

Suggestions for study through the Bible

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Begin Your Daily Reading Time by asking God to be with you and teach you what His word means and how it is relevant to your life. Here is a short prayer to get you started:

Almighty God, I ask that with the help of the Holy Spirit I may be attentive as I read Your Word. Teach me more about You and about myself. Help me be patient when I have trouble understanding. May I respond to the Truth you share with me in ways that make a difference in who I am and how I act each day. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

If you like - choose one or more to gain further insight from your daily reading:

1. Keep a list of the names of God and what they mean. As the Bible characters encounter God they understand more and more about Him. Often when a character discovers something new about God, God is described by that character with a name. That name also tells us something about God's relationship with the Bible character that, as God's people, we can apply to own relationship with God.
2. Keep a list of the names of places people encounter God, and what they mean. Like the names of God, the names of the places describe something the Bible characters have learned about who God is and how God desires to relate to people.
3. Follow the travels of Bible characters on a map, thinking about why they may have traveled as they did; why God would have lead them on a particular path (see Pastor Lisa for a map relevant to the portion of scripture we're currently reading or use maps in your own Bible).
4. Keep a journal of the insights you have received from God as you prayerfully read His Word. You could include the reference to the scripture passage, what you see happening, what you think it means to the Bible characters and their relationship to God, and how you think what you have learned about God applies to your own life. Don't expect to have a life-changing revelation every day. God most often leads us and reveals Himself to us in small, everyday circumstances. These insights can help us grow in our faith and understand how we can better love the Lord our God with our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and more effectively love our neighbors as ourselves.