

OVERVIEW OF THE BIBLE IN SIX MONTHS

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THE PLOT UNVEILED

- DAY 1 Genesis 1: A Book of Beginnings
- DAY 2 Genesis 2: One Shining Moment
- DAY 3 Genesis 3: The Crash
- DAY 4 Genesis 4: Crouching at the Door
- DAY 5 Genesis 7: Under Water
- DAY 6 Genesis 8: The Rainbow
- DAY 7 Genesis 15: The Plan
- DAY 8 Genesis 19: A Castastrophe Sent from God
- DAY 9 Genesis 22: Final Exam
- DAY 10 Genesis 27: Jacob Gets the Blessing
- DAY 11 Genesis 28: Something Undeserved
- DAY 12 Genesis 37: Family Battles
- DAY 13 Genesis 41: Behind the Scenes
- DAY 14 Genesis 45: A Long Forgiveness

BIRTHING A NATION

- DAY 15 Exodus 3: Time for Action
- DAY 16 Exodus 10–11: The Ten Plagues
- DAY 17 Exodus 14: Miracle at the Red Sea
- DAY 18 Exodus 20: The Ten Commandments
- DAY 19 Exodus 32: The Dream Dies
- DAY 20 Leviticus 26: Legal Matters
- DAY 21 Numbers 11: Trials in the Desert
- DAY 22 Numbers 14: Open Mutiny
- DAY 23 Deuteronomy 4: Never Forget
- DAY 24 Deuteronomy 8: Dangers of Success
- DAY 25 Deuteronomy 28: Loud and Clear
- DAY 26 Joshua 2: New Spies, New Spirit
- DAY 27 Joshua 6: Strange Tactics
- DAY 28 Joshua 7: Slow Learners
- DAY 29 Joshua 24: Home at Last
- DAY 30 Judges 6: Unlikely Leader
- DAY 31 Judges 7: Military Upset
- DAY 32 Judges 16: Superman’s Flaws

THE GOLDEN AGE

- DAY 33 1 Samuel 3: Transition Team
- DAY 34 1 Samuel 16: Tale of Two Kings
- DAY 35 Psalm 23: A Shepherd's Song
- DAY 36 1 Samuel 17: Giant-Killer
- DAY 37 Psalm 19: Outdoor Lessons
- DAY 38 1 Samuel 20: Jonathan's Loyalty
- DAY 39 Psalm 27: Ups and Downs
- DAY 40 2 Samuel 6: King of Passions
- DAY 41 1 Chronicles 17: God's House
- DAY 42 Psalm 103: The Goodness of God
- DAY 43 2 Samuel 11: Adultery and Murder
- DAY 44 2 Samuel 12: Caught in the Act
- DAY 45 Psalm 51: True Confession
- DAY 46 Psalm 139: David's Spiritual Secret
- DAY 47 1 Kings 3: Raw Talent
- DAY 48 1 Kings 8: High-water Mark
- DAY 49 Psalm 84: Home Sweet Home
- DAY 50 Proverbs 4: Life Advice
- DAY 51 Proverbs 10: One-liners
- DAY 52 Song of Songs 2: Love Story
- DAY 53 Ecclesiastes 3: A Time for Everything

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- DAY 54 1 Kings 17: The Prophets
- DAY 55 1 Kings 18: Mountaintop Showdown
- DAY 56 2 Kings 5: Double Portion
- DAY 57 Joel 2: Word Power
- DAY 58 Jonah 3-4: Beloved Enemies
- DAY 59 Amos 4: Street-Corner Prophet
- DAY 60 Hosea 1, 3: Parable of Love
- DAY 61 Hosea 11: Wounded Lover
- DAY 62 2 Kings 17: Postmortem

THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM

- DAY 63 2 Chronicles 20: Meanwhile in Jerusalem
- DAY 64 Micah 6: Pollution Spreads
- DAY 65 2 Chronicles 30: Hezekiah's Festival
- DAY 66 Isaiah 6: Power behind the Throne
- DAY 67 Isaiah 25: Eloquent Hope
- DAY 68 2 Chronicles 32: Battlefield Lessons

- DAY 69 Nahum 1: Enemy Justice
- DAY 70 Zephaniah 3: Rotten Ruling Class
- DAY 71 2 Kings 22: Boy Wonder
- DAY 72 Jeremiah 2: National Adultery
- DAY 73 Jeremiah 15: Balky Prophet
- DAY 74 Jeremiah 31: Israel's Future
- DAY 75 Jeremiah 38: A Prophet's Perils
- DAY 76 Habakkuk 1: Debating God
- DAY 77 Lamentations 3: Poet in Shock
- DAY 78 Obadiah: No Room to Gloat

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- DAY 79 Ezekiel 1: In Exile
- DAY 80 Ezekiel 2–3: Toughening Up
- DAY 81 Ezekiel 4: Write Large and Shout
- DAY 82 Ezekiel 37: Resurrection Time
- DAY 83 Daniel 1: Enemy Employers
- DAY 84 Daniel 3: Ordeal by Fire
- DAY 85 Daniel 5: Like Father, Like Son
- DAY 86 Daniel 6: Daniel's Longest Night
- DAY 87 Ezra 3: Home at Last
- DAY 88 Haggai 1: A Needed Boost
- DAY 89 Zechariah 8: Raising Sights
- DAY 90 Nehemiah 2: A Man for All Seasons
- DAY 91 Nehemiah 8: Mourning into Joy
- DAY 92 Esther 4: A Race's Survival
- DAY 93 Malachi 2: Low-grade Disappointment

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- DAY 94 Job 1–2: Is God Unfair?
- DAY 95 Job 38: God Speaks to Job
- DAY 96 Job 42: Happy Ending
- DAY 97 Isaiah 40: Who's in Charge?
- DAY 98 Isaiah 52: The Suffering Servant
- DAY 99 Isaiah 53: Wounded Healer
- DAY 100 Isaiah 55: The End of It All

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- DAY 101 Luke 1: One Final Hope
- DAY 102 Luke 2: No Fear
- DAY 103 Mark 1: Immediate Impact
- DAY 104 Mark 2: Signal Fires of Opposition

- DAY 105 John 3: Late-Night Rendezvous
- DAY 106 Mark 3: Miracles and Magic
- DAY 107 Mark 4: Hard Soil
- DAY 108 Mark 5: Jesus and Illness
- DAY 109 Matthew 5: Inflammatory Word
- DAY 110 Matthew 6: Sermon on the Mount
- DAY 111 Matthew 13: Kingdom Tales
- DAY 112 Mark 6: Contrast in Power
- DAY 113 Luke 12: Jesus on Money
- DAY 114 Luke 16: Of Two Worlds
- DAY 115 Luke 18: Underdogs

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- DAY 116 Luke 15: Master Storyteller
- DAY 117 John 6: Food that Endures
- DAY 120 Mark 7: Poles Apart
- DAY 121 Matthew 18: Out of Bondage
- DAY 122 John 10: No Secrets
- DAY 123 Mark 8: Turning Point
- DAY 124 Mark 9: Slow Learners
- DAY 125 Luke 10: Mission Impossible
- DAY 126 Mark 10: Servant Leadership
- DAY 127 Mark 11: Opposition Heats Up
- DAY 128 Mark 12: Baiting Jesus
- DAY 129 Mark 13: A Day to Dread
- DAY 130 Mark 14: A Scent of Doom

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- DAY 131 John 14: One Final Meal Together
- DAY 130 John 15: Vital Link
- DAY 131 John 16: Grief into Joy
- DAY 132 John 17: Commissioning
- DAY 133 Matthew 26: Appointment with Destiny
- DAY 134 Matthew 27: No Justice
- DAY 135 John 20: Resurrection
- DAY 136 Matthew 28: A Rumor of Life
- DAY 137 John 20: The Rumor Spreads
- DAY 138 Luke 24: The Final Link

THE WORD SPREADS

- DAY 139 Acts 1: Departure
- DAY 140 Acts 2: Explosion
- DAY 141 Acts 5: Shock Waves

- DAY 142 Acts 9: About-face
- DAY 143 Galatians 3: Legalism
- DAY 144 Acts 16: Detour
- DAY 145 Philippians 2: Downward Mobility
- DAY 146 Acts 17: Mixed Results
- DAY 147 1 Thessalonians 3–4: Preparing for the End
- DAY 148 2 Thessalonians 2: Rumor Control
- DAY 149 1 Corinthians 13: The Love Chapter
- DAY 150 1 Corinthians 15: The Last Enemy
- DAY 151 2 Corinthians 4: Baked Dirt
- DAY 152 2 Corinthians 12: Boasting of Weakness

PAUL’S LEGACY

- DAY 153 Romans 3: Remedy
- DAY 154 Romans 7: Limits of the Law
- DAY 155 Romans 8: Spirit Life
- DAY 156 Romans 12: When Christians Disagree
- DAY 157 Acts 26: Unexpected Passage
- DAY 158 Acts 27: Perfect Storm
- DAY 159 Acts 28: Rome at Last
- DAY 160 Ephesians 2: Prison Letter
- DAY 161 Ephesians 3: Success Story
- DAY 162 Colossians 1: Spanning the Gap
- DAY 163 Philemon: A Personal Favor
- DAY 164 Titus 2: Paul’s Troubleshooter
- DAY 165 1 Timothy 1: Growth Pains
- DAY 166 2 Timothy 2: Final Words

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- DAY 167 Hebrews 2: The Great Descent
- DAY 168 Hebrews 11: What Is True Faith?
- DAY 169 Hebrews 12: Marathon Race
- DAY 170 James 1: Walk the Talk
- DAY 171 1 Peter 1: Converted Coward
- DAY 172 2 Peter 1: Hidden Dangers
- DAY 173 Jude: Sounding the Alarm
- DAY 174 1 John 3: Merest Christianity
- DAY 175 2 and 3 John: Pesky Deceivers
- DAY 176 Revelation 1: The Final Word
- DAY 177 Revelation 12: Another Side of History
- DAY 178 Revelation 21: An End and a Beginning

WANDERING THROUGH A MAZE

[Lord,] I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory.

—Psalm 73:23-24

INTRODUCTION

When you face a difficult choice, do you ever feel a little lost? Does it seem as if there are two or more directions that you could go, and you're just not sure which is the right one? Life is confusing sometimes, and it certainly would be nice if there were signs to point the way, or a voice to tell you what to do. But hold on! There *are* signs to point the way, and there *is* a voice that can tell you what to do. The Bible is full of wise advice about how to live your life—you just need to read it. And the Holy Spirit is always present to give you wise direction—you just need to ask him for it and listen for him to speak. There's no need to wander through life relying on your own sense of direction. God will guide you along.

Today's devotion is based on Psalm 73:23-24, which says, "[Lord,] I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory." The devotion is called "Wandering through a Maze."

DEVOTION

Libby laughed as she and Alayna ran through the cornfield. Then the path they were on suddenly ended. "Another dead end!" Alayna said. The friends were trying to get through the maze Alayna's father had built in the cornfield next to his apple orchard. Backtracking, the girls returned to the last crossroads. "Which way, Dad?" Alayna cried.

From overhead Libby heard a chuckle. "Go right, sweetie." She looked up. Alayna's father was standing in a watchtower that gave him a view of the entire maze.

"He was here the whole time?" Libby asked.

Alayna nodded. "Yep. He put up that tower so he can guide people who need help."

Life is like a maze. You can't see very far ahead, and you constantly have to decide which way to go. But you're not in this maze alone! God is with you. He can see the way and guide you. Each time you reach a corner, he'll tell you which way to turn, until you finally make it through.

LIFE IN BIBLE TIMES

The Israelites didn't really wander in the desert on their way to the Promised Land. God led them the whole time. But he took them along a winding, twisting path, like a maze.

QUESTIONS

1. Can you remember a time when you didn't know what to do, but God showed you the right way to go? How did he do that? How did you feel at first when you were confused? How did you feel after he gave you the guidance you needed?

2. When we pray to God for guidance, he doesn't usually hand us a map that lays out our entire journey. Instead he just shows us the next step to take. Why, do you think, is this so?

For a clue to one possible answer, have children think about the way we learn to walk or read. God is teaching us to trust him throughout our entire lives, and we learn one step at a time!

3. When you travel with a GPS device in your car, it tells you what to do before you even get to the intersection. Why doesn't God give us guidance like that, without our having to ask for it?

One answer: God wants us to keep coming to him and asking him for guidance; he wants us to rely on him, not just take his help for granted. Our relationship with him is very important to him, and he wants us to value him even more than we value the help he can give us.

4. What should you do if you really *want* to go in one direction and it *seems* like the best direction to go, but you sense that God is telling you to go another way?

Answer: Talk to your mom or dad or another trusted, godly adult to make sure that you're hearing God correctly. Then obey what God is telling you to do! He knows better than you, or anybody, what is right and what is best for you.

5. What should you do if you ask God for guidance, and he doesn't seem to be answering you?

Answer: You should keep on waiting until God provides the guidance you need. It would be much better to lose some time than to take a wrong turn in life! And your willingness to wait on God shows him that you trust him.

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

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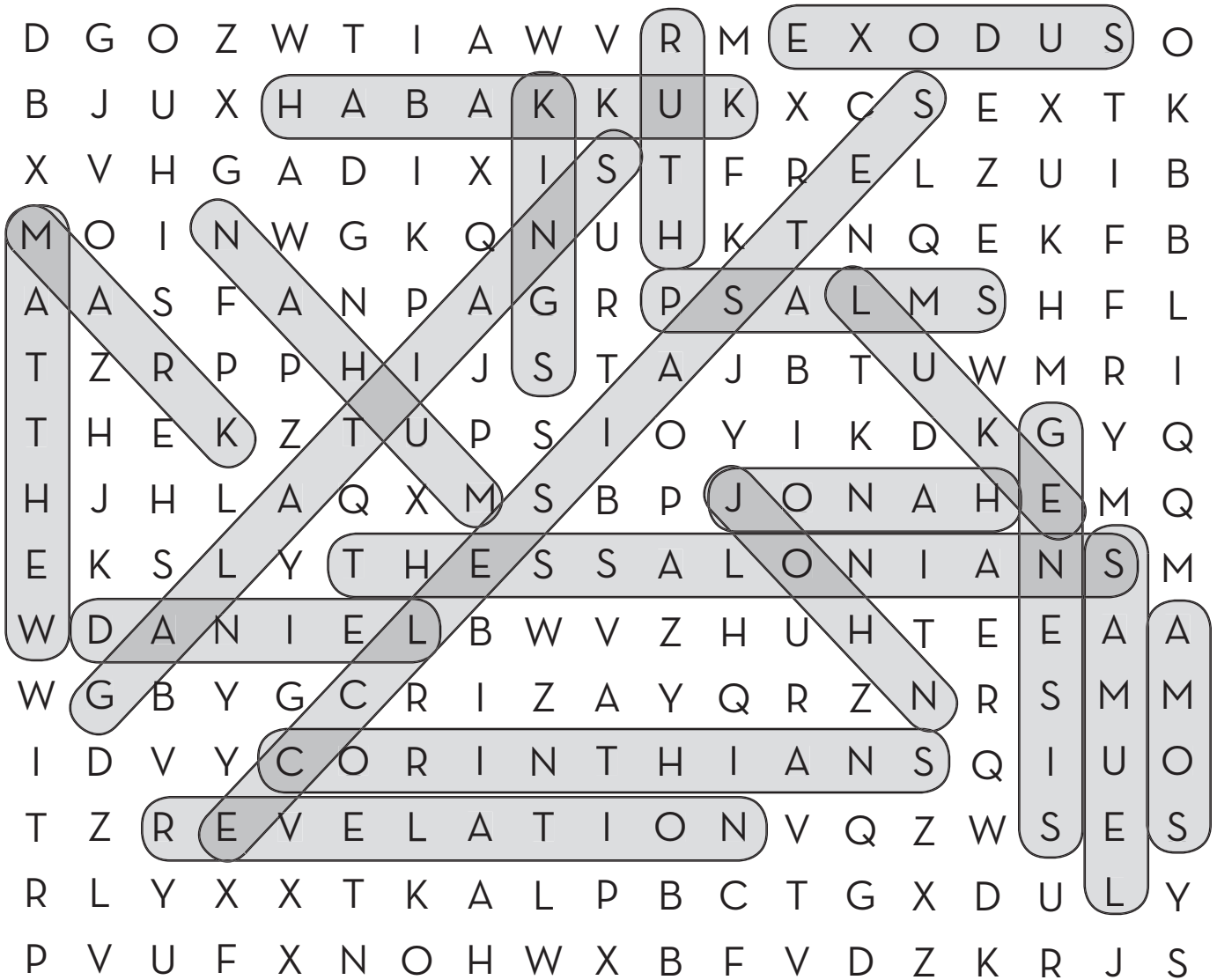
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