



THE STORY BIBLE

This week, read and discuss these stories:

- **Jesus Rejected at Nazareth**, page 325
- **Jesus Heals the Paralyzed Man**, page 327
- **The Beatitudes, The Sermon on the Mount**, page 352, 355
- **Jesus Calms the Storm**, pages 333
- **Jesus Heals Jairus' Daughter**, page 336

This week, we read about a lot of miracles performed by Jesus. Jesus used miracles to authenticate His message. It also gave Jesus the opportunity to share the Gospel with others.

Would you like to see God work? Pray for a friend, relative or neighbor who doesn't know Jesus as their Savior, or who doesn't go to church. Pray for God to give you an opportunity to invite them to worship with you - or to share the Gospel message of forgiveness with them. Then look for the opportunity to happen. Jesus said in Matthew 7 "Ask and it will be give unto you...". He will give you this opportunity - so look for it - and act on it. See what God will do in that person's life.

God uses us to spread the message of the Gospel. See the miracle happen!!

Know the Bible Now (including Scripture references)

JESUS REJECTED AT NAZARETH — [Luke 4:16-30](#) | KtBN page 244

- Re-read the words Jesus spoke from the prophet Isaiah. How do you think Jesus fulfilled these words in His ministry?
- Some who heard Jesus was upset that he was including Gentiles (non-Jews) in God's salvation plan. Think of some people you know who you are convinced would never come to believe in Jesus as their Savior. Name them and pray that they would have the opportunity to hear the Gospel.

Prayer: *Lord, the entire world needs Your mercy and forgiveness. Please let Your light and forgiveness shine over all those in our community and especially on our home. Amen.*

JESUS HEALS A PARALYZED MAN — [Mark 2:1-12](#) | KtBN page 246

- Why do you think Jesus made a point of publicly forgiving the paralyzed man's sins?
- What do you think people thought when they saw this paralyzed man walk out fully healed after talking to Jesus?

Prayer: *Dear Jesus, I believe Your Word. I have faith in the forgiveness of sins You won for me on the cross. Keep my eyes fixed on Your promises. Amen.*

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT — [Matthew 5-7](#) | KtBN page 248

- Jesus said, "You are the Light of the World..." As His lights, what did Jesus command us to do? How can we do that among our neighbors and friends?
- Jesus said to "love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us." Identify someone you are in conflict with. How can you pray for them?

Prayer: *Father, we build our lives on Your mercy, won for us in Your Son Jesus. Shine the light of Your love through us, that others may experience Your grace. Amen.*

JESUS CALMS THE STORM — [Mark 4:35-41](#) | KtBN page 250

- What are some things which cause you to be afraid?
- When the disciples were afraid in the storm, what did Jesus say to change their situation? What did Jesus ultimately do, on the cross, to change our situation?

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, even the wind and the rain obey You. Give us faith to trust in You boldly, knowing that You will always have our backs. Amen.*

JESUS HEALS JAIRUS' DAUGHTER— [Mark 5:21-43](#) | KtBN page 252

- What did Jesus say to Jairus when he first met him?
- Jairus' daughter died, but Jesus raised her up to live again. How do you feel knowing that Jesus will do the same for us at the last day?

Prayer: *Lord, Jesus Christ, You defeated sin, death and the power of the devil. In the midst of things that scare us, point us to Your promise of life and salvation for all who trust in You. Amen.*