



# BRING IT HOME

Reading the Great Stories of the Bible

WEEK 17 | READINGS 81-85  
MAY 26-JUNE 1

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## THE STORY BIBLE

This week, read and discuss these stories:

- **The Birth of Jesus**, page 2836
- **The Visit of the Wise Men**, page 287
- **The Boy Jesus in the Temple**, page 290
- **John Prepares the Way of the Lord, John Baptizes Jesus**, pages 295, 297
- **The Temptation of Jesus**, page 300

Prayer is one of the most essential parts of the Christian faith. Like any relationship, communication matters, and prayer is a way we stay in conversation with God. It's a way we express trust in Him. When we bring out petitions to the Lord, we indicate that He is our provider, our teacher, and our Savior. Prayer keeps us from carrying the weight of our worries on our own and shows that we trust the Lord of the universe with them.

## Know the Bible Now (including Scripture references)

### THE BIRTH OF JESUS — [Luke 2:1-21](#) | KtBN page 220

- What was unexpected about the savior coming in the form of child? What was expected?
- What did the shepherds do after the angel told them about the birth of Jesus? Is there someone you can tell about Jesus?

Prayer: *Lord, Jesus Christ, you came into the world as a baby to save us. Thank you for this most precious gift. Amen.*

### THE VISIT OF THE WISE MEN — [Matthew 2](#) | KtBN page 222

- The wisemen brought gifts for Jesus. What were they? Look up the significance of these gifts.
- How might the gift of myrrh been a sign of what is coming to Jesus?

Prayer: *Lord, wise men came to visit and bring you gifts. Everyday, you bring us gifts of your mercy and peace. Thank you for this greatest of all gifts. Amen.*

### THE BOY JESUS IN THE TEMPLE — [Luke 2:41-52](#) | KtBN page 224

- What did Jesus and his parents do in Jerusalem?
- Near the end of the passage, we learn that Jesus was “submissive” to his parents. If Jesus is God’s Son, why was it important for him to be submissive, listen to, and obey his parents?

Prayer: *Dear Jesus, you became like us and yet you were perfect in every way. You offered up your perfect life as a payment for our sins. Thank you for your mercy, which is new every day. Amen.*

### JOHN BAPTIZES JESUS — [Matthew 3](#) | KtBN page 230

- John urged people to “repent.” What does this mean and why was it necessary?
- If Jesus was sinless, why did John the Baptist baptize him?

Prayer: *Lord, Jesus, you were baptized by John the Baptist to connect yourself to us. When we fail, remind us to turn to you alone in repentance and faith. Amen.*

### THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS— [Matthew 4:1-11](#) | KtBN page 232

- What did Jesus use to defeat the temptations of Satan?
- How might God’s Word help us get through times when we are tempted to sin?

Prayer: *Lord, Jesus, the power of Your Word chases away temptation. Keep us strongly tied to Your Word and keep us safe in your presence. Amen.*