



# **Taking Faith Home Bible Studies**

*“Grow the Church by Growing  
People in Faith”*

## **User Guide**

*Lectionary Year A  
(2025-2026)*



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*This resource complements Taking Faith Home by providing a Bible study outline to easily facilitate Bible study in small group settings and for personal home study. Regular use of this resource can significantly deepen and enrich lifelong faith formation.*

Have you ever been asked to plan and lead a Bible study? After a short panic attack, you ask yourself what part of the Bible do I pick, how do I structure the discussion, and what if I can't answer the questions? Where do I start? How do I make it interesting? Help is here! These Taking Faith Home Bible studies can be very helpful for both beginner and experienced Bible study participants. They are designed from the weekly Taking Faith Home discussion guides which are linked each week to the Revised Common Lectionary church calendar used by many mainline denominations. These Bible study outlines are linked to the appropriate church year verses and theme for each week from the Taking Faith Home guides and provide an excellent format for conducting a weekly Bible study with little advance planning. These Bible studies help to focus on building Christian relationships, enjoying fellowship, and provide a rewarding learning and sharing experience.

## The different parts of a Taking Faith Home Bible Study:

**Calendar Date:** This provides the date during the church year which the Bible study has been designed to support.

**Sunday Title:** This provides a reference to name each particular Sunday during the Revised Common Lectionary church year cycle.

**Theme for the Week:** This gives the theme for the week based on the content of the Bible passages used for each particular Sunday.

**Weekly Personal Milestones:** This allows time for individuals to share with others—or think about—their recent mountain highs and/or valley lows. It is an effective way to build relationships.

**Scripture Verse for the Week:** Similar to the theme for the week, this scripture verse provides a key verse to highlight the contents of the study and can be used to foster discussion or be memorized.

**Gospel Reading Introduction:** A short introduction to provide the context and situation behind the selected Gospel reading.

**Gospel Reading:** The Gospel reading to be read either individually or out loud from the Bible.

**Gospel Reading Questions:** These three Bible study questions with multiple choice answers are based on the Gospel reading and are intended to encourage the participants to think about the reading just completed. Some of the possible answers are silly and humorous in order to add fun and interest to the discussions.



*You will be amazed how easy and rewarding Bible studies can be using these Taking Faith Home Bible Study outlines.*

**Gospel Reading Discussion Questions:** These three questions are designed to be used each week to go deeper into the meaning and relevance of the Gospel reading for each of the participants.

**Related Readings for Review and Highlighting:** These six related Bible readings provide additional insight into the theme for the week and the assigned Gospel reading. Participants can be invited to look up the readings and highlight the key verses or words. Depending on the time available, each can be read or individuals assigned to read different readings and then summarize to the group.

**Related Readings Discussion:** This time is set aside to share what similar themes or general concepts were found in the readings and talk or think about how they fit—or do not fit—with the theme for the week.

**Hymn of the Week:** A related hymn of the week is provided along with the text and music references and a hymnal where the music can be found. In addition, a link is provided that will take you to an online performance for sharing with the group.

**Closing Prayer:** A closing prayer is provided to share with the group.

**Closing Blessing:** A blessing to share with each other is provided to conclude the Bible study session.

**Answer Key:** If needed, an answer key is provided for the Bible study questions found on the first page.

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THEME FOR THE WEEK:  
*Advent is a season of hope.*

WEEKLY MILESTONES:  
Take a moment to have each person share a recent mountain high and/or valley low in their lives.

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK:  
*He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. Isaiah 2:4 (NRSV)*

GOSPEL READING INTRODUCTION:  
In this reading, Jesus is warning his disciples that they need to be ready and watchful as the Son of Man will be coming at an unexpected hour.

GOSPEL READING: *Read: Matthew 24:36-44* The coming of salvation

GOSPEL READING QUESTIONS ?

1. In this reading, who does Jesus say will know the day and hour when the Son of Man is coming?	A. The local watchmen. B. A future ruler. C. The Saint Gertrude. D. Only the Father.
2. In this reading, what example does Jesus use to emphasize the need to be watchful and ready?	A. The wealthy merchant. B. Can you find. C. Noah and the Flood. D. Adam and Eve.
3. In this reading, Jesus said that if the owner of a house knew in what part of the night the thief was coming, what would he do?	A. Get to bed. B. Stay awake. C. Lay a trap for the thief. D. Hire security guards.

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RELATED SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR DISCUSSION AND HIGHLIGHTING:

Isaiah 2:1-5	Peace that lasts forever
Revelation 21:1-3	The day when Christ returns
Jeremiah 29:10-14	Seventy years in Babylon
Psalms 125	A song of trust in God
Revelation 19:1-6	Please efforts, not yourselves
Psalms 122	A song of praise

RELATED SCRIPTURE READING QUESTIONS:

- What words stay in your mind or what ideas do you have from these readings?
- What messages, if any, do you hear for us in these readings?
- How do these readings influence your thoughts, feelings, or future actions?
- In what way do these readings connect to the theme of the week? *Advent is a season of hope.*

HYMN OF THE WEEK:  
*All Earth is Praiseful*  
Lyric: Albertus Van (1912-1987)  
Music: Albertus Van (1912-1987)  
<https://youtu.be/3M8TgW8M0>  
(Johannes Lutterman Worship #236)

CLOSING PRAYER:  
Lord Jesus Christ, you who are the light of the world, guide our steps to walk in your light. Amen.

CLOSING BLESSING:  
May God bless you with hope all your days.

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- Explore our website to become familiar with other resources having the same format.
- Read the Milestones Ministry Shepherd of Souls leadership series books to understand the concepts and theology behind nurturing lifelong faith formation.

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