### JANUARY 2012 How can I get my child involved in Eat This Book?

The goal of the Eat This Book Challenge is for our community to develop a habit of reading our Bibles. The Bible can be challenging for adults to navigate, so it may feel downright intimidating to lead kids through this book. While it might be unrealistic for elementary aged kids to read chapters of the Old Testament daily, **each month we will be offering a kids' version of the Reading Plan**. We encourage you to help your child be part of the church wide challenge to Eat this Book!

## Eat this Book for Kids! Tips:

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gged kids!

If possible, invest in a Bible for your child. They will feel a sense of ownership when reading their own Bible. Here are a few we suggest:

The New Adventure Bible: The NIV Study Bible for Kids (Lawrence O. Richards) Adventure Bible, NIV (Zondervan) The Jesus Storybook Bible (Zondervan) The Beginner's Bible (Zondervan)

As adults dive into The Torah these next few months, help your kids read through some of the same stories and consider talking through them together.

JANUARY		
Genesis 1 – 2	Creation	
Genesis 3	The Fall Into Sin	
Genesis 6 - 9	The Flood	
Genesis 11	The Tower of Babel	
Genesis 12 - 16	God & Abram	
Genesis 18	The Three Visitors	
Genesis 22	God Puts Abraham to the Test	
Genesis 29 - 30	Jacob, Rachel & Leah	
Genesis 37 - 46	Joseph & His Brothers	
Exodus 3 - 13	Moses & the Escape From Egypt	
Exodus 14 - 15	Moses & the Red Sea	
Exodus 16 - 17,19 - 40	Moses & the Ten Commandments	
Psa	lms 1—31	

All scripture listed here can be found in The Jesus Storybook Bible: Every Story Whispers His Name by Sally Lloyd-Jones, Illustrated by Jago

EAT THIS BOOK FEBRUARY 2012

## Ready for the challenge of Leviticus and Numbers?

We love the idea of children being a part of the church wide challenge to Eat this Book! Remember, the goal is not to read every word, but to develop the habit of reading the Bible each day. The subject matter of February's readings are difficult for adults, let alone kids. We have put together a few suggestions to adapt this month's readings for kids.

## February Tips

- Focus on the Psalms. We have suggested some specific psalms that are a great way to learn about God and his willingness to forgive. We also highly recommend the following book for young children to help provide guidance and visuals.
  - Psalms for Young Children by Marie-Helene Delval
  - Catch up on the January readings. Feel free to grab the white half sheet from last month in the bins outside the rooms or ask your leader for a copy. You can also find it at blackhawkchurch.org/etbjan.
- Read through your Bible Reading Plan and find stories that you feel you are able to explain to your child in terms they understand.

February				
Leviticus Synopsis	The Israelites are traveling in the desert. Moses is their leader. He shows them how to obey God. He tells them God's rules for living a holy life. And he shows them how to worship God. The Israelites give God gifts called offerings. The gifts show that the people are sorry for their sins. Moses tells the Israelites that God forgives people who say they are sorry for their sins. -Taken from <u>NIrV Kids Study Bible</u> (Zondervan)			
Numbers 13	Spies Explore Canaan			
Numbers 22	Balaam and the Talking Donkey			
Deuteronomy 9–11	The Golden C	Calf		
	32	34	37	
Psalms	40	42	46	
	47	51	54	

MARCH 2012

## Joshua, Judges and Samuel, OH MY!

We are excited to jump into the lives of Joshua, Deborah, Gideon, Samson, Ruth, Saul and David. There are so many good stories for kids in the Eat This Book selection this month! We encourage the idea of children being a part of the church wide challenge to Eat this Book. Remember, **the goal is not to read every word, but to develop the habit of reading the Bible each day**.

### **March Tips**

In our March reading, we can note an interesting pattern giving us more clues and insight to our studies. Notice the indentation found in Deuteronomy 32, 33, Judges 5, 14 and 1Samuel 2. The author is using a writing style change to convey importance in the words and meaning of the text. This can be compared to watching musical theater where the cast bursts into song at what seems a random point in the show. This song in the musical is another way of showing the audience the importance of the information being conveyed. It is strategically put there to evoke passion and great feeling for the bigger picture of the story. The Bible is no different. As Eugene Peterson says: "To understand the Bible is to understand poetry."

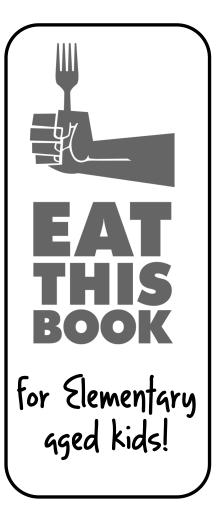
March				
Deuteronomy 29	The Covenant Renewed	1 Samuel 8 –9	Saul is Made King	
Deuteronomy 31	Joshua Succeeds Moses	1 Samuel 13, 15	Saul Does Not Obey	
Deuteronomy 32–33	The Song of Moses	1 Samuel 16†	David is Made King	
Joshua 1—3†	Crossing the Jordan	1 Samuel 17†	David and Goliath	
Joshua 6†	The Lord Delivers Jericho	1 Samuel 18	Saul Fears David	
Judges 4–5	Deborah	1 Samuel 20	David and Jonathan	
Judges 6–7	Gideon	1 Samuel 24	David Saves Saul	
Judges 13–16	Samson	1 Samuel 26	David Saves Saul Again	
Ruth 1–4	Ruth	2 Samuel 7†	God and David's Agreement	
1 Samuel 1–3	Samuel	2 Samuel 15–16	Absalom's Conspiracy	
		Psalms	62, 63 <sup>x</sup> , 69 <sup>x</sup> , 70 <sup>x</sup> , 84 <sup>x</sup> , 85 <sup>x</sup> , 86 <sup>x</sup> , 88 <sup>x</sup> , 89 <sup>x</sup> , and 91 <sup>x</sup>	

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for Elementary aged kids!



#### APRIL 2012

We hope you are enjoying the Eat This Book for Elementary Kids. Feeling behind? Don't worry! We have all the past month's readings available at the entrance to the K1 room and online at *blackhawkchurch.org/eatthisbook*. Remember, **the goal is not to read every word, but to develop the habit of reading the Bible each day.** 

## **PAYING ATTENTION**

This month pay close attention to the images we are given in the text. Did you ever notice how rarely we get a physical description of people in the Bible? Descriptions of people are only included when they are important to the story. We are also given very elaborate explanations of the Temple. These accounts are detailed, almost like building plans. Solomon intended this Temple to mirror the Garden of Eden. While you read, look for the images of people and the Temple that we are given by the authors. Here are some questions and ideas for how to use these descriptions this month.

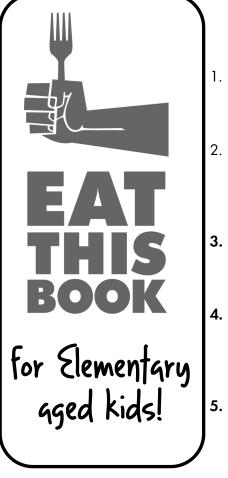
- Look for the physical images of people as you read. Draw pictures of the explanations you find.
- How did knowing the physical description help you understand the story?
- What stories have we already read that give you details to draw more pictures?
- Where do you see descriptions of the Temple that reminds you of the Garden of Eden? Can you draw a picture of what you think the Temple looked like given the imagery from the text?

April			
2 Samuel 9	David and Mephibosheth		
1 Kings 3	Solomon Asks for Wisdom		
1 Kings 10	Queen of Sheba Visits Solomon		
1 Kings 17	Elijah the Prophet		
2 Kings 2	Elijah Taken to Heaven		
2 Kings 5†	Naaman Healed		
Nehemiah 1–2	Nehemiah to Rebuild the Wall		
Nehemiah 4	Nehemiah Rebukes the Opposition		
Nehemiah 5–6	Nehemiah the Leader of the People		
Esther 1–6	Esther		
Psalms	92, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100*, 101, 103*, 104*,		
T SUIIIIS	108, 111, 112, 113, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119*, 121		

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## God is Wise, in Control and can be Trusted!

- 1. **Job** teaches us that God is wise, in control, and we can trust Him to be just. As the reader, we learn right away that Job didn't do anything to deserve his struggles. Job trusted God even when he lost everything. Job's life stands as an example for anyone who is suffering.
- 2. **Proverbs** is like watching "Sesame Street". Like the show, the book of Proverbs teaches the same theme over and over. The theme? Get wisdom! Proverbs teaches us that God is pleased when we are godly, moral, hardworking and use wisdom. The book was meant to be read as a whole to gain practical advice for daily living. When reading, try to not take your favorite verses out of context from the rest of the book.
- **3. Ecclesiastes** is one of the hardest books in the Bible to read. It teaches us that we cannot expect to understand the meaning of life for ourselves. The good in life is a gift from God but we should expect adversity, too. But we can trust that God is in control and He is wise. We cannot have a truly happy life without God.
- 4. Isaiah was a prophet who is quoted in the New Testament more than all the other prophets combined. God revealed Himself as He spoke through Isaiah. Many of Isaiah's prophecies pointed to Jesus: his birth, name, ministry, death, the cross, resurrection, and as eternal ruler! Isaiah taught that God is more powerful than great empires and armies, and we can trust Him and have confidence in His plan!
- 5. Don't forget! Eat This Book is not about reading ALL of the Bible, it is about getting in the Word every day. Enjoy!

May				
Job 1	Job's Home & Family Destroyed	Proverbs 31	The Wife of Noble Character	
Job 2	Job Becomes Sick	Ecclesiastes 3	A Time For Everything	
Job 9, 12	Job Proclaims God's Unfairness	Ecclesiastes 7	Wisdom	
Job 40 -41	Job is Shown God's Greatness	Ecclesiastes 9	Common Destiny	
Job 42*	God Grants Job Health & Wealth	Ecclesiastes 10	Wisdom is Better Than Folly	
Proverbs 1–3, 8	Trusting God & Embracing Wisdom	Isaiah 1	A Rebellious Nation	
Proverbs 10–11, 14–22, 24, 28–30	Proverbs of Solomon	lsaiah 6	Isaiah is Called	
Psalms 124 –136 139* *–150 1–2		Young Children by by Arno	ms are featured in <u>Psalms for</u> y Marie-Hélène Delval, Illustrated ), 136,139, 143, 150, 1	

\* If you read any of Job, be sure to read the end!

\*\* This is a psalm we refer to often in Elementary Ministries.

JUNE 2012

## Dig In

Many Bibles have sidebars and extra information scattered through out the text. These are clues to help you learn more about the time and culture of the stories you are reading. As you read, check out the side notes in your Bible, keeping an eye out for historical information about the Prophets.

Challenge yourself by looking at a few different Bibles to see how much information you can gather about the time when Isaiah and Jeremiah lived.

Looking at other versions can give you a better understanding of the stories by hearing them in different words. Do you find a certain passage difficult to understand? Try looking it up in The Message to see if it makes more sense to you. Multiple versions can be a big help in understanding what the Bible says.

We also recommend listening to an audio version. You can find other translations and audio versions at www.youversion.com

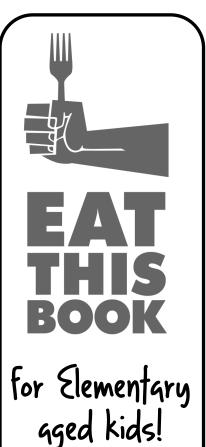
Are you finding yourself just reading to check passages off your list? Use this month's tricks to get back in the game!

June				
Isaiah 9†	To Us A Child Is Born	Isaiah 50†	Sin & Obedience	
Isaiah 11†	The Branch From Jesse	Isaiah 53†	Healing Wounds	
Isaiah 12	Song of Praise	Isaiah 55†	Invitation to the Thirsty	
Isaiah 19	A Prophecy About Egypt	Isaiah 60†	Glory of Zion	
Isaiah 20	Prophecy Against Egypt & Cush	Jeremiah 10	God & Idols	
lsaiah 25 & 26	Praise to the Lord	Jeremiah 20	Jeremiah & Pashur	
Isaiah 35	Joy of the Redeemed	Jeremiah 26	Change the Way You Live	
Isaiah 36	The Threat to Jerusalem	Jeremiah 37	Jeremiah in Prison	
Isaiah 38	Hezekiah's Illness	Jeremiah 38	From Prison to Palace	
Isaiah 39	Envoys From Babylon	Jeremiah 42	Flight to Egypt	
Isaiah 40†	Comfort for God's People	Jeremiah 45	Message to Baruch	
Psalms 1—22				

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JULY 2012

## What is a Prophet?

Good question! Prophets were called by God to speak for Him. They would hear God's message and tell other people. Oftentimes, they brought bad news. This was hard for the people to hear.

## Questions to ask yourself as you read....

What is the message each prophet is receiving from God? How are the prophets showing God's message to the Israelites?

How do you think you would have responded to the prophets? What do you think a prophet look like in our society today? Who was your favorite prophet to read and why?

## Did you know?

The Bible divides the prophets into two categories, Major and Minor Prophets. Both are equally important because every prophet was inspired by God and used by Him in a significant way. The only reason they are labeled Major or Minor is due to historical significance of the events of their time as well as the length of their book in the Bible.

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Ezekiel 1	Living Creatures of God's Glory	Jonah 1†	Jonah Flees From God	
Ezekiel 2	Ezekiel's Call	Jonah 2†	Jonah's Prayer	
Ezekiel 8	Idolatry in the Temple	Jonah 3†	Jonah Goes to Nineveh	
Ezekiel 10	Glory Leaves the Temple	Jonah 4†	Jonah's Anger	
Ezekiel 12	Exile Symbolized	Micah 2	Man's Plans vs. God's Plans	
Ezekiel 33	Ezekiel the Watchman	Micah 4	Mountains of God	
Daniel 1	Daniel Obeys God	Micah 5: 1–5	Ruler From Jerusalem	
Daniel 2	Explains a Dream	Micah 7	Israel Will Rise	
Daniel 3	The Fiery Furnace	Habbakkuk 1—2	God Answers Habakkuk	
Daniel 4	Another Dream	Habbakkuk 3	Habbakkuk's Prayer	
Daniel 5	The Writing on the Wall	Zephaniah 3	Future of Jerusalem	
Daniel 6†	The Lion's Den	Haggai 1	Called to Build God's House	
Hosea 11	God's Love for Israel	Haggai 2: 1–9	Peace of God's House	
Joel 2: 12–14	Rend Your Heart	Psalms		
Joel 2: 18–32	The Lord's Answer	32, 34*, 37, 40, 42*, 46*, 47*, 51*, 54, 63*		

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AUGUST 2012

### We're Moving . . . Into the New Testament!

The Bible is divided into two big sections: the Old Testament and the New Testament. The word testament means covenant or agreement. In the Bible, the agreement is between a loving God and His children. We need the Old Testament to fully understand the New Testament. It gives us background and knowledge so the New Testament can make sense.

## **Old Testament**

God made a covenant with His chosen people, the Israelites, to bless the world through them. It was written in Hebrew, the language of the people of Israel. The Old Testament gives us the law, the Ten Commandments, genealogy, history, psalms and wisdom. There are also prophecies telling us of the coming of Christ.

### **New Testament**

for Elementary aged kids! In the New Testament, God lives up to His promise through His son, Jesus. The New Testament begins with a list of names. This is Jesus' Family Tree. Even though it is not very interesting to read, it shows how Jesus is connected to what we read in the Old Testament. We learn that we are not able to follow the rules perfectly. Jesus was God's gift to those of us who trust that Jesus was the son of God and that He died for our sins.

August				
Zechariah 7	Justice & Mercy, Not Fasting	2 Chronicles 18	Micaiah Prophesizes	
Zechariah 8	The Lord Promises His Blessing	2 Chronicles 20	Jehoshaphat Prevails	
Malachi 1†	Israel Doubts God's Love	2 Chronicles 29–32	Hezekiah	
Malachi 3†	Breaking Covenant	2 Chronicles 4–35	Josiah	
Malachi 4†	The Day of the Lord	Matthew 2:1–12†	The Three Wise Men	
1 Chronicles 15	Ark Brought to Jerusalem	Matthew 2:19–25	The Return to Nazareth	
1 Chronicles 16	Ministering Before the Ark	Matthew 3 †	John the Baptist	
1 Chronicles 17	God's Promise to David	Matthew 4 †	Jesus' Ministry Begins	
1 Chronicles 21	David Count His Men	Matthew 6 †	The Lord's Prayer	
1 Chronicles 22	Preparations for the Temple	Matthew 8 †	Captain of the Storm	
1 Chronicles 28	David's Address	Matthew 9 †	Jesus Heals	
1 Chronicles 29	Ready to Build	Matthew 13 †	The Parable of the Sower	
2 Chronicles 1	Solomon Blessed by God	Matthew 14 †	Feeding the 5,000	
2 Chronicles 2 -7	Temple Built & Dedicated	Matthew 19 13-29†	Jesus and the Children	
2 Chronicles 8	Life of Solomon	Matthew 27 <sup>†</sup>	Jesus is Crucified	
2 Chronicles 12	Egypt Attacks Judah	Matthew 28 <sup>†</sup>	The Resurrection	
2 Chronicles 15	Asa's Reform	Psalms 69, 70, 84, 85, 86, 88, 89, 91		

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SEPTEMBER 2012

### The Gospels

The first four books of the New Testament are call the Gospels. And here's something you might not know–Gospel means "Good News." Do you know what the good news is in the New Testament? If you guessed Jesus you are correct!

All four Gospels tell about the life of Jesus. They include the story of His death and resurrection too. The writers of the Gospels were Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Each of the four writers tried to reach a different audience, so each book contains slightly different details. Matthew wrote mostly to the Jews, Mark wrote to the Christians in Rome, Luke tried to reach the Gentile Christians and John wrote to new Christians. But God inspired all four Gospel writers and what they wrote long ago was written for us, too. -Adapted from Hands On Bible

The order of the Gospels in the Bible is Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The writers of Eat This Book are having us read John before Luke. Wondering why? This is because the first book after the Gospels is Acts. Acts was also written by Luke and reading these two books together create a better flow for the reader.

HEY PARENTS!

For Elementary

gged kids!

The Jesus Storybook Bible: Every Story Whispers His Name by Sally Lloyd-Jones, Illustrated by Jago does a terrific job of pulling the stories of the Gospels together for an enjoyable reading experience. The stories included in this Bible version are indicated in the reading plan below.

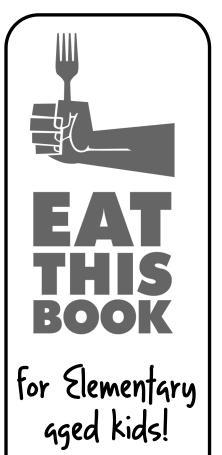
September				
Matthew	21—The Royal Arrival 27—28—Crucified & Risen†	Mark	2 - Jesus Heals 4-Calms the Storm† 6-Walks on Water† 10:13-33-Jesus & the Chil- dren† 14-Last Supper† 15-16-Crucified & Risen†	
Јони	1–Chooses Disciples <sup>†</sup> 4–Samaritan Woman 6–Walks on Water <sup>†</sup> 8–Claims to be God's Son 9–Healing & Feeding <sup>†</sup> 10–Good Shepherd 11–Raises Lazarus 12–Ride to Jerusalem <sup>†</sup> 13–Washing the Feet <sup>†</sup> 14–Comforting the Disciples <sup>†</sup> 15–Vine & Branches <sup>†</sup> 18–20–Crucified & Risen <sup>†</sup>	Luke	1–2–The Birth† 4–6–Chooses Disciples† 7–Raises a Widow's Son† 9–Feeds Five Thousand 10–Good Samaritan 12–Rich Fool† 15–The Lost Son† 18–Pharisees & Tax Collector† 19–Zacchaeus† 22–Night in the Garden† 23–24–Crucified & Risen†	

Psalms 110, 103, 104, 109

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### OCTOBER 2012 Who was Paul?

After Jesus died and rose from the dead, the followers of Jesus had their work cut out for them. This month we learn about Paul. Paul went from someone who hated anyone who loved Jesus to Jesus' biggest fan. Much of the New Testament is letters Paul wrote to different cities that he had visited. In these letters Paul preached about grace and God's love for us.

Preaching the love of Christ was not an easy task on many levels.

- 1. In those days traveling was difficult. There were no airplanes and the maps were very poor compared to what we use. For Paul to travel as much as he did was quite a feat. For example, you could compare Paul traveling from Jerusalem to Rome as risky as an astronaut going to the moon. Rome was at the end of the earth to them!
- 2. Paul was preaching the Good News about Jesus. Not everyone thought this was good news. The political leaders were threatened by the Son of God. If Jesus was God's son, how could they reign?
- 3. Paul was shipwrecked three times and thrown into prison. None of these situations were ideal for preaching God's Word.

None of this stopped Paul from serving God. He was determined to be God's servant and spread grace to all he met.

October			
Luke	19–Zacchaeus† 22–The Last Supper† 23–Jesus Faces Pilate† 24–The Resurrection†	Romans	3–Everyone Sins 4–God Saves Believers 5–Jesus Died for Us 8–God Loves Us† 12–How to Love
Астѕ	1–5–Jesus Sends Help† 9–The Conversion of Saul† 10–Peter's Vision 12–Peter Escapes† 15–The Council at Jerusalem† 19–Paul in Ephesus† 24–Paul's Trial† 27–28–Paul in Rome†	1Corinthians	6–Stop Sinning 12–We Are All Important

### Psalms

## 124, 125\*, 126–129, 130\*, 131–135,136\*, 139, 143, 150, 1–2

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NOVEMBER 2012

## Reading the mail...

Do you love getting a letter in the mail? Most people do! Back when most of the Biblical letters were sent, the entire town would gather to hear them being read in an open theater. Those who gathered would be sitting next to family, friends and neighbors. It was very different than when we grab a letter out of the mailbox and read it in our kitchen!

When we read the November selections, we are reading personal mail from the apostle Paul. He wrote to the places he visited while spreading the Word of God, encouraging them through their challenges as Christ followers. Corinth especially was known for being wild and crazy and Paul took them on with "weakness and fear, and with much trembling." (1Cor 2:3) His letters to the Corinthians and the other people he had visited were calling them out on their bad decisions and encouraging them to stay on the right path.

Here are some questions to ask yourself as you read:

- 1. Imagine you were in the theater listening to these letters from Paul. How would you feel? Encouraged? Embarrassed? Both?
- 2. These letters sometimes were calling people out on their mistakes. How would you like to hear that in the middle of a group of people you knew?
- 3. What are your favorite verses from these readings?

# November

#### PHILIPPIANS

- 1 Thanksgiving & Prayer 2 Imitating Humility
- 3 Confidence in Christ
- 4 Unity for All

### Colossians

- 1 Jesus is Supremet 2 Jesus Forgives Our Sins†
- 3 How to Live a Holy Life

### 1 Thessalonians

1 Being Christian Examples 4 Living to Please God

### 2 THESSALONIANS

1 Punishment for the Wicked 4 Living to Please God

### 1 Тімотну

1 Beware of False Teachers 2 Call to Worship 3 Choosing Leaders 4 Be an Example 6 Advice to the Wealthy

### 2 TIMOTHY

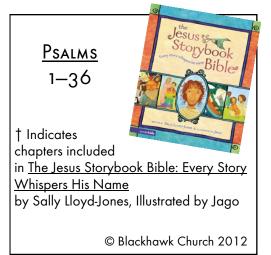
- 1 Teach God's Truth
- 2 Teach Gently
- 4 Teach Faithfully

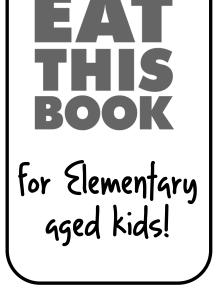
### Titus

2 How to Live a Christian Life 3 Christians Are to Do Good

### Hebrews

1 Jesus is Superior to Angels 2 A Real Human





### 1 CORINTHIANS

13 Love Is 15 lesus is Alive

### 2 CORINTHIANS

1 Our Prayers Help Leaders 2 Forgiveness Those Who Repent 5 We Are God's Ministries 7 Paul's Joy 9 Give Generously 10 Paul's Defense 12 Paul's Vision

### Galatians

1 No Other Gospel 3 Jesus Saves Us 5 Serve Others in the Spirit

### EPHESIANS

1 Praise for Christ 2 Made Alive 3 God's Great Plan 4 Unity in Christ 5 Walking with Christ 6 Obey Your Parents



## YOU DID IT!

Congratulations! This is the last month of Eat This Book for Kids and you did it! We would love to hear about your journey reading the Bible this year. What was your favorite month to read? What kind of Bibles did you use? Did you memorize any verses? Let us know! Send us an email at elem@blackhawkchurch.org with your story.

## **December's Reading**

The books James through Jude are called the General Letters. We call them the General Letters because unlike the letters Paul wrote, they were written for everyone, not just people living in a certain area. (Note: 2 and 3 John are an exception to this rule) These letters were written to remind people how God wanted them to live and how to deal with people who weren't speaking the truth. Their purpose is to warn the Christ followers that there were people saying they were followers, but really were not. These letters helped the followers of Jesus to stay strong in their belief in Jesus and not be tricked by the people who didn't agree with them. The letters were promising that God would return to earth bringing justice once and for all. The book of Revelation wraps this all up and gives us the hope of Christ's return.

## Questions to ask yourself as you read

1. How can you tell if someone is telling you the truth?

2. Is there a line you read that could help you keep your faith on track? Write it down and put it somewhere you will see it often.

3. When everything is made right by God will there be bullying? Sickness? What will it look like?

December			
Hebrews	<ul> <li>3 What We Believe</li> <li>4 Jesus Understands</li> <li>6 God Gave His Word</li> <li>11 Faith in What We Can't See</li> <li>12 Discipline in the Long Haul</li> <li>13 Jesus Doesn't Change</li> </ul>	1 John	1 God Is Light 2 We Are Called to Love Others 3 Shown to Love 4 Love is from God
James	1 Faith Under Pressure 2 We Are All God's Children 4 Think About Your Motives 5:13–20 Prayer In Good & Bad	2 & 3 John	Don't Walk Out on God Model the Good
1 Peter	1 A New Life 2 God Chose Us 3 Do Good 4 Learn to Think Like Jesus 5 All In Due Time	Jude	Stand Close with God
2 Peter	3 In the End		1 I am God† 4 A Door to Heaven 5 The Lion is a Lamb†
Psalms	36–59	Revelation	20 God as Judge 21 Everything is New† 22 Water of Life†

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