

Faith Practice Focus: Study

A Monthly Bible Study Reading Plan

Consider this monthly Bible study to help you dig into the Bible and grow in faith throughout the year. You can study each month on your own, with a friend, group, or with your family. It's intentionally designed to be intergenerational — accessible to all ages, and fit into a busy schedule. Read one story each week or however you like, reflect, and pray. May you and your family be blessed as you study God's Word.

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September: Animals in the Bible

God's creation includes creatures with fins, feathers, and fur. Read how animals play a major part in these Bible stories!

Creation	Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Noah and the Ark	Genesis 6-9
Daniel and the Lions	Daniel 6
Jonah and the Big Fish	Jonah 1-2

Ask

- God created animals of all shapes, sizes, and sounds. If you could create a new animal, what would it look like? What would it eat? What sounds would it make? What would you name it?
- What do you think Noah's neighbors thought when they saw him building a giant boat? (What would your neighbors think?)
- Daniel and Jonah both felt afraid. God saw and heard them and helped them. When have you been afraid? How has God seen and heard and helped you?

Do

God created every animal on the planet—the octopus, the platypus, and even the bumblebee! Go outside with your family and count how many animals you can see, hear, and smell. Thank God for each and every one.

Pray

Dear God,

Thank you for creating us all, loving us all, and protecting us all. We are especially thankful for these animals. (Name significant animals to your family, like pets, familiar animals, favorite wild animals, and common neighborhood critters.) And all God's creatures said "Amen!"