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Narrative Lectionary, Year 3



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# Narrative Lectionary Readings

## Fall

Theme	Date	Season/Festival	Other Festival/Observance	LtW Lesson #	Lectionary Text	Story Title	Notes
Promises Made, Promises Broken	9/8/2024	Pentecost 16	Labor Day (9/2)	#3-1	Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8	Creation and Fall	
	9/15/2024	Pentecost 17		#3-2	Genesis 15:1-6	God's Promise to Abram	
	9/22/2024	Pentecost 18		#3-3	Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21	Joseph and His Brothers	
	9/29/2024	Pentecost 19		#3-4	Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8	Promises of Passover	
	10/6/2024	Pentecost 20	World Communion Sunday	#3-5	Exodus 32:1-14	The Golden Calf	
	10/13/2024	Pentecost 21	Thanksgiving (CA) (10/14)	#3-6	1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10	Hannah and Samuel	
	10/20/2024	Pentecost 22		#3-7	2 Samuel 7:1-17	God's Promise to David	
God Sightings	10/27/2024	Pentecost 23	Reformation Sunday	#3-8	1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:27-30, 41-43	Solomon's Prayer	
	11/3/2024	All Saints' Sunday		#3-9	1 Kings 17:1-16 [17-24]	Elijah and the Widow	
	11/10/2024	Pentecost 25	Veterans Day (11/11)	#3-10	Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10 [4:1-11]	Jonah and the Big Fish	
	11/17/2024	Pentecost 26		#3-11	Isaiah 6:1-8	Isaiah's Vision	
	11/24/2024	Christ the King	Thanksgiving (US) (11/28)	#3-12	Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; 31:31-34	A New Covenant	



# Narrative Lectionary Readings

## Winter

Theme	Date	Season/Festival	Other Festival/Observance	LrW Lesson #	Lectionary Text	Story Title	Notes
The Hope of the Messiah	12/1/2024	Advent 1		#3-13	Daniel 6:6-27	Hope in the Lions' Den	
	12/8/2024	Advent 2		#3-14	Joel 2:12-13, 28-29	Joel's Prophecy of Hope	
	12/15/2024	Advent 3		#3-15	Isaiah 61:1-11	Isaiah's Prophecy of Hope	
	12/22/2024	Advent 4		#3-16	Luke 1:26-45 [46-56]	Mary and Elizabeth's Visitors	
Revelation of the Son of Man	12/25/2024	Christmas		#3-C1	Luke 2:1-20	Jesus Is Born!	
	12/29/2024	Christmas 1	New Year's Day (1/1)	#3-C2	Luke 2:21-38	Baby Jesus in the Temple	
	1/5/2025	Christmas 2	Epiphany (1/6)	#3-17	Luke 2:41-52	Boy Jesus in the Temple	
	1/12/2025	Epiphany (Baptism)		#3-18	Luke 3:1-22	Jesus and John the Baptist	
	1/19/2025	Epiphany 2		#3-19	Luke 4:14-30	Jesus Brings Good News	
	1/26/2025	Epiphany 3		#3-20	Luke 5:1-11	Jesus Fishes for People	
	2/2/2025	Epiphany 4		#3-21	Luke 6:1-16	The Lord of the Sabbath	
Jesus Heals	2/9/2025	Epiphany 5		#3-22	Luke 7:1-17	Healing and Raising the Dead	
	2/16/2025	Epiphany 6		#3-23	Luke 7:18-35	Are You the One?	
	2/23/2025	Epiphany 7		#3-24	Luke 7:36-50	A Woman Forgiven	
	3/2/2025	Transfiguration		#3-25	Luke 9:28-45	The Transfiguration	



# Narrative Lectionary Readings

## Spring

Theme	Date	Season/Festival	Other Festival/Observance	LtW Lesson #	Lectionary Text	Story Title	Notes
Journey to the Cross	3/5/2025	Ash Wednesday		#3-L1	Luke 9:51-62	Walking toward Jerusalem	
	3/9/2025	Lent 1		#3-26	Luke 10:25-42	A Samaritan, Martha and Mary	
	3/16/2025	Lent 2		#3-27	Luke 13:1-9, 31-35	Jesus Preaches Repentance	
	3/23/2025	Lent 3		#3-28	Luke 15:1-32	The Lost Is Found	
	3/30/2025	Lent 4		#3-29	Luke 16:19-31	The Rich Man and Lazarus	
	4/6/2025	Lent 5		#3-30	Luke 18:31-19:10	Zacchaeus	
	4/13/2025	Palm Sunday	Passion Sunday	#3-31	Luke 19:29-44	Triumphal Entry	
	4/17/2025	Maundy Thursday		#3-L2	Luke 22:1-27	The Lord's Supper	
	4/18/2025	Good Friday		#3-L3	Luke 23:32-47	Jesus Is Crucified	
	4/20/2025	Easter		#3-R1	Luke 24:1-12	Jesus Has Risen!	
Birth of the Church	4/27/2025	Easter 2		#3-32	Luke 24:13-35	The Road to Emmaus	
	5/4/2025	Easter 3		#3-33	Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60	Community and Condemnation	
	5/11/2025	Easter 4	Mother's Day	#3-34	Acts 8:26-39	Philip Baptizes an Ethiopian	
	5/18/2025	Easter 5		#3-35	Acts 15:1-18	The First Church Council	
	5/25/2025	Easter 6		#3-36	Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21	Saved by Faith	
	6/1/2025	Easter 7		#3-37	Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29	A Church Divided	
	6/8/2025	Pentecost		#3-38	Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7 [5:16-	God Sends the Holy Spirit	



## Our God, Revealed in the Story (Year 3, 2024-2025)

The story of the Bible reveals a God of promise, relationship, mercy, and new life. God is revealed in the rocky relationship with God's covenant people. The prophets look back to the history of Israel's relationship with their Creator and forward toward the coming of the Messiah. God is revealed fully in this promised Messiah—Jesus. Jesus shows us a loving God in his teachings, healings, and relationships with people pushed to the margins. Jesus' commitment to love leads him to Jerusalem and the cross. Finally, God is revealed in a church that was born in the good news first proclaimed by faithful women. We all have news to share, and the early church teaches us that we can spread the gospel in all circumstances—with the help of the Holy Spirit.

### Promises Made, Promises Broken

*(Pentecost: Sept. 8 to Oct. 20, 2024)*

Throughout the history of God's people, God has made covenants—agreements with promises on both sides—with God's beloved people. But a tragic pattern emerged. God and the people made promises to each other, and then the people failed to live God's way. God made promises to Adam and Eve at creation, but they ate the forbidden fruit. God delivered the people of Israel from slavery and gave them the Torah, but they worshipped a golden calf. However, God always keeps God's promises, as God did with Abram, Joseph, Hannah, and David. Even when the people have broken their part of the covenant, God is faithful and renews the promise again and again.

### God Sightings

*(Pentecost: Oct. 27 to Nov. 24, 2024)*

In the parts of the Bible known as the Histories and the Prophets, we hear stories about the leaders and prophets that reveal God to us in many ways. The powerful name of God dwelled in the temple Solomon built. The widow of Zarephath experienced God's provision through the miracle of the flour and oil lasting for as long as it was needed. Jonah ran from God, but God found him anyway. Isaiah experienced a powerful vision of God in the temple calling him to serve as a prophet. The prophet Jeremiah heard the words of God promising forgiveness for the people and a new covenant. We, too, can see glimpses of God, if we just look for them!

### The Hope of the Messiah

*(Advent: Dec. 1 to Dec. 22, 2024)*

God sent prophets to the peoples of Israel and Judah, often bringing words of warning and condemnation for idolatry and injustice, calling the people to get back on the right path. However, in times of suffering, the prophets gave God's people words of hope—that God would rescue them from their troubles. God delivered Daniel from the lions' den. Joel spoke of a hope that comes out of repentance, and Isaiah prophesied of the hope that comes through the Messiah—the one who will deliver humanity from suffering and oppression. Finally, the Messiah's birth is foretold to his mother by an angel and confirmed by her cousin Elizabeth.

### Revelation of the Son of Man

*(Christmas & Epiphany: Dec. 25, 2024 to Feb. 2, 2025)*

The Messiah has arrived at last. The season of Epiphany celebrates how God is revealed in Jesus. Simeon and Anna proclaim baby Jesus as the savior. Jesus returned to the temple as a boy, revealing his deep understanding of God to the teachers. Jesus was named God's beloved Son at his baptism, the one whom John the Baptist had announced. Jesus reveals his own mission in Nazareth, declaring that he is the fulfillment of prophecy. He then sets about the work of the kingdom as he calls his disciples and challenges the religious leaders.



## **Jesus Heals**

*(Epiphany: Feb. 9 to Transfiguration: Mar. 2, 2025)*

After Jesus reveals that he is the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, he demonstrates that fulfillment by healing the sick, releasing those oppressed by demons, and forgiving sins. He explains his purpose to John's followers and—in the ultimate revelation—is transfigured in front of his disciples on the mountaintop. God shines through Jesus in more ways than one.

## **Journey to the Cross**

*(Lent & Holy Week: Mar. 5 to Apr. 18, 2025)*

The journey of Lent begins with a clear destination. Jesus sets his face toward Jerusalem and, in doing so, sets his course toward his own suffering and death. He pauses only to remind his followers to set their faces in the right direction—to repent, serve others, and follow him, even to death. As we journey toward Holy Week, we are reminded again and again to turn around and face Jerusalem.

## **Birth of the Church**

*(Easter: Apr. 20 to Pentecost: Jun. 8, 2025)*

The church was born at the empty tomb when the women quelled their terror and took the angel's words back to the waiting disciples. The women proclaimed the resurrection, and with that proclamation, those assembled started to become the church of the risen Christ. The disciples at Emmaus saw Jesus revealed in the breaking of the bread, just as Jesus is revealed when we break bread together at the altar or a table. The early church encountered differences of opinion and style but—with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit—has continued to grow and share the story of the resurrection.

**Preaching Text**

Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17, 3:1-8

God provided all the trees and fruits of the garden for Adam and Eve to eat except for the tree of knowledge. A serpent tempts Eve into eating the fruit, who in turn tempts Adam. The two were ashamed and hid from God.

***Accompanying Text***

*Luke 11:4*

**Objective(s) for the Week**

What outcome do you want from the sermon, education, and worship for the participants?

**Themes for Preaching & Children's Message**

**Themes for Worship and Music**

**Themes for Faith Formation**

**Other Notes (Media ideas, etc.)**

### Preaching Text

Genesis 15:1-6

God promises to faithful Abram that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars at night. Abram believes God's promise.

### Accompanying Text

*Luke 3:8*

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### Preaching Text

Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21

Joseph is the envy of his brothers, so they decide to sell him into slavery. When Joseph is reunited with his brothers, Joseph forgives them, celebrating how God had brought good out of their bad deed.

### Accompanying Text

*Luke 6:35*

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### Preaching Text

Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8

The Israelites celebrate the first Passover. Moses instructs the Israelites how they are to commemorate God delivering them out of slavery in Egypt going forward.

### Accompanying Text

*Luke 22:14-20*

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**Preaching Text**

Exodus 32:1-14

The Israelites make a golden calf to worship, forgetting God had rescued them from slavery in Egypt. God planned to punish the people, but Moses asked God to remember God’s promises to the Israelites. God changes God’s mind and welcomes the people of Israel back.

***Accompanying Text***

*Luke 23:34*

**Themes for Preaching & Children’s Message**

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### Preaching Text

1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10

Hannah asks God for a son, promising that if God answers her prayer she will dedicate her son to God. God does answer her prayer, and she has a son whom she names Samuel. Hannah says a prayer of thanksgiving.

### Accompanying Text

*Luke 1:46-55*

### Objective(s) for the Week

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### Preaching Text

2 Samuel 7:1-17

King David realizes that he lives in a palace and yet the Ark of the Covenant is placed in a tent. David decides to build a temple. God replies that David's son is to build the temple instead, promising that God will continue to dwell with the people of Israel forever.

### Accompanying Text

Luke 1:30-33

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### Preaching Text

1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:27-30, 41-43

King Solomon planned to build a temple for the Lord. At the dedication, Solomon expressed his hope that all the world will come to know the Lord through the temple.

### Accompanying Text

*Luke 19:45-46*

### Objective(s) for the Week

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### Preaching Text

1 Kings 17:1-16 [17-24]

The prophet Elijah announces to King Ahab that there will be a drought. He goes to Zarephath where a widow shows him hospitality. God promises through Elijah that her oil and flour will not run out, so that there is enough to feed her household until the end of the drought.

### Accompanying Text

*Luke 4:24-26*

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### Preaching Text

Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10 [4:1-11]

God told Jonah to go to Nineveh with a message for the people to turn to God. Jonah disobeyed and tried to run away by boat. A storm came, he was thrown overboard and swallowed by a big fish. God spoke to him again. This time Jonah obeyed. The Ninevites repented.

### Accompanying Text

*Luke 18:13*

### Themes for Preaching & Children's Message

### Objective(s) for the Week

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### Preaching Text

Isaiah 6:1-8

The prophet Isaiah had a vision of God in the temple. A seraph touched Isaiah's lips with coal and told him his sins were forgiven. God asked who God could send out with an important message, and Isaiah said, "Here I am, send me."

### Accompanying Text

Luke 5:8-10

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**Preaching Text**

Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; 31:31-34

Jeremiah receives a message from God which is written on a scroll. The scroll is read aloud in the temple, but when it is read for the king, he burns it. Even though the people broke the last covenant, God promised to create a new covenant with the people and forgive their sins.

***Accompanying Text***

*Luke 22:19-20*

**Themes for Preaching & Children's Message**

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### Preaching Text

Daniel 6:6-27

King Darius was pressured by his officials to declare that anyone caught worshipping anyone other than the king would be thrown into a lions' den. Daniel continued to worship his God and was thrown into the den of lions as punishment. God sent an angel to protect Daniel.

### Accompanying Text

*Luke 23:1-5*

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### Preaching Text

Joel 2:12-13, 28-29

Even though the people of Judah have turned away from God, Joel speaks hope in the coming Day of the Lord. Joel calls the people to repent, promising that God is merciful, gracious, and loving.

### Accompanying Text

*Luke 11:13*

### Themes for Preaching & Children's Message

### Objective(s) for the Week

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### Preaching Text

Isaiah 61:1-11

The prophet Isaiah proclaims a message of good news to the oppressed: God will provide justice, comfort, and hope to the people of Israel.

### Accompanying Text

*Luke 4:16-21*

### Themes for Preaching & Children's Message

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### Preaching Text

Luke 1:26-45 [46-56]

The angel Gabriel visits Mary to tell her that she would have a baby and that she should name him Jesus. He also said that Mary's relative Elizabeth was pregnant. When Mary visited Elizabeth, Elizabeth's baby leaped for joy, and Elizabeth knew that Mary was carrying the Son of God.

### Accompanying Text

*Psalm 113*

### Objective(s) for the Week

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**Preaching Text**

Luke 2:1-20

Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem. Angels appear to shepherds and announce the birth of Jesus, the Messiah.

***Accompanying Text***

*Psalm 123:1-2*

**Themes for Preaching & Children's Message**

**Objective(s) for the Week**

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**Themes for Faith Formation**

**Themes for Worship and Music**

**Other Notes (Media ideas, etc.)**

### Preaching Text

Luke 2:21-38

The infant Jesus is taken to the temple where he is presented and circumcised. While there, the righteous man Simeon and the prophet Anna proclaim Jesus to be the salvation of all people.

### Accompanying Text

*Psalm 131*

### Themes for Preaching & Children's Message

### Objective(s) for the Week

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### Themes for Worship and Music

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### Preaching Text

Luke 2:41-52

Jesus' family went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover when Jesus was young. On the way home, his parents could not find him. After a long search, they found Jesus in the temple learning from and instructing the teachers.

### Accompanying Text

*Psalm 2:7-8*

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### Preaching Text

Luke 3:1-22

John the Baptist draws large crowds, calling people to be baptized by water to repent of sins and prepare for the Messiah. Jesus comes to John and asks to be baptized. The Holy Spirit descends on him, and a voice from heaven speaks well of Jesus.

### Accompanying Text

*Psalm 51:6-17*

### Themes for Preaching & Children's Message

### Objective(s) for the Week

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### Themes for Faith Formation

### Themes for Worship and Music

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### Preaching Text

Luke 4:14-30

Jesus teaches in the synagogue of his hometown, reading from Isaiah about how God cares for those who are marginalized. Jesus tells the people that he fulfills the Scripture. They are upset and drive him out of town. Jesus walks through the angry crowd and continues on his way.

### Accompanying Text

*Psalm 146*

### Objective(s) for the Week

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### Preaching Text

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus teaches a large crowd by the lake. After he finishes, Jesus instructs a fisherman, Simon Peter, to drop his nets into the water. The nets fill with fish, causing him to recognize that Jesus is the Lord. Jesus tells Simon, James, and John that it is time for them to catch people, not fish.

### Accompanying Text

*Psalm 90:14-17*

### Objective(s) for the Week

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### Preaching Text

Luke 6:1-16

Jesus is challenged by religious leaders twice about working on the Sabbath: his disciples for picking grain and Jesus for healing a man on the Sabbath. Jesus says one should do good by healing on the Sabbath because doing nothing causes further harm.

### Accompanying Text

*Psalm 92*

### Themes for Preaching & Children's Message

### Objective(s) for the Week

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Jesus Heals

**Preaching Text**

Luke 7:1-17

Jesus heals two people. The first person Jesus heals is the worker of a centurion, who was a commander in the Roman army. The second is the son of a widow; he had died, and Jesus raises him to life. Both of these people were outsiders, but Jesus provided healing and welcome to them.

***Accompanying Text***

*Psalm 119:105-107*

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**Other Notes (Media ideas, etc.)**

### Preaching Text

Luke 7:18-35

John the Baptist sends his disciples to ask Jesus whether he is the Messiah. Jesus replies with examples of his ministry to confirm he is sent by God. Jesus continues speaking to the crowd around him that John was sent before Jesus to prepare the people for Jesus' coming.

### Accompanying Text

*Psalm 146:5-10*

### Themes for Preaching & Children's Message

### Objective(s) for the Week

What outcome do you want from the sermon, education, and worship for the participants?

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### Preaching Text

Luke 7:36-50

Jesus tells a parable about a moneylender who forgives two debtors. Then he compares the Pharisee who is hosting Jesus for dinner and a woman from the city who is weeping and washing his feet.

### Accompanying Text

*Psalm 103:3-6*

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### Preaching Text

Luke 9:28-45

Jesus takes three disciples to a mountaintop to pray. Jesus transforms and his clothing becomes a dazzling white; Moses and Elijah are with Jesus. A cloud comes, and God announces that Jesus is God's Son and chosen one. Upon returning, Jesus heals a boy who is tormented by a demon.

### Accompanying Text

*Psalm 36:5-10*

### Themes for Preaching & Children's Message

### Objective(s) for the Week

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### Themes for Worship and Music

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### Preaching Text

Luke 9:51-62

Jesus begins his journey to Jerusalem. On the way, he encounters three potential followers who each have an excuse as to why they cannot follow Jesus immediately. Jesus rebukes each one, urging them to follow him on his journey toward the cross.

### Accompanying Text

*Psalm 5:7-8*

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### Other Notes (Media ideas, etc.)

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**Preaching Text**

Luke 10:25-42

Jesus tells a lawyer the Parable of the Good Samaritan. At the home of Martha and Mary, Mary listens to Jesus, while Martha is busy working. Martha complains to Jesus; Jesus responds that Mary is doing the better thing by learning from him.

**Accompanying Text**

*Psalm 15*

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**Objective(s) for the Week**

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### Preaching Text

Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

Jesus emphasizes the need for people to return to God. People want to place blame in tragedy, but Jesus calls everyone to repent. He tells a parable of a fig tree that does not bear fruit. This passage ends with Jesus' lament over Jerusalem.

### Accompanying Text

*Psalm 122*

### Themes for Preaching & Children's Message

### Objective(s) for the Week

What outcome do you want from the sermon, education, and worship for the participants?

### Themes for Faith Formation

### Themes for Worship and Music

### Other Notes (Media ideas, etc.)

### Preaching Text

Luke 15:1-32

Jesus tells three parables. In the first two, when a sheep or a coin is lost, a great effort is exerted to find it. The third is the Parable of the Prodigal Son, where the father rejoices when a wandering son returns.

### Accompanying Text

*Psalm 119:176*

### Themes for Preaching & Children's Message

### Objective(s) for the Week

What outcome do you want from the sermon, education, and worship for the participants?

### Themes for Faith Formation

### Themes for Worship and Music

### Other Notes (Media ideas, etc.)

### Preaching Text

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells a story of a rich man and a poor man. They both die. While Lazarus is comforted, the other suffers. Each experiences the opposite of what happened in their lives. The rich man begs for Lazarus to bring him relief or caution his family, but Abraham denies his request.

### Accompanying Text

*Psalm 41:1-3*

### Objective(s) for the Week

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### Themes for Worship and Music

### Themes for Faith Formation

### Other Notes (Media ideas, etc.)

**Preaching Text**

Luke 18:31–19:10

As Jesus passes through Jericho on his way to Jerusalem, he heals a man who was blind and eats with Zacchaeus, a tax collector who repents from his sins.

***Accompanying Text***

*Psalm 84:10*

**Themes for Preaching & Children’s Message**

**Objective(s) for the Week**

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**Themes for Faith Formation**

**Themes for Worship and Music**

**Other Notes (Media ideas, etc.)**

### Preaching Text

Luke 19:29-44

Outside of Jerusalem, Jesus sends his disciples ahead of him, telling them they will find a colt and to bring it back. Jesus rides the colt into the city while people praise God for all of the great things they have seen.

### Accompanying Text

*Psalm 118:20*

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### Preaching Text

Luke 22:1-27

Judas Iscariot agrees to betray Jesus. Jesus' disciples prepare for the Passover meal, at which he institutes the Lord's Supper. Jesus teaches them that the greatest of all is the servant of all.

### Accompanying Text

*Psalm 34:8-10*

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### Preaching Text

Luke 23:32-47

Jesus is crucified alongside two criminals. One of the criminals asks Jesus to remember him when he comes into his kingdom. Jesus assures him. Jesus commends his spirit to God before breathing his last.

### Accompanying Text

*Psalm 31:5a*

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### Preaching Text

Luke 24:1-12

Three women go to the tomb and discover that the tomb is empty. Two men appeared and told them that Jesus had risen! The women return to the rest of the disciples and tell them the good news.

### Accompanying Text

*Psalm 118:17, 21-24*

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### Preaching Text

Luke 24:13-35

Two of Jesus' disciples were walking to Emmaus. Jesus approached them, and they did not recognize him. They talked about Jesus' crucifixion on the way. Jesus sat to eat with them, broke the bread, and they recognized Jesus.

### Accompanying Text

*Psalm 30:11*

### Themes for Preaching & Children's Message

### Objective(s) for the Week

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**Preaching Text**

Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60

After Pentecost, a disciple named Stephen teaches about Jesus and does miracles. He preaches to the religious leaders, but then he is stoned to death.

***Accompanying Text***

*Luke 23:33-34a, 46*

**Themes for Preaching & Children's Message**

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**Objective(s) for the Week**

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Birth of the Church

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**Preaching Text**

Acts 8:26-39

The Holy Spirit directs a disciple named Philip to continue to spread the good news. Philip encounters an influential man from Ethiopia and teaches him about Jesus.

***Accompanying Text***

*Luke 24:44-47*

**Themes for Preaching & Children's Message**

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### Preaching Text

Acts 15:1-18

A major disagreement arises in the early church, so the apostles gather together to discuss it and come to an agreement. This is the first church council.

### Accompanying Text

*Luke 2:29-32*

### Themes for Preaching & Children's Message

### Objective(s) for the Week

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### Preaching Text

Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21

In a letter to the church in Galatia, Paul writes that he and Peter disagreed on how to interact with Gentiles. He proclaims that a relationship with God comes from trusting Jesus, not what we do.

### Accompanying Text

*Luke 18:9-14*

### Objective(s) for the Week

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### Preaching Text

Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29

Paul continues writing to the Galatians that they become right with God based on faith, not what they do. He declares that everyone is united in Jesus Christ with no divisions.

### Accompanying Text

*Luke 1:68-79*

### Themes for Preaching & Children's Message

### Objective(s) for the Week

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### Themes for Worship and Music

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### Preaching Text

Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7 [5:16-26]

The Holy Spirit comes in power to the apostles on Pentecost. Paul writes to the Galatians that we are made children of God through this same Spirit.

### Accompanying Text

*Luke 11:11-13*

### Objective(s) for the Week

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### Themes for Preaching & Children's Message

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### Themes for Faith Formation

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## **Classroom (Key Bible Stories)**

- *Living the Word: Classroom (Years Blue and Green, PK-2nd)* – An engaging curriculum for lower elementary students to teach them key Bible stories. Available for the full year or by quarter.
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