



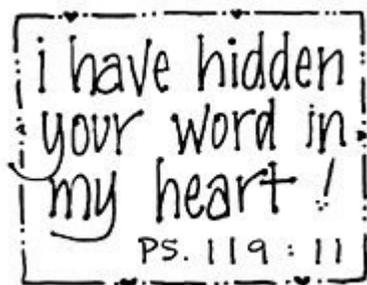
## THE STORY BIBLE

This week, read and discuss these stories:

- **The Resurrection of Jesus**, page 407
- **Jesus Appears on the Emmaus Road**, page 409
- **Jesus Appears to Thomas**, page 412
- **Jesus Appears in Galilee**, page 415
- **Jesus Ascends into Heaven**, page 418

Here are some tips for making daily devotions a habit:

- Find a special time and stick to it. Make it a priority.
- Designate a special place to do your daily devotions every day.
- Stick with it for 6 weeks. Six weeks creates a strong habit.
- Pray before you start that God would open His Word to you and draw you closer to Him.



## Know the Bible Now (including Scripture references)

### THE RESURRECTION — [John 20:1-18](#) | KtBN page 296

- Think about the women who went to the tomb in order to embalm Jesus' body with the spices they had prepared. When the two men in dazzling clothes (angels) spoke to them, they had to be shocked. What do you think they may have said to each other?
- Jesus talked about his death and resurrection often. Why do you think the disciples were surprised at Jesus' resurrection?

Prayer: *Dear Jesus, sin, death nor the devil could hold You down. You rose triumphant and You gave Your victory to us and saved us. Thank you. Amen.*

### JESUS APPEARS ON THE EMMAUS ROAD — [Luke 24:13-35](#) | KtBN page 298

- The disciples said, "Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures." Why do you think they had that reaction?
- Think about some bad/tough times you face. How can the news of Jesus' resurrection give you a little hope and joy?

Prayer: *Lord, Jesus, You give us hope even when there seems nothing but despair. Keep our eyes fixed on Your promises. Amen.*

### JESUS APPEARS TO THOMAS — [John 20:19-31](#) | KtBN page 300

- Jesus said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." Lutherans refer to this as "The Office of the Keys." Why is it a good name for this passage?
- Peter denied Jesus 3 times, yet became a powerful leader of the church. How do you think he was able to overcome his earlier failures?

Prayer: *Lord, help me to stand strong in my faith when times are tough. Keep me firm in my trust in You through everything I face. Amen.*

### JESUS AND PETER — [John 21:1-19](#) | KtBN page 302

- Peter denied Jesus 3 times. Why do you think Jesus restored and forgave him now?
- Jesus told Peter, "Feed my sheep." What do you think he was talking about?

Prayer: *Lord, there is no sin so large that you can't forgive. Remind me again and again of your mercy and use me to connect others to you. Amen.*

### JESUS ASCENDS INTO HEAVEN — [Matthew 28:16-20](#), [Acts 1](#) | KtBN page 304

- In this reading, Jesus gives us what is called the "Great Commission." What is he commanding us to do?
- Jesus said, "Behold I am with you always, to the end of the age." Think about good times, stressful times, sad times and uncertain times. How does this verse help?

Prayer: *Gracious Lord, hear my prayer. Give me opportunity to tell one person today about the hope that I have in you. Amen.*