

100 Bible Passages in a Year

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Reading 1 (Sunday, January 1, 2012) ♦ Genesis 1:1-2:25

We were put here for a purpose – to love and take care of one another and the world. ♦ *What are you doing to take care of the world?*

Reading 2 (Tues. 1/3) ♦ Genesis 3:1-3:24

Adam and Eve were unwilling to live with God's limitations. This is a story about the human condition. It says that we are all sinners and that we live in a sinful world. ♦ *What are the "big" temptations that you face?*

Reading 3 (Sunday, January 8, 2012) ♦ Genesis 6:5-7:24

Noah must have had great faith to build an ark in the middle of the desert with no rain in sight. ♦ *Have you ever done anything that involved a lot of faith?*

Reading 4 (Tues. 1/10) ♦ Genesis 8:1-9:17

This the end of the Noah story. God puts a bow (a weapon) into the sky as a way of being disarmed and of promising never to destroy the world again. ♦ *Is God still keeping that promise?*

Reading 5 (Sunday, January 15, 2012) ♦ Genesis 11:1-11:9

The tower of Babel story. ♦ *Where today do you see people trying to act like God?*

Reading 6 (Sunday, January 22, 2012) ♦ Genesis 12:1-12:20

Abram is called by God and promised (1) land (2) descendants and (3) that he will be a blessing to others. Abram had done nothing first; God just chose him. ♦ *Do you sometimes feel unworthy of the trust God has put in you?*

Reading 7 (Tues. 1/24) ♦ Genesis 15:1-15:21

Here an ancient ceremony is repeated. It is God's way of saying: "May what has happened to these animals happen to me if I don't keep this promise." ♦ *Has God ever broken a promise to you?*

Reading 8 (Sunday, January 29, 2012) ♦ Genesis 21:1-22:19

The sacrifice of Isaac. (*Don't get caught up in why God would order such a thing – in the end the order is reversed. The story may have been told in part to warn people against the pagan idea of child sacrifice*). The point of the story is about Abraham's faith. ♦ *Are you willing to give up something important for God?*

Reading 9 (Tues. 1/31) ♦ Genesis 27:1-28:22

Jacob and Esau (twins) were the sons of Isaac & Rebekah (grandsons of Abraham & Sarah). After Jacob steals Esau's birthright he has to run away, yet God still comes to bless him at Bethel in a dream. This is a story about forgiveness.

♦ *When were you last forgiven?*