Spirit equals life.
- Illustration from the week: speaking God's word is our part; the breathing is His.

IV. The new heart (Ezekiel 36:26; Hebrews 12:2)

- "A new heart... I will put my Spirit within you." The promise behind the valley.
- "Looking to Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith" — He starts it and He finishes it.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

The breath came, and they lived — a very great army. Your valley is not too dry, your heart is not too stony, your race is not too long. Look to Jesus, the author and finisher of faith. He runs with you. It all points to Jesus.

Closing call

Bring your valley to the God who breathes. Speak His word over the dead places — and if you have never received His breath, receive it today. The bones can live.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week dry bones lived, faith heroes ran, and we learned that believing is something you do with your feet.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- What "valley of dry bones" in your life or family needs the breath of God?
- Which faith hero's story stuck with you, and what did it make you want to do?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Hebrews 12:1-2** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In groups of three or four, name one "cloud of witnesses" person in your own life — someone whose faith cheers you on. Each group shares the names.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

One question to carry: What is one act of obedience — one "doing of the word" — I will take this week? Pray for each other by name — for breath, for faith, for feet that move.

Next week’s kit: **Week 47 (Days 323–329)** — Living water flows from God's house — and His chosen people carry a living hope. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

Living water flows from God's house — and His chosen people carry a living hope.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 323:** Ezekiel 39:■–■0:27 | James 2:1■–■:18 | Psalm 118:■–■8 | Proverbs 28:2
- **Day 324:** Ezekiel 40:2■–■1:26 | James 4:■–■7 | Psalm 118:1■–■9 | Proverbs 28:■–■
- **Day 325:** Ezekiel 42:■–■3:27 | James 5:■–■0 | Psalm 119:■–■6 | Proverbs 28:■–■
- **Day 326:** Ezekiel 44:■–■5:12 | 1 Peter 1:■–■2 | Psalm 119:1■–■2 | Proverbs 28:■–■0
- **Day 327:** Ezekiel 45:1■–■6:24 | 1 Peter 1:1■–■:10 | Psalm 119:3■–■8 | Proverbs 28:11
- **Day 328:** Ezekiel 47:■–■8:35 | 1 Peter 2:1■–■:7 | Psalm 119:4■–■4 | Proverbs 28:1■–■3
- **Day 329:** Daniel 1:■–■:23 | 1 Peter 3:■–■:6 | Psalm 119:6■–■0 | Proverbs 28:14

The arc of the week: Ezekiel sees the river of life flowing from God's house, healing everything it touches; James and Peter call God's people to holy, hopeful, ready-to-answer living; and the psalms praise the steadfast Word.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will see themselves as God's chosen people, carrying living hope like a river to others.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Ezekiel 47:9 and 1 Peter 2:9 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "If you are part of a 'royal priesthood,' what does that make your Monday morning?" (Let them wonder — you will answer it by the end.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. The river from the temple (Ezekiel 47)

Ezekiel watched water trickle from under the temple door — then grow to ankles, knees, waist, and finally a river too deep to cross. "Everything will live wherever the river goes." God's presence does not stay puddled at the door. It flows, it deepens, and it heals everything it touches.

2. Draw near (James 3-5)

James gets practical: the tongue needs taming, pride needs humbling, and the way up is the way down — "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you." Faith that stays in the head never reaches the hands. Real faith draws near.

3. A chosen people (1 Peter 1-3)

Peter tells scattered, suffering Christians who they are: born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus, "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation." And he adds: always be ready to give an answer for the hope that is in you. Chosen people carry the river.

Talk it over (10 min)

- Ezekiel's river got deeper the farther it went. What helps your faith go deeper instead of staying ankle-deep?
- James 3 says the tongue is a small fire. What is one way your words could bring healing this week?
- What does "a living hope" look like on a hard Monday?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Everyone writes "DRAW NEAR — James 4:8" on one side. On the other, the name of one person they will draw near to this week with kindness or their hope-story. Keep the card where you will see it daily.

Close (3 min)

Pray to be river-people — healed, and healing. Preview: next week (Days 330-336) — faithful in Babylon, a fourth man in the fire, and the Son of Man crowned forever (Daniel 1-9, 1-2 Peter, 1 John 1-3).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Ezekiel 47:9 — *“It will happen, that every living creature which swarms, in every place where the rivers come, will live. Then there will be a very great multitude of fish; for these waters have come there, and the waters of the sea will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river comes.”*

Suggested title: *The River of Life*

Big idea: The deeper the river gets, the more it heals — wade in.

Introduction

Everybody has been thirsty — real thirst, the kind water alone fixes. Suggest: Ezekiel saw a river that does more than quench. It heals everything it touches. From the week's readings, an invitation to wade in.

I. Water from the threshold **(Ezekiel 47:1-5)**

- "Water issued out from under the threshold." It starts small — a trickle from God's house.
- God measures it: ankles, knees, waist — the prophet is led deeper step by step.
- Illustration from the week: Day 328's reading. Ask where they are: ankles, knees, or swimming?

II. Everything lives **(Ezekiel 47:8-12)**

- "Everything will live wherever the river goes." Not some things — everything.
- Trees on the banks with leaves for healing — the river shares its life.
- Illustration from the week: the river does what no committee can. Let that land.

III. Draw near (James 4:8)

- "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you." The promise works both ways.
- Clean hands, pure hearts — drawing near has a direction.
- Illustration from the week: Day 324. Nearness is a choice before it is a feeling.

IV. A chosen people (1 Peter 1:3; 2:9)

- "A chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation" — this is who you are on Monday morning.
- "Born again to a living hope" — hope with a pulse, because of the resurrection.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

The river flows from the house of God, and everything lives where it goes. You are a chosen person with a living hope, and the water is for you. Wade in deep — and bring somebody with you. It all points to Jesus.

Closing call

Come to the water. If you are thirsty, ankle-deep is not enough — wade in to Jesus today. And if you are already in the river, carry someone with you this week.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week we waded into the river of life, learned to tame our tongues, and heard who we really are: a chosen people.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week’s Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week’s readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- Where does the "river" need to flow in your life — what would "everything will live" look like there?
- When was the last time someone asked you about your hope? Were you ready with an answer?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **1 Peter 2:9-10** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In groups of three or four, each person says in their own words what "a chosen race, a royal priesthood" means for Monday morning. Share the best one-liners with the whole group.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

One question to carry: Who is one person I will draw near to — with kindness or with my story of hope — this week? Pray for each other by name — for living water and ready answers.

Next week’s kit: **Week 48 (Days 330–336)** — Kingdoms rise and fall, but the Son of Man receives a kingdom that will never end. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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Week 48 Teaching Kit

Days 330–336 • Sunday school plan • Sermon outline • Roundup with Jesus group guide

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

Kingdoms rise and fall, but the Son of Man receives a kingdom that will never end.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 330:** Daniel 2:2■–■:30 | 1 Peter 4:■–■:14 | Psalm 119:8■–■6 | Proverbs 28:1■–■6
- **Day 331:** Daniel 4:■–■7 | 2 Peter 1:■–■1 | Psalm 119:9■–■12 | Proverbs 28:1■–■8
- **Day 332:** Daniel 5:■–■1 | 2 Peter 2:■–■2 | Psalm 119:11■–■28 | Proverbs 28:1■–■0
- **Day 333:** Daniel 6:■–■8 | 2 Peter 3:■–■8 | Psalm 119:12■–■52 | Proverbs 28:2■–■2
- **Day 334:** Daniel 7:■–■8 | 1 John 1:■–■0 | Psalm 119:15■–■76 | Proverbs 28:2■–■4
- **Day 335:** Daniel 8:■–■7 | 1 John 2:■–■7 | Psalm 120:■–■ | Proverbs 28:2■–■6
- **Day 336:** Daniel 9:■–■1:1 | 1 John 2:1■–■:6 | Psalm 121:■–■ | Proverbs 28:2■–■8

The arc of the week: Daniel and his friends stand firm in Babylon's fire and lions' den; the Son of Man is given an everlasting kingdom; and John's letters rest in the Father's great love and the light that has no darkness.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will find courage to stand firm in a "Babylon" world, trusting the everlasting kingdom.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Daniel 3:17-18 and Daniel 7:14 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "What would it take for you to stand when everyone else bows?" (Let them wonder — you will answer it by the end.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. Faithful in Babylon (Daniel 1-3)

Daniel and his friends were taken to Babylon as teenagers — new names, new food, new gods. But Daniel "purposed in his heart" not to defile himself. His three friends would not bow to the golden image: "Our God is able to deliver us... but if not, we will not serve your gods." Faith with a "but if not" is the strongest kind.

2. Prayer in the den (Daniel 6)

In the lions' den, God shut the lions' mouths. Daniel's habit was prayer — three times a day, windows open toward Jerusalem. The den could not change the habit, and the habit carried him through the den. What you do daily decides what you do in danger.

3. The Son of Man crowned (Daniel 7)

Then Daniel's night vision: thrones set, the Ancient of Days seated, and "one like a son of man" coming with the clouds — given dominion, glory, and a kingdom that all peoples will serve. "His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away." Every Babylon falls. His kingdom never will.

Talk it over (10 min)

- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego said "our God is able — but if not." What does faith look like when the answer might be no?
- Daniel prayed with his windows open. What would "open-window" faith look like in your life?

- Psalm 121 says our help comes from the LORD. Where do you look first when trouble comes?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Everyone writes "BUT IF NOT — Daniel 3:18" at the top, then one place they need courage this week. Stand in a circle, read the cards' courage lines aloud together, and pray for boldness.

Close (3 min)

Pray for Daniel-courage — for the kids, the workers, the quiet standers. Preview: next week (Days 337-343) — Hosea's heartbroken love, Joel's promised Spirit, and the risen Christ with the keys (Daniel 11-12, Hosea, Joel, Revelation 1).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Daniel 7:13-14 — *“I saw in the night visions, and behold, there came with the clouds of the sky one like a son of man, and he came even to the ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. Dominion was given him, and glory, and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which will not pass away, and his kingdom that which will not be destroyed.”*

Suggested title: *An Everlasting Kingdom*

Big idea: The kingdoms of this world have expiration dates — His does not.

Introduction

Everybody feels the pressure to bow — to the crowd, the culture, the boss, the fear. Suggest: three young men in Babylon would not bow, and heaven backed them up. From the week's readings, courage with a furnace behind it.

I. Faithful in Babylon **(Daniel 3:16-18)**

- "We will not serve your gods." Polite, firm, and final — conviction with courtesy.
- Excellence in Babylon: they served the king faithfully and still would not bow.

- Illustration from the week: Days 330-331. Ask where the pressure to bow is strongest today.

II. The fourth in the fire (Daniel 3:24-25)

- "I see four men loose, walking in the middle of the fire." They were not alone — and neither are we.
- "The aspect of the fourth is like a son of the gods" — heaven walks in the fire with the faithful.
- Illustration from the week: Day 331. The fire did not even leave a smell of smoke.

III. The lions' mouths shut (Daniel 6:22)

- "My God has sent his angel, and has shut the lions' mouths." Prayer in the den, peace in the den.
- The king could not sleep; Daniel slept like a child. Trust rests.
- Illustration from the week: Day 333. Ask what "lions' den" they are dreading.

IV. The Son of Man crowned (Daniel 7:13-14)

- "One like a son of man... there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom." Given — not seized.
- "His dominion is an everlasting dominion" — every other kingdom is temporary.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

The statue kingdoms crumble, the beasts pass away, but the Son of Man's dominion is everlasting. You are not betting on a losing kingdom. Stand firm — the King you serve cannot be voted out, worn out, or taken out. It all points to Jesus.

Closing call

Babylon always demands a bow. Do not bow. Stand with Daniel, trust the Son of Man, and if you have never entered His kingdom, enter today — the door is open and the King is kind.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week we stood with Daniel in the fire and the lions' den, and watched the Son of Man receive a kingdom that never ends.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week’s Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week’s readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- When have you felt like you were "in Babylon" — pressured to bow? What helped you stand?
- 1 John 3:1 says we are called children of God. What does the Father's love change about your week?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Daniel 7:13-14** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In groups of three or four, each person names one "Babylon moment" they might face this week and one sentence of courage from the week's readings to take into it. Share the courage sentences.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

One question to carry: Where will I need Daniel-courage this week — and who will I ask to pray for me? Pray for each other by name — for courage in Babylon.

Next week’s kit: **Week 49 (Days 337–343)** — God keeps loving His wandering people home — and the risen Jesus holds the keys of death. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

God keeps loving His wandering people home — and the risen Jesus holds the keys of death.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 337:** Daniel 11:■–■5 | 1 John 3:■–■4 | Psalm 122:■–■ | Proverbs 29:1
- **Day 338:** Daniel 11:3■–■2:13 | 1 John 4:■–■1 | Psalm 123:■–■ | Proverbs 29:■–■
- **Day 339:** Hosea 1:■–■:5 | 1 John 5:■–■1 | Psalm 124:■–■ | Proverbs 29:■–■
- **Day 340:** Hosea 4:■–■:15 | 2 John 1:■–■3 | Psalm 125:■–■ | Proverbs 29:■–■1
- **Day 341:** Hosea 6:■–■:17 | 3 John 1:■–■5 | Psalm 126:■–■ | Proverbs 29:1■–■4
- **Day 342:** Hosea 10:■–■4:9 | Jude 1:■–■5 | Psalm 127:■–■ | Proverbs 29:1■–■7
- **Day 343:** Joel 1:■–■:21 | Revelation 1:■–■0 | Psalm 128:■–■ | Proverbs 29:18

The arc of the week: Hosea pours out God's heartbroken, pursuing love for His wandering people; Joel promises the Spirit poured out on all flesh; Daniel sees the wise shining like stars; and Revelation opens with the risen Christ holding the keys.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will feel the pursuing love of God for wanderers and rest in the risen Christ.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Hosea 2:19-20 and Revelation 1:18 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "Why would God chase people who keep running from Him?" (Let them wonder — you will answer it by the end.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. The bride bought back (Hosea 1-3)

God told Hosea to marry a woman who would be unfaithful — and then to love her anyway, and buy her back. It was a living picture of God and His people: "I will betroth you to me forever... in faithfulness." God's love is not a reward for the faithful. It is the rescue of the faithless.

2. Mercy, not sacrifice (Hosea 6; 14)

"I desire mercy, and not sacrifice," God said. He wanted their hearts, not their rituals. And to the very end He promised: "I will heal their waywardness. I will love them freely." Waywardness is healed, not merely punished — by free love.

3. The Living One (Revelation 1)

Then Revelation opens and John falls down like a dead man — until a hand touches him: "Don't be afraid. I am the first and the last, and the Living one. I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore." The God who loves wanderers home is alive, and He holds the keys.

Talk it over (10 min)

- Why did God tell Hosea to marry an unfaithful woman? What was He showing His people — and us?
- Joel 2:28 says God will pour out His Spirit on all flesh. What would that look like in our town?

- "We love him, because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). How does being loved first change the way you love?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Everyone writes the name of one wanderer they love (no one else needs to see it). On the other side, write Hosea 14:4: "I will love them freely." Take the card home and pray that name every day this week.

Close (3 min)

Pray for the wanderers by name — yours, and the church's. Preview: next week (Days 344-350) — prophets cry for justice, Jonah learns mercy, and Micah names the little town of the King (Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah 1-7, Revelation 2-7).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Revelation 1:17-18 — *“When I saw him, I fell at his feet like a dead man. He laid his right hand on me, saying, “Don’t be afraid. I am the first and the last, and the Living one. I was dead, and behold, I am alive forever and ever. Amen. I have the keys of Death and of Hades.”*

Suggested title: *Alive Forevermore*

Big idea: The worst thing you have done is not stronger than the love that bought you back.

Introduction

Everybody knows a wanderer — maybe in the mirror. Suggest: what if God's response to wandering were not disgust but pursuit? From the week's readings, a prophet, a price paid, and a love that would not quit.

I. The bride bought back **(Hosea 3:1-3)**

- "Go again, love a woman loved by another." God's command to Hosea sounds like madness — until you see yourself.
- Fifteen pieces of silver and a homer of barley: love with a receipt. Grace has a price.

- Illustration from the week: Day 339's reading. Ask what it cost God to buy them back.

II. Mercy, not sacrifice (Hosea 6:6)

- "I desire mercy, and not sacrifice." God wants the heart, not the performance.
- Knowledge of God over burnt offerings — being known matters more than looking good.
- Illustration from the week: Day 341. Ask what "sacrifice" they offer instead of mercy.

III. The wise will shine (Daniel 12:2-3)

- "Those who are wise shall shine as the brightness of the expanse." Darkness is not the end of the story.
- "Many... shall awake" — Daniel saw resurrection long before the empty tomb.
- Illustration from the week: Day 338. The wise shine — ask who shines in their life.

IV. The Living One (Revelation 1:17-18)

- "Don't be afraid. I am the first and the last, and the Living one." Fear meets its answer.
- "I have the keys of Death and of Hades" — the keys are in the right hands now.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

"I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore." The risen Jesus holds the keys — not to lock you out, but to bring you home. No wanderer is too far. No past is too dark. Come home to the God who buys back. It all points to Jesus.

Closing call

Come home. If you have wandered, the Bridegroom is still buying back. If you have never come, come today — the Living One is alive forevermore, and He is not done with you.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week we felt God's heartbreak and His pursuing love, and we met the risen Jesus, alive forevermore.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- Hosea bought back his wandering bride. What does that tell you about how God feels toward wanderers — including you?
- What would it look like for the Spirit to be "poured out" in our church this week?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Revelation 1:17-18** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In groups of three or four, each person says in one sentence how Hosea's love story points to Jesus. Each group shares its best sentence.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

One question to carry: Who is one wanderer I will love the way Hosea loved — patiently, costly, and without giving up? Pray for each other by name — and for the wanderers each of you loves.

Next week's kit: **Week 50 (Days 344–350)** — From little Bethlehem comes the Ruler — and the slain Lamb is worthy of it all. | Tap and Share the Bible: https://muse.ai/s/tap-to-understand-bible-reader-nxe6mxjbxexgxrxlj

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

From little Bethlehem comes the Ruler — and the slain Lamb is worthy of it all.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 344:** Amos 1:■–■:15 | Revelation 2:■–■7 | Psalm 129:■–■ | Proverbs 29:1■–■0
- **Day 345:** Amos 4:■–■:14 | Revelation 2:1■–■:6 | Psalm 130:■–■ | Proverbs 29:2■–■2
- **Day 346:** Amos 7:■–■:15 | Revelation 3:■–■2 | Psalm 131:■–■ | Proverbs 29:23
- **Day 347:** Obadiah 1:■–■1 | Revelation 4:■–■1 | Psalm 132:■–■8 | Proverbs 29:2■–■5
- **Day 348:** Jonah 1:■–■:11 | Revelation 5:■–■4 | Psalm 133:■–■ | Proverbs 29:2■–■7
- **Day 349:** Micah 1:■–■:13 | Revelation 6:■–■7 | Psalm 134:■–■ | Proverbs 30:■–■
- **Day 350:** Micah 5:■–■:20 | Revelation 7:■–■7 | Psalm 135:■–■1 | Proverbs 30:■–■

The arc of the week: The prophets thunder for justice and mercy; Jonah learns that God's compassion is wider than his own; Micah names the little town where the Ruler will be born; and heaven sings to the Lamb who was slain.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will connect God's heart for justice and mercy to the King born in little Bethlehem.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Amos 5:24 and Micah 5:2 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "Why would the God of justice choose the smallest town for His King?" (Let them wonder — you will answer it by the end.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. Justice like rivers (Amos 5)

Amos looked at fancy worship and empty justice and said: God wants "justice to roll on like rivers, and righteousness like a mighty stream." Songs without justice are noise to God. The prophets never separated loving God from loving neighbor — and neither can we.

2. Mercy wider than ours (Jonah 3-4)

Jonah preached to Nineveh, they repented, and Jonah was furious — because he knew God: "gracious, merciful, slow to anger." Jonah wanted judgment for his enemies; God wanted mercy. The book ends with God's question still hanging: should I not pity them? It hangs over us too.

3. The King from Bethlehem (Micah 5-6)

Then Micah: "He has shown you what is good — do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God." And the promise: "Out of you, Bethlehem... one will come to be ruler in Israel." The King of justice and mercy would come from the smallest town — and heaven would sing, "Worthy is the Lamb."

Talk it over (10 min)

- Why do you think God chose tiny Bethlehem for the birthplace of the King?
- Jonah 4 shows a prophet angry at mercy. When have you struggled with God being kind to someone you dislike?
- What is the difference between "doing justice" and just feeling bad about injustice?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Everyone writes Micah 6:8 in short form: "Do justly. Love mercy. Walk humbly." Under it, one small, specific act for each — one just thing, one merciful thing, one humble thing — to do this week. Take it home and do all three.

Close (3 min)

Pray for just hearts, merciful hands, and humble walks. Preview: next week (Days 351-357) — nations fall, prophets learn to rejoice by faith, and God sings over His people (Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah 1-5, Revelation 8-14).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Micah 5:2 — *“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, being small among the clans of Judah, out of you one will come out to me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings out are from of old, from ancient times.”*

Suggested title: *Little Town, Great King*

Big idea: God does His biggest work in the smallest places — and the smallest acts of justice and mercy.

Introduction

Everybody roots for the underdog — the small town, the overlooked kid, the long shot. Suggest: God has been rooting for the small all along, and He proved it at Bethlehem. From the week's readings, justice, mercy, and a very small town.

I. Justice like rivers **(Amos 5:21-24)**

- "Let justice roll on like rivers." Not a trickle — a river. Not someday — now.
- God hates hollow worship and loves honest justice. The songs mean nothing without the stream.
- Illustration from the week: Day 345's reading. Ask what "justice like a river" would look like on their street.

II. Mercy for Nineveh **(Jonah 2:9; 4:2)**

- "Salvation is of the LORD." Jonah preached it, then resented it.
- "You are a gracious God, merciful, slow to anger" — Jonah knew God's heart and argued with it.
- Illustration from the week: Day 348. Ask who they struggle to want saved.

III. Walk humbly (Micah 6:8)

- Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly — the whole duty of man in one verse.
- Not great achievements: justice, mercy, humility. Small words, deep roots.
- Illustration from the week: Day 350. Ask which of the three their week is missing.

IV. Bethlehem's Ruler (Micah 5:2; Revelation 5:9-12)

- "Out of you one will come... to be ruler in Israel" — from the small clan, the eternal King.
- "Worthy is the Lamb" — heaven's song has one subject, and He was born in Bethlehem.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

The Lamb who was slain is worthy — and He chose to come from Bethlehem, the little town. Your small obedience matters. Your quiet mercy matters. Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly — and watch what God does with small. It all points to Jesus.

Closing call

Do not despise the small: the small town, the small act, the small obedience. The King came from Bethlehem. Come to Him today — and go do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week the prophets cried for justice, Jonah argued with mercy, and all of heaven sang to the Lamb.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- Micah says God requires justice, mercy, and humility. Which of the three is hardest for you — and why?
- Jonah wanted Nineveh judged and God wanted them saved. Who are your "Ninevites"?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Micah 5:2** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In groups of three or four, each person names one way their week would change if they truly walked humbly with God. Share the most practical one from each group.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

One question to carry: What is one just, merciful, humble thing I will do this week that nobody will see? Pray for each other by name — for quiet, humble obedience.

It All Points to Jesus

Week 51 Teaching Kit

Days 351–357 • Sunday school plan • Sermon outline • Roundup with Jesus group guide

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

Not by might, but by My Spirit — God sings over His people as the trumpet sounds.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 351:** Nahum 1:■–■:19 | Revelation 8:■–■3 | Psalm 136:■–■6 | Proverbs 30:■–■
- **Day 352:** Habakkuk 1:■–■:19 | Revelation 9:■–■1 | Psalm 137:■–■ | Proverbs 30:10
- **Day 353:** Zephaniah 1:■–■:20 | Revelation 10:■–■1 | Psalm 138:■–■ | Proverbs 30:1■–■4
- **Day 354:** Haggai 1:■–■:23 | Revelation 11:■–■9 | Psalm 139:■–■4 | Proverbs 30:1■–■6
- **Day 355:** Zechariah 1:■–■1 | Revelation 12:■–■7 | Psalm 140:■–■3 | Proverbs 30:17
- **Day 356:** Zechariah 2:■–■:10 | Revelation 13:■–■8 | Psalm 141:■–■0 | Proverbs 30:1■–■0
- **Day 357:** Zechariah 4:■–■:11 | Revelation 14:■–■0 | Psalm 142:■–■ | Proverbs 30:2■–■3

The arc of the week: The prophets watch proud nations fall and learn to rejoice by faith alone; Zechariah hears that the work is "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit"; and Revelation's trumpets announce the eternal Good News to every nation.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will learn to rejoice by faith and trust the Spirit's power over their own might.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer. Read Habakkuk 3:18 and Zechariah 4:6 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "Can a person rejoice when everything is going wrong — and if so, how?" (Let them wonder — you will answer it by the end.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. A stronghold in trouble (Nahum 1:7)

Nahum watched the mighty Nineveh fall and said: "The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble." Nations rise and fall, but God's people have a fortress that no army can take. Trouble is real — and the stronghold is realer.

2. Joy with empty hands (Habakkuk 2-3)

Habakkuk asked God hard questions — and ended with the bravest song in Scripture: "Though the fig tree doesn't flourish... yet I will rejoice in the LORD." He had nothing in his hands and everything in his God. "The righteous will live by his faith" — not by the harvest.

3. By the Spirit, under the song (Zechariah 4; Zephaniah 3)

Zechariah saw a lampstand kept burning by flowing oil, and heard: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit." God's work is never done by human muscle. And Zephaniah adds the sweetest note: the mighty God who saves rejoices over His people — with singing.

Talk it over (10 min)

- "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit" — where are you most tempted to rely on your own might?
- What does it mean to you that God sings? When do you think He sings over you?

- Revelation 14 says the eternal Good News goes to every nation. Who in your world has not heard it?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Hand out index cards. Everyone writes Zephaniah 3:17 in short form: "He sings over me." Under it, write one worry they are handing to the Stronghold this week. Tape the cards to the wall as the class "choir wall" — a reminder that God sings over every one.

Close (3 min)

Pray with Habakkuk's joy — rejoicing before the harvest. Preview: next week (Days 358-365) — the grand finale! The King comes, every tear is wiped away, and the whole year ends with "Come, Lord Jesus" (Zechariah 6-14, Malachi, Revelation 15-22).

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Zephaniah 3:17 — *“Yahweh, your God, is among you, a mighty one who will save. He will rejoice over you with joy. He will calm you in his love. He will rejoice over you with singing.”*

Suggested title: *He Sings Over You*

Big idea: When you have nothing left but God, you have everything you need to rejoice.

Introduction

Everybody has watched the news and wondered if anything can be fixed. Suggest: one prophet watched his nation crumble and wrote the most joyful song in the Bible. From the week's readings, faith that sings with empty hands.

I. A stronghold in trouble **(Nahum 1:7)**

- "The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble." Trouble has an address: God's stronghold.
- "He knows those who take refuge in him" — known, not just sheltered.

- Illustration from the week: Day 351's reading. Ask where their stronghold is.

II. Live by faith **(Habakkuk 2:4; 3:17-19)**

- "The righteous will live by his faith" — five words that changed the world.
- "Though the fig tree doesn't flourish... yet I will rejoice in the LORD." Joy with empty hands.
- Illustration from the week: Day 352. Ask what their "fig tree" is right now.

III. Not by might **(Zechariah 4:6)**

- "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit." The mountain moves by breath, not bulldozer.
- The lampstand burns because the oil flows — stay connected to the source.
- Illustration from the week: Day 357. Ask what mountain they are pushing by hand.

IV. He sings **(Zephaniah 3:17)**

- "He will rejoice over you with joy... He will rejoice over you with singing." God sings.
- The mighty one who saves is also the Father who sings — over you, by name.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

The fig tree may not blossom and the fields may yield no food — yet we will rejoice in the Lord. Not by might, not by power, but by His Spirit. And over it all, the mighty God sings over His people with joy. Can you hear it? It all points to Jesus.

Closing call

Stop striving in your own strength. The work is His, the joy is yours, and the singing you hear is God Himself rejoicing over you. Come to Jesus today — and let Him sing.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week we learned to rejoice with nothing in our hands, to work by the Spirit, and to hear God singing over us.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- Habakkuk rejoiced with empty fields and empty stalls. What would it take for you to rejoice like that?
- Where in your life are you trying "by might" what only the Spirit can do?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Zephaniah 3:17** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

In groups of three or four, read Zephaniah 3:17 aloud together, then each person says what it feels like to be sung over by God. Share the most moving answers.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

One question to carry: What is one "fig tree" situation — where nothing is growing — that I will bring to God in rejoicing prayer this week? Pray for each other by name — for joy that does not depend on the harvest.

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The Week at a Glance

THE BIG IDEA (one sentence for the whole week):

The story ends where it began — God dwelling with His people, every tear wiped away. Come, Lord Jesus — and begin again.

What the congregation read this week:

- **Day 358:** Zechariah 6:■–■:14 | Revelation 15:■–■ | Psalm 143:■–■2 | Proverbs 30:2■–■8
- **Day 359:** Zechariah 8:■–■3 | Revelation 16:■–■1 | Psalm 144:■–■5 | Proverbs 30:2■–■1
- **Day 360:** Zechariah 9:■–■7 | Revelation 17:■–■8 | Psalm 145:■–■1 | Proverbs 30:32
- **Day 361:** Zechariah 10:■–■1:17 | Revelation 18:■–■4 | Psalm 146:■–■0 | Proverbs 30:33
- **Day 362:** Zechariah 12:■–■3:9 | Revelation 19:■–■1 | Psalm 147:■–■0 | Proverbs 31:■–■
- **Day 363:** Zechariah 14:■–■1 | Revelation 20:■–■5 | Psalm 148:■–■4 | Proverbs 31:■–■
- **Day 364:** Malachi 1:■–■:17 | Revelation 21:■–■7 | Psalm 149:■–■ | Proverbs 31:1■–■4
- **Day 365:** Malachi 3:■–■:6 | Revelation 22:■–■1 | Psalm 150:■–■ | Proverbs 31:2■–■1

The arc of the week: Zechariah sees the humble King coming and the fountain opened for sin; Malachi promises the sun of righteousness with healing; and Revelation ends it all — the King on the white horse, every tear wiped away, and the church's final prayer: Come, Lord Jesus.

Sunday School Lesson Plan (about 45 minutes)

Aim: The class will celebrate finishing the whole Bible and commit to beginning again — with someone new beside them.

Welcome & open the Word (10 min)

- Open in prayer — a prayer of thanks for the whole year. Read Zechariah 9:9 and Revelation 22:20 aloud, side by side.
- Ask: "After 365 days, who is Jesus to you now?" (Let them answer — this is the celebration.)

Teach: three pictures (15 min)

1. The King at the end (Zechariah 9; Revelation 19)

We made it — all 365 days, the whole Bible. Zechariah saw the King coming humble on a donkey, and John saw Him coming on a white horse: "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." The baby of Bethlehem is the King of the ending. He was the point all along.

2. The water is free (Zechariah 13; Revelation 22)

Zechariah promised a fountain opened for sin, and Revelation shows the river of the water of life flowing from God's throne, with the tree of life on its banks. "Let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who desires take the water of life freely." The gospel is free — it always was.

3. The end is a beginning (Revelation 21-22)

"Behold, God's dwelling is with people... He will wipe away every tear." The story ends where it began: God with His people, like Eden, only better. And the last prayer of the Bible is ours to pray: "Come, Lord Jesus." Then we turn the page back to Day 1 — and begin again.

Talk it over (10 min)

- What is the biggest thing God showed you this year in His Word?
- Revelation 22:17 says "let the one who is thirsty come." Who in your life is thirsty?
- If you could tell a new reader one thing before they start Day 1, what would it be?

Do: one good thing (7 min)

Celebration! Hand out index cards. Everyone writes their name and one verse that carried them this year. Collect the cards into a "Year in the Word" basket for the church. Then hand out fresh cards: write one name — someone you will invite to start Day 1 with you. Take it home and pray for them.

Close (3 min)

Close the year with praise: read Psalm 150 aloud together, then pray thanks for the whole journey. No next week — only Day 1, waiting. Invite everyone to begin again, and to bring a friend. "Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!"

Sermon Outline (an outline, not a manuscript — your voice fills it in)

Preaching text: Revelation 21:3-4 — *“I heard a loud voice out of heaven saying, “Behold, God’s dwelling is with people, and he will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; neither will there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more. The first things have passed away.””*

Suggested title: *The End Is a Beginning*

Big idea: The Bible does not end with an ending — it ends with an invitation.

Introduction

Everybody loves a good ending — but the best endings are really beginnings. Suggest: the Bible ends with a wedding, a city, a river — and a prayer. This morning we finish the whole year together, and we finish it the way it deserves.

I. The King comes humble **(Zechariah 9:9)**

- "Behold, your King comes to you... humble, and riding on a donkey." The King came low before He came high.
- Rejoice greatly, daughter of Zion — the King we waited for all year has come.
- Illustration from the week: Day 360's reading. The whole year led to this King.

II. The fountain opened **(Zechariah 13:1; 12:10)**

- "A fountain will be opened... for sin and for uncleanness." Not a trickle — a fountain.
- "They will look to me whom they have pierced" — the wounds are the doorway.
- Illustration from the week: Day 362. The fountain never runs dry.

III. Every tear wiped **(Revelation 21:3-4)**

- "Behold, God's dwelling is with people." The end of the story is God with us — like the garden, only better.
- "He will wipe away every tear" — every. single. tear.
- Illustration from the week: Day 364. Ask what tear they most want wiped.

IV. Come, Lord Jesus **(Revelation 22:17, 20)**

- "Yes, I come quickly. Amen! Come, Lord Jesus." The Bible's last prayer is an invitation.
- "Let the one who is thirsty come" — the water of life is free. The gospel is free.

Landing: it all points to Jesus

From Zechariah's humble King on the donkey to Revelation's rider on the white horse, it has all pointed to Jesus — the Lamb on the throne, the Bridegroom coming for His bride. The tears are wiped, the dwelling is with us, and the last word of the Book is a prayer: Come, Lord Jesus. Pray it with me.

Closing call

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let the one who is thirsty come. If you have never come to Jesus, come today — the water of life is free. And if you have walked with Him all year, begin again tomorrow: Day 1 is waiting, and so is He.

Roundup with Jesus — 30-Minute Group Guide (after the sermon)

This week we finished the whole Bible — and found that the ending is really a beginning. Tonight we celebrate.

P — Preview (5 min)

Leader reads the week's Big Idea aloud. Each person names one thing from the week's readings that stuck with them — a verse, a story, a question.

Q — Question (10 min)

Pick two or three; let the conversation breathe:

- Where did you see Jesus this week
- Looking back over the whole year, what is the one thing you will never forget?
- Who is one person you will invite to begin the journey with you next year?

R — Read (3 min)

Read **Revelation 22:1-5** aloud together, slowly, twice.

S — Summarize (5 min)

Go around the circle: each person says in one sentence what this year in the Word has meant to them. No fixing, no commenting — just listen and thank God.

T — Test & pray (7 min)

One question to carry into the new year: What is one way I will stay in the Word — and bring someone with me? Pray for each other by name — and for the ones each of you will invite to begin.

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Begin again

Day 1 is always waiting. The Word became flesh and lived among us — this year, next year, every year. Soli Deo Gloria.

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