

GROW@HOME

September
Week 4

Personal and Family Devotions • Small Groups • Church meetings

1 Invocation

Make the sign of the cross and say:
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

2 Psalm

How lovely is the place where you live,
O Lord of hosts!
I long for the courts of Yahweh, my desire for it has made me exhausted.
My heart and all of my being call out to the living God.
Blessed are they who live in your house;
they praise you continually.
For one day in your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God,
than to live within the tents of the wicked.
O Yahweh of hosts,
blessed is the man who trusts in you.
Psalm 84:1-2, 4, 10, 12

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

3 Hymns

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer (page 5)
Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted (page 6)

4 Lessons



BIBLE BOOKS

OT Poetry Books

Ecclesiastes

Summary Statement

Searching for a meaningful life

Outline

I. Life Is Meaningless (1-6)

II. God Is Necessary (7-12)

Key Verses

1:14; 3:1; 12:13

Song of Songs

Summary Statement

Solomon's love poem

Outline

I. Falling in Love (1-4)

II. Growing in Love (5-8)

Key Verses

2:4; 3:5

Daily Readings

Su	Ecc 1:1-18	Ecc 2:1-3,18-26
Mo	Ecc 3:1-15	Ecc 4:1-16
Tu	Ecc 5:8-20	Ecc 9:1-12
We	Ecc 11:7-12:8	Sng 1:1-17
Th	Sng 2:1-17	Sng 3:1-11
Fr	Sng 5:1-16	Sng 6:1-13
Sa	Sng 7:1-13	Sng 8:1-14



BIBLE EVENTS

United Kingdom Era

1 Kings 3:1-28 ★

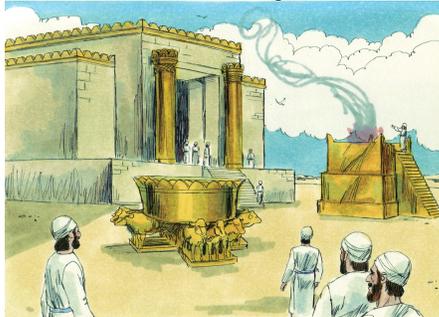
Solomon's Wisdom



- What did Yahweh say to Solomon in a dream by night? (3:5)
- What did Solomon ask Yahweh for? (3:9)
- Because Yahweh was pleased with Solomon's request, what else would He give Solomon? (3:13)
- What order did Solomon give to learn who the true mother of the living child was? (3:25)

1 Kings 8:1-11,22-30; 9:1-9

Solomon Dedicates the Temple



- When the priests came out of the holy place, what filled the temple of Yahweh? (8:10)
- What did Solomon say that the temple he had built could not contain? (8:27)
- What did Solomon ask Yahweh to do when he heard the prayers of the people toward the temple? (8:30)
- What did Yahweh say would become of the temple if the people turned away from following Him? (9:8)

Events labeled with a star (★) are appropriate for disciples of all ages. Other events may contain more mature content.

1 Kings 10:1-29 ★

The Queen of Sheba



- Why did the queen of Sheba come to Solomon? (10:1)
- How did what the queen of Sheba saw compare to the reputation Solomon had? (10:7)
- What did Solomon give to the queen of Sheba before she returned home? (10:13)
- How did Solomon compare to the other kings of that time? (10:23)

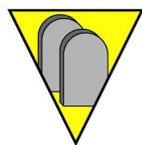
1 Kings 11:1-43

Solomon's Wives



- How many royal wives and concubines did Solomon have? (11:3)
- Name two foreign gods that Solomon built high places for. (11:7)
- Because of Solomon's sin, what did Yahweh say He would do to Solomon? (11:11)
- How many tribes did Yahweh say Jeroboam would rule over? (11:31)
- Who became king after Solomon died? (11:43)

For application: IDEA What is stated in the verse, passage or selection? **THANK** What does this verse, passage or selection make me thankful for? **CONFESS** What does this verse, passage or selection make me sorry for? **HELP** What help do I need from God to act on what I have read?



BIBLE TEACHINGS

Ten Commandments

Table of Duties

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For Husbands

1 Peter 3:7; Colossians 3:19

For Wives

Ephesians 5:22; 1 Peter 3:5-6

For Children

Ephesians 6:1-3

For Parents

Ephesians 6:4

Work & School

For Workers and Students

Ephesians 6:5-7; Colossians 3:22

For Managers and Teachers

Ephesians 6:9; Colossians 4:1

Others

For Young People

1 Peter 5:5-6

For Widows

1 Timothy 5:5-6

For Everyone

Romans 13:8-10; 1 Timothy 2:1

Younger disciples should focus on the content in the yellow box from Martin Luther's Small Catechism.

54. What are two types of actual sins?

A. Evil things we think, say, or do (sins of commission)

B. Good things we fail to do (sins of omission)

A – Matthew 15:19; James 1:15; B – James 4:17

55. Who is guilty of sin?

All human beings

Ephesians 2:1; Romans 3:12; 3:23; 5:19; Ephesians 2:3

56. Who is the only one who obeyed all of the commandments perfectly?

Jesus

Hebrews 4:14-15

Sin

53. What are the two types of sin?

A. Original sin (who we are)

B. Actual sin (what we do)

A – Psalm 51:5; John 3:6; Romans 5:12; Ephesians 2:3; B – Leviticus 5:17; James 1:15; 1 John 3:4

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5 Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

6 Prayers

Pray for your family and friends, your church, your community, your nation, your world, and your own personal needs. As you C.H.A.T. with God, remember to Confess your sins, Honor and praise God, Ask Him your requests, and Thank Him for His blessings.



Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You, we bless and praise You forever, that You sent Your Son to rule over us poor sinners, who for our transgressions justly deserved to remain in the bondage of sin and Satan, and that in Him You gave us a meek and righteous King, who by His death became our Savior from sin and eternal death. Enlighten, govern and direct us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may ever remain faithful to this righteous King and Savior, and not, after the manner of the world, be offended by His humble form and despised Word, but, firmly believing in Him, obtain eternal salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



O God, You taught the hearts of Your faithful people, by sending to them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us by that same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



Lord God, heavenly Father, we all like sheep have gone astray, having allowed ourselves to be led away from the right path by Satan and our own sinful flesh. Graciously forgive us all our sins for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Enliven our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may abide in Your Word, and in true repentance and a steadfast faith continue in Your Church unto the end, and obtain eternal salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and all evil, that all my actions and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

OR

Luther's Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

7 Blessing

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (2 Corinthians 13:14) **Amen.**

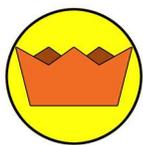
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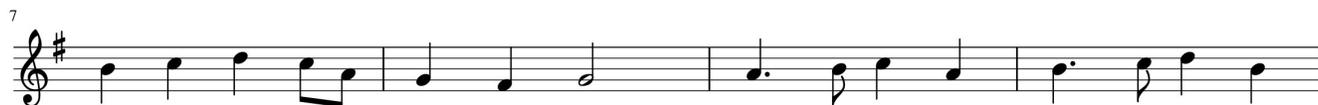
Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer



1. Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



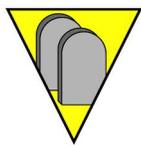
bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



Feed me till I want no more; Feed me till I want no more.
 Be Thou still my strength and shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.



Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



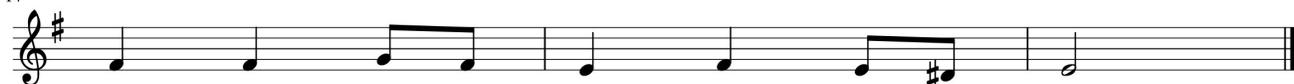
1. Strick-en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the tree! 'Tis the
 2. Tell me, ye who hear Him groan - ing, Was there ev - er grief like His? Friends through
 3. Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil great Here may
 4. Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the lost: Christ, the



Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed
 fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in - sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
 view its na - ture right - ly, Here its guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
 Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I see suf - fi - cient
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the deep - est stroke that
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the Word, the Lord's a -
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall ev - er be con -



of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 pierced Him was the stroke that jus - tice gave.
 noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.