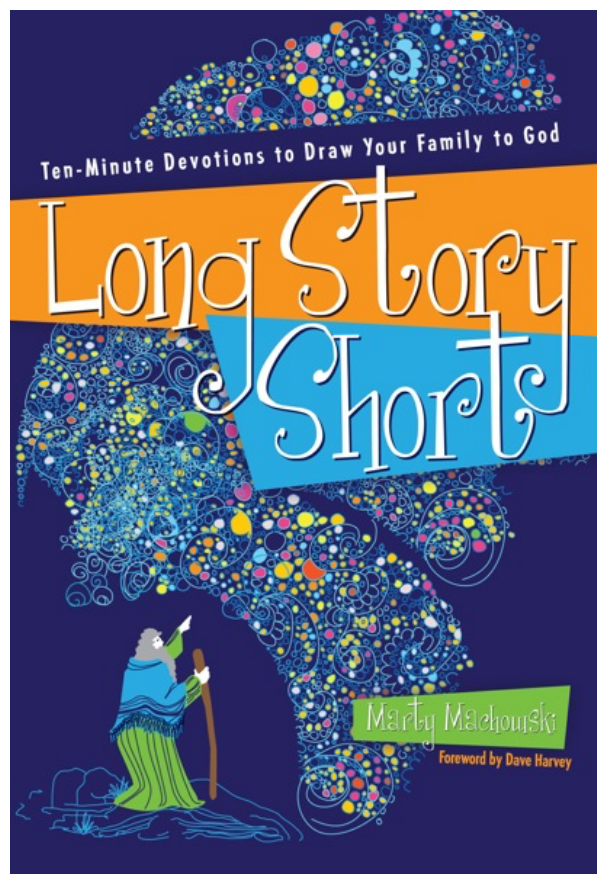


# Family Bible Reading 2018

Highlights of the Old Testament



## A God given responsibility

Reading the Bible with our kids is a really important part of our God given responsibility as Christian parents. Proverbs 22:6 reminds us to *“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it”*. Reading the Bible together as a **family** is even better, because in doing so we can *“encourage one another and build each other up”* (1 Thessalonians 5:11). By regularly reading the Bible together as a family, the faith of the family is not hidden in the Sunday cupboard, rather is out on the dinner table! This encourages open discussion of faith, and sends a clear signal to our kids about the importance and relevance of the Bible to everyday life.

But actually doing it isn't very easy! Busyness, fear, and family distractions do a pretty good job of making sure that it rarely occurs! So at Macquarie Anglican, we aim to support each other as we attempt to regularly bring Family Bible Reading into our homes. We do this by reading something together, and regularly sharing what we are learning with the rest of the church family (through our Sunday Services). We hope your family can join us!

## Highlights of the Old Testament

This year our Family Bible readings will give us the *Highlights of the Old Testament*. We've broken the Old Testament up into 10 topics (i.e. one for each month from Feb – Nov), then chosen 4 passage from each of those topics (i.e. one for each week of each month). Our congregation will be following this same pattern for their continuing bible reading, so what you have read as a family each week will be reinforced in church on Sundays. Additionally, our school holiday sermons will consider the relevance of each of the 10 topic areas to the bigger bible story.

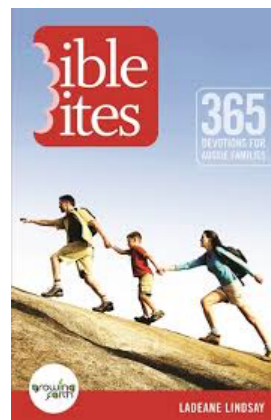
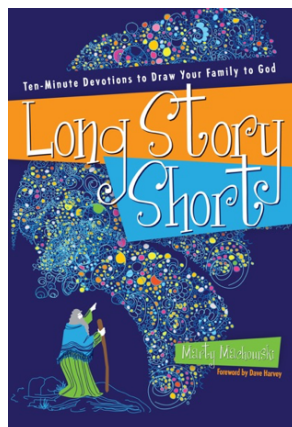
To get the most out of reading the Bible together as a family, we recommend you use a study guide. In preparing this series we found the 10 minute family devotions in *“Long Story Short”* by Marty Machowski to be an excellent resource. We've aligned our readings to various “weeks” in his study guide. Each week has 5 possible days worth of devotions – you can choose to do 1, 2 or more of these in a week depending on your family's circumstances and enthusiasm! If you only plan to do 1 each week, perhaps skim them all and pick the most helpful one! *“Bible Bites”* by Ladene Lindsay is a good alternative study guide.

## 4 easy steps to Family Bible Reading

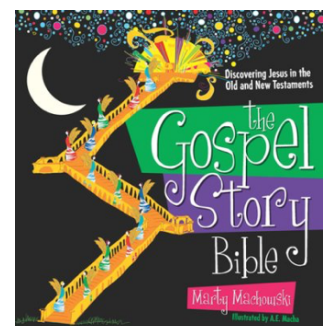
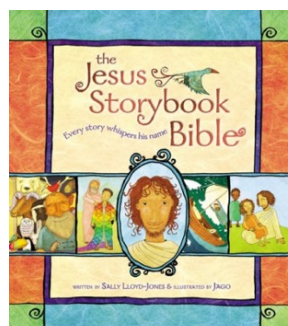
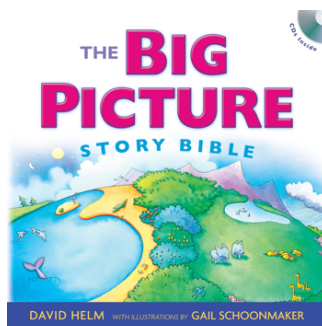
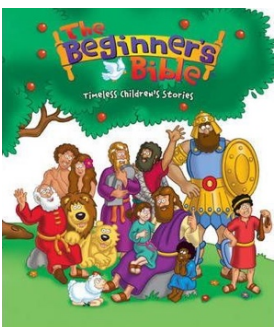
- **TIME:** Pick a weekly time (10 mins) to read the Bible together as a family! Be realistic! (i.e. Monday over Dinner, Sunday after Lunch, Tuesday over Breakfast). Choosing a regular time and sticking to it (no matter how crazy life is at that moment, or how unprepared you feel) is better than waiting for the ideal moment (which will never come 😊)
- **BIBLE:** Use a Bible that will suit your family! If you have young children perhaps use a picture Bible such as *The Beginners Bible* or *The Big Picture Bible*. If your children are primary age perhaps consider using *The Jesus Storybook Bible* or *The Gospel Story Bible*. A normal full text Bible is also perfectly fine! We've included a table with page references each week for all these various Bibles. Quick reference bookmarks are also available.
- **DISCUSS:** Use the devotions in *Long Story Short* or *Bible Bites* to further explore/discuss the topic. Alternately there are 3 questions on the quick reference bookmarks that could be asked to promote discussion each week.
- **PRAY:** Pray together about what you read!

That's it! Give it a go!

## Recommended Devotionals



## Recommended Picture Bibles



# Family Bible Readings

## Jan – June 2018

The Date refers to the Sunday we will read this passage in church - your family could read in each the week before or afterwards.  
 Page references to each story in some popular picture Bibles and the recommended devotionals are provided for your convenience. An updated guide will be published in June with the readings for the remainder of the year.

Date	Theme	Topic	Verse	Jesus		The Gospel		The Big Picture	
				Beginners Bible	Storybook Bible (page)	Story Bible (page)	Gospel Bible (page)	Bible (page)	Long Story Bible Bites Short Study Study
11/2/18		Creation	Genesis 1:1-2:3	7-17	18-27	3-6	15-36	1	1-18
18/2/18	In the Beginning	Fall	Genesis 3:1-24	18-25	28-37	6-7	37-50	3	23-28
25/2/18		Babel	Genesis 11:1-9	34-38	48-55	14-15		7	35
4/3/18		Promise to Abram	Genesis 12:1-9	39-45	56-61	16-17	67-71	8	36, 39
11/3/18	Abraham Isaac	Covenant	Genesis 15:1-21	39-45	56-61	18-19	72-81	9	38
18/3/18	Jacob	Isaac	Genesis 18:1-15	46-57	62-69	22-23	83-85	11	
25/3/18		Jacob & Esau	Genesis 25:19-34	58-70		32-33	86-87	16	43
1/4/18	EASTER	EASTER	Mark 15:33-38	446-458	294-317	226-238	359-398		216-221
8/4/18		Joseph's Dreams	Genesis 37:1-11, 23-28	71-77	76-83	44-45	88-89	22-23	49-52
15/4/18	Joseph	Pharaoh's Dream	Genesis 41:1-14, 25-40	78-85	76-83	48-49	90-93	24	54
22/4/18		In Charge	Genesis 41:53-42:9a	86	76-83	50-51	94-95	25	55
29/4/18		Reconciled	Genesis 45:1-11	86-91	76-83	52-53	96-101	26	56
6/5/18		Rescued	Exodus 2:1-10	92-97	84-91	54-55	103-112	27	58
13/5/18	Moses & Exodus	Called	Exodus 3:1-14	98-103	84-91	56-57		28	60-61
20/5/18		Passover	Exodus 12:1-17	104-110	84-91	58-59	114-129	31	67
27/5/18		Exodus	Exodus 14:5-18	111-115	92-99	60-61	130-131	32	68
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3/6/18		Commandments	Exodus 19:1-6 & 20:1-17	120-123	100-107	68-69	132-135	34	71-77
10/6/18	Law and Land	Golden Calf	Exodus 32:1-8			72-73		36	
17/6/18		Tabernacle	Exodus 40:1-16, 34-38			71-72		35 (earlier material)	
24/6/18		Joshua	Joshua 1:1-11	128-135	108-115	86-87	141-153	43	101