



# Resident Camp Schedule

6:30 Rise and Shine  
6:45 Calisthenics  
7:00 Polar Bear  
7:20 Personal and Cabin Clean-up  
7:45 Colors  
8:00 Breakfast  
8:30 Personal Bible Study  
9:00 Assembly I  
9:15 Activity I  
10:15 Activity II  
11:15 Activity III  
12:15 Lunch  
1:00 Rest Hour  
2:00 Snack Shack  
2:30 Assembly II  
2:45 Afternoon Activity  
4:30 Free Swim  
5:30 Supper (Sunday & Wednesday 6:00)

## Schedule A (Mon./Tues Thurs)

6:45 Evening games  
7:45 Colors  
8:00 Campfire  
9:15 Bed prep  
9:30 Cabin Devotions  
10:00 Lights-out

## Schedule B (Sun, Wed)

6:45 Evening Activity  
7:15 Colors  
7:30 Campfire  
8:45 Night Game  
9:30 Bed Prep  
9:45 Cabin Devotions  
10:15 Lights Out

\*Night games planned for Sunday and Tuesday- weather pending.

# By the Shores

## **Verse 1**

By the shores of Cedar Lake  
Stands the camp I love  
Where in sparkling waters glisten  
Blue of skies above

## **Verse 2**

Hear the glory of the woodland  
Praise the Lord above  
Here, we too, can learn to love Him  
And obey His Word

## **Chorus**

Hail to thee, Camp Cedar Lake  
Camp of camps the best,  
Where in fellowship united  
Every heart is blessed

## Welcome to Cedar Lake Camp!

We're gonna have so much fun this week! Whether it's your first year here or your tenth, this will be a week filled with **fun, excitement, and building friendships** that you'll never forget! Most importantly, you will have an opportunity to grow in your relationship with the Lord Jesus.

Keep this booklet as a reminder of your week at camp. There is space in the back for friends' names and contact info as well as games and activities for rainy days and rest hour. This book also contains your Bible memory verses and study questions. Every day there is time set aside for you to read, study, and memorize God's Word.

There is a counselor and junior counselor in your cabin. They are excited you are here and glad to be your leaders for the week. They want you to have fun, be safe, and above all learn more about the Lord. **They are your leaders for the week and you are under their authority.** It is important that you listen to them and respect them to ensure the best week possible.

Get ready to have a blast! I encourage you to participate in all the activities, make new friends, and seek to know God better. **I'm so glad you're spending a week with us here at Cedar Lake Camp!**

-Ryan Higgins  
Camp Director

# Bible Timeline-Major Events

Creation Ca. 4000BC	Fall of Man ???	Flood Ca. 2400 BC	Abraham 2166-1991 BC	Joseph 1915-1805 BC
Israelite slavery In Egypt 1876-1446 BC	Moses born 1526 BC	Red Sea crossing 1446 BC	Law/10 Commandments 1446 BC	Moses dies/ Joshua leads 1406 BC
Period of Judges Ca. 1375 BC	Samson/Boaz/Ruth ca. 1050 BC	Samuel/King Saul 1050-1010 BC	King David 1010-970 BC	Solomon 970-930 BC
Temple Built 960 BC	Divided Kingdom= Israel (North)/ Judah (South) 930 BC	Elijah/Elisha Ahab/Jehoshaphat 870-800 BC	Jonah to Assyria ca 781 BC	
Amos/Isaiah Hosea/Micah Ca 765-698 BC	Israel falls to Assyria 722 BC	King Josiah 641 BC	Jeremiah/ Zephaniah ca 650-582 BC	Judah falls to Babylon/ Temple Destroyed 586 BC
Exile/Ezekiel/ Daniel Ca. 586-536 BC	Zerubbabel leads back to Israel/Temple is rebuilt 520 BC	Zechariah/ Haggai ca. 520 BC	Esther ca. 478 BC	Malachi ca. 465 BC
Ezra/ Nehemiah 457-432 BC	Alexander the Great takes Jeru- salem 332 BC	Ptolemies/Seluecids fight over Israel 320-140 BC	Maccabean Revolt/ Rededicate Temple/ Hannukah 167-160 BC	
Pompey takes Jerusalem for Rome 63 BC	Herod the Great installed by Rome 37 BC	Birth of Jesus Christ 4 BC	Herod Antipas 4 BC-39 AD	
Jesus crucified/ Resurrected/ascension 29 AD	Pentecost/ Church began 29 AD	Paul/Peter/James/ Mark/Matthew/Luke writings and missions 30s-ca 60s AD	Church persecuted by Roman emp. Nero 60s AD	
Temple Destroyed By Rome 70 AD	John's Letters ca. 80s-100 AD	Council of Jamnia/Old Test canonized 90 AD	Council of Carthage/ New Test. canonized 396 AD	

# Bible Award

You will earn your Bible Award if you do all of your daily readings, answer the questions correctly, and memorize the verse for each day. The "Digging Deeper" section is not necessary for your Bible award but will earn extra points as well as help you "dig deeper!"

The **Bonus verses** are for extra points. For those who like a challenge, try the **Bible Scholar** verses. For those who are Bible memorizing machines or just set on winning Honor Cabin try the **Bible Freak** verses. All verses are for points!!!

## Sunday memory verses:

**John 3:16** "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

**Romans 10:13** "For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

**Romans 3:23** "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

## Bonus memory verses:

**Romans 6:23** "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."

**Romans 10:9-10** "That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

## Bible Scholar memory verses: (look up in your own Bible)

Romans 12:1-2 and 2 Timothy 3:16

## Bible Freak memory verses: (look up in your Bible)

John 1:1-14

# Call Me Ishi

I know, I know! Who in the world is *Ishi*? It looks like and reminds me of “squishy” but that’s not what it means. *Ishi* is pronounced “ish-ee.” It’s a Hebrew word which means “*My Husband*.”

It will help to understand who said it and where it’s found in the Bible. In **Hosea 2:16** God says, “And in that day, declares the Lord, you will call me *My Husband*, and no longer will you call me *My Baal*.”

God was speaking to the Israelites. God had chosen them to be His special people and entered into a covenant with them, sort of like a marriage. But they rejected God and His ways. They worshiped false gods, one of which was named Baal. They committed spiritual adultery. *Adultery is when a person gives away to another person the love they should have to their husband or wife.* But God did not give up— He called His people back to Him.

**God really loves His people and is always showing them His love.** In **Hosea 2:16**, God is speaking of a day when His people will stop worshiping false gods and return to the one true God of Israel. In that day, God explains, His people will be committed to Him alone, like a “husband.”

Just like in a marriage, God expects His people to be whole-heartedly committed. Jesus said, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.” **To follow Jesus means to surrender to God and His ways, committing yourself completely.**

Let us consider how to do just that this week— commit ourselves to God and His ways. Jesus is worthy of our lives! Let’s give Him the glory He deserves!

## Word Search

Search among the letters to find and circle hidden words and messages.

F	I	N	D	H	I	D	D	E	N	M
T	A	O	I	Y	R	E	T	S	A	E
H	B	F	T	I	S	H	I	N	I	S
E	A	C	G	B	E	L	I	E	F	S
O	R	E	R	E	P	E	N	T	A	A
T	B	D	E	E	P	T	N	A	I	G
H	Y	A	A	L	A	N	R	E	T	E
E	T	R	T	Q	U	T	V	E	H	T
R	H	L	T	W	L	T	I	E	N	T
D	E	A	O	B	R	A	L	O	S	X
A	S	K	B	V	I	L	W	I	N	S
Y	H	E	E	D	E	B	R	Z	O	N
I	O	A	C	T	S	H	D	N	I	A
S	R	I	R	A	C	H	A	E	L	M
A	E	N	A	K	W	J	U	D	E	O
W	S	T	Z	H	E	A	V	E	N	R

Answers to Old Testament trivia:

1) c 2)c 3)c 4)a 5)b 6)a 7)b 8)a 9)c 10)a

Answers to New Testament trivia:

1) b 2)c 3)b 4)a 5)c 6)c 7)c 8)a 9)a 10)a

# Bible Trivia- New Testament

*Answers are at bottom of Word Search.*

- 1) In which town was Jesus born?  
A) Cairo                      b) Bethlehem                      c) Washington D.C.
- 2) What was John the Baptist's mother's name?  
A) Mary                      b) Gertrude                      c) Elizabeth
- 3) What did John the Baptist eat in the wilderness?  
A) chips and salsa    b) locusts and wild honey    c) green eggs and ham
- 4) Who did Jesus say we are to love?  
A) enemies                      b) athletes                      c) Australians
- 5) What job did Matthew have?  
A) NBA all-star                      b) electrical engineer                      c) tax collector
- 6) Circle one thing for which Peter is well known?  
A) inventing internet                      b) Indy racecar driver                      c) denying Jesus
- 7) Jesus said, "Foxes have holes, birds have nests, but the Son of Man has what?  
A) a manger                      b) a palace                      c) nowhere to lay his head
- 8) Which friend of Jesus did he raise from the dead?  
A) Lazarus                      b) Martha                      c) Vladimir Putin
- 9) When soldiers confronted Jesus in Gethsemane, Peter cut off a man's what?  
A) ear                      b) big toe                      c) finger
- 10) Jesus did not come to call the righteous, but whom?  
A) sinners                      b) lumberjacks                      c) the lazy

# Monday- A Nation is Born

Devotion Starter- You can read in Genesis 1 and 2 how God created the world. What He created was good. There was no sin or disease or death. But it didn't stay that way. Adam and Eve disobeyed God allowing sin to enter our world and corrupt it. From there, mankind became evil and God has been rescuing them ever since. For example, God shed blood on behalf of Adam and Eve to atone for their sin and provide them clothes. Later, God destroyed the world with a flood because of sin but He provided salvation for those who trusted in Him, that time through an ark. Then God made a covenant with Abram. A covenant is a pact or promise between two people. He promised Abram to be the father of many nations but in particular Abram would become the father of the people of God- the Israelites.

Read Genesis 17:1-14.

- 1) Why did God want Abram to walk before Him and be blameless? (hint: see vs 2)
- 2) God changed Abram's name to Abraham and promised to do what for him? (vss 5-6)
- 3) In verses 7 and 8 what two things does God specifically say would happen because of their covenant?

**God keeps His word!** Abraham had Isaac who had twin boys- Jacob and Esau. From Jacob came 12 sons and 1 daughter. Each of these had several children and these became a great and numerous nation. Eventually, the King of all Kings would be born through this line of descendents- Jesus Christ.

## Monday- Digging Deeper

We know Abraham and Sarah had Isaac in Genesis 21. But did you know Abraham had a son *before* Isaac? His name was Ishmael. God had visited Abram earlier and told him he would become the father of many nations. After a while, Abram's wife Sarai, gave her servant Hagar to Abram to have children by her. So, Abram and Hagar had Ishmael. But this was not the son God had promised Abram.

Read Genesis 16.

- 1) It was Sarai's idea to give Hagar to Abram. But how did Sarai respond to Hagar becoming pregnant with Ishmael?
- 2) Read Genesis 17:15-21. God promised a son through Sarah, but Abraham asked for Ishmael to "live before the Lord." How did God respond? What did he promise for Ishmael? Through whom did God continue the covenant?

Read Galatians 3:16.

- 1) Is Paul saying the promise to Abraham was made to many or to one?
- 2) Why is this significant? (see Gal 3:26-29) {Chapter 4 may be of help}

Bonus Reading: Ezekiel 16

## Draw Your Testimony

This is your chance to be artistic in telling how you met Jesus Christ or simply what God means to you. A testimony is simply our story of how we became a believer in Jesus. Usually, we talk about 1) our life before we met Jesus 2) how we met Jesus and 3) how our life has changed since we met Jesus. But feel free to draw whatever you would like. **Helpful hints:** Use colors to express good /bad or feelings. (*Example:* red could represent *mad* and green could mean *happy*. Draw symbols to represent certain concepts. *Example:* a chain might represent *bondage* or water could mean *clean*. Use words if you want. Be creative and have fun!

## Bible Trivia- Old Testament

*Answers are at bottom of Word Search.*

- 1) What did Moses encounter at Mt. Horeb?  
A) bandits    b) pillar of fire    c) burning bush
  
- 2) Moses was told to do what b/c he was standing on holy ground?  
A) bow down    b) build an altar    c) remove his sandals
  
- 3) Who was Moses' father-in-law?  
A) Rosco    b) Nemo    c) Jethro
  
- 4) Where did Moses die?  
A) Mt. Nebo    b) Chicago    c) El Paso
  
- 5) Which river did Joshua lead the Israelites across into the Promised Land?  
A) Nile    b) Jordan    c) Colorado
  
- 6) After Joshua died, which period of time did Israel experience in their history?  
A) Period of Judges    b) halftime    c) overtime
  
- 7) The judge of Israel, Samson, fought against which people?  
A) Chinese    b) Philistines    c) Canadians
  
- 8) Whom did Samuel anoint as the first king of Israel?  
A) Saul    b) David    c) Goliath
  
- 9) Solomon is known for building which major structure?  
A) the Great Pyramid    b) Panama Canal    c) Temple in Jerusalem
  
- 10) Which people destroyed Solomon's structure in 586 BC?  
A) Babylonians    b) Norwegians    c) Aztecs

## Monday- Memory Verses

### Memory verse

Romans 10:17 "So faith comes through hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."

### Bonus Verses

Galatians 2:20 "[I] have been crucified with Christ. [It is no longer I] who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life [I] now live in the flesh [I] live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Isaiah 53:6 "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

### Bible Scholar Verses

Romans 10:14-17 (look up in your own Bible)

### Bible Freak Verses

Romans 10 (the whole chapter) {look up in your own Bible}



## No Goodbyes—Just Good News

I hope you've had a blast this week! For most people, their weeks at Cedar Lake Camp are some of the most fond memories they have.

I hope you've realized that Cedar Lake is about more than having fun. It's about a chance to know Christ and know Him well. It's a chance to be challenged in your faith and make it your own faith. And it's a chance to build Christ-centered relationships that encourage us to live out our faith in a dark world that desperately need to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

If you know Him then I encourage you to put on the full armor of God (Eph 6:10-18) and "love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength" and obey all that He commands us. Be the light that your family and friends, teammates and fellow students need! Tell them about Jesus and the hope they have in Him!

If you don't know Christ, I encourage you to repent of your sins and commit your life to the One who loves you and died for you. Romans 10:9-10, 13 tells us quite simply how to be saved. That is, trust in Jesus. "That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead you will be saved. For with your heart you believe and are justified and with your mouth you confess and are saved...For everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved."

Please remember, you can always talk to your counselor or any leader here about Jesus.

### Be sure to come back! Camp happens outside of summer too:

Spring Sports Camp (spring break)

Fall Nature Camp (fall break)

Chilly Chili 5K Fun Run and Walk (November)

## Tuesday~ Continued

At the end of 40 years in the wilderness, before taking back the land promised to Abraham, Moses reminds the people of God's laws and expectations.

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9. Jesus would later say this was the heart of the whole law (Matthew 22:38-40). What is the heart of the Law? In other words, what is the whole reason for the Law?

## Tuesday—Digging Deeper~ Blessing and Curse

Read Deuteronomy 7:6-16. This explains that God chose Israel to be His special people. Why did God bring Israel out of Egypt? (vs8)

God offers steadfast love and keeps His covenant to whom? (vs9)

What happens to those who hate God (vs 10)?

Read Dt 28:1-14. In summary, if Israel will obey the Lord, what will happen to them?

Read Dt. 28:15-68. In summary, what happens if Israel does not obey God?

## Tuesday~ Digging Deeper~ Continued

Read Dt. 30:1-4. One of the curses for disobedience was that a foreign nation would take over Israel and oppress them. How does God say in verse 2 and 3 to be gathered from the nations and have fortunes restored?

Read Dt 31:16-21. What did God tell Moses that Israel would do after Moses died?

## Tuesday Bible Memory Verses

### Memory Verses

Deut. 6:5 "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

Psalms 119:9 "How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word."

### Bonus Verses

Psalms 119:10-11 "With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

### Bible Scholar Verses

Deut. 6:4-9 (look up in your own Bible)

### Bible Freak

Psalms 1 (look up in your own Bible)

## Friday Memory Verses

### Memory Verses

Jeremiah 29:11-13 "For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart."

### Bonus Verses

Hebrews 12:1-3: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted."

Joel 2:12-13: "'Yet even now,' declares the Lord, 'return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.' Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster."

### Bible Scholar

Colossians 1:15-23

### Bible Freak

1 John 4:7-21

## Friday~ Digging Deeper

Salvation has always been by faith. Even when the Law came at the time of Moses, all those rules were meant to help us realize God's standards and how short we fall of them (Romans 3:23). The heart of the Law was that we "love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind" and "love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-40).

It's important to remember the Law was given to Israel (later known as Jews), a specific group of people chosen by God. A person is either a Jew or a Gentile (non-Jew). So what about the Gentiles? How does God save non-Jews? "Since Jesus was Jewish and I am not, does He still love me?" **Absolutely!!!** **In the Old Testament**, God always allowed Gentiles who wanted to follow the God of Israel to do so. God also strategically placed some of His people in foreign lands to declare God's ways and His glory such as Joseph, Moses, Jonah and Daniel.

**In the New Testament**, Jesus Christ's death made atonement (payment) for the sins of ALL people, not just Jews. "For God so loved THE WORLD that He gave His one and only Son..." Salvation is available to ANYONE who will repent of their sins and place their faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

Let's dig deeper in Scripture to see how this works.

**Read Romans 11:11-24.** *This was written by Paul who was a Jew that God saved "to carry God's Name before the Gentiles, kings, and children of Israel."* (Acts 9:15)

What analogy does Paul use to describe how the Gentiles ("wild olive shoots") are a part of God's family? (vs 17)

Why are the Gentiles not able to be prideful about their entrance in God's family?  
(vss 18-21)

Look at verse 22. How does God act toward those who fall away from Him?  
How does God act toward those who love Him?

## Wednesday~ Kings and Kingdoms

**Devo Starter~** After Moses and Joshua died, the Lord raised up judges to lead Israel like Gideon and Samson. But there was much fighting and little devotion to God. After the time of judges came the time of kings. God gave Israel laws explaining how a king should act and lead. The king was to lead Israel in devotion to God, love the Bible, and show God's love to the people. The problem was very few kings obeyed the Lord. Thus the kings led Israel away from the Lord to worship false gods. This angered the Lord very much, however He still loved His chosen people.

Samuel warned the people against having a king but they did not listen. God then chose Saul to be the first king. Saul reigned 40 years over Israel but disobeyed God. Therefore God rejected Saul and chose David, a "man after God's own heart" (1 Sam 13:14). David wrote several songs and poems to God called Psalms. **Read Psalm 19:7-11.** Do you think David loved God and His laws?

David was certainly not perfect but did follow God and was concerned that Israel follow God too. **David was the best king Israel would ever see.**

Which of David's sons became the next king? (1 Chronicles 29:22)

Solomon followed the Lord when he first became king but something led him away from God. What was it? (1 Kings 11:3-8)

## Wednesday- Continued

After Solomon died, his son Rehoboam became king. He sought to be cruel to the people, therefore Israel revolted and the **kingdom was divided**. Rehoboam remained king of Judah in the south but Jeroboam was made king of Israel in the north.

Starting with Solomon, almost every single one of the kings in Judah and Israel worshiped false gods. **Look back at the Commandments in Exodus 20:3-4**. What are the first 2 Commandments?

**An idol is anything that people devote themselves to ahead of God.** Can you think of anything in your life that you treasure or consider more valuable than Jesus?

How can you get rid of those things holding you back from fully devoting yourself to God?

## Friday- Return to Me

**Devo starter-** God and His people Israel made a covenant (promise). If Israel kept their promise and loyalty to God, He would bless them greatly. But if they rejected God, curses would come upon them. Time and time again, the people rejected God yet time after time God called the people to return to Him. **No matter how far we stray from God, He is always ready and willing to forgive us and welcome us back into His mercy and love.** God never stops loving us!

Today's passage is about a father who refused to stop loving his son, even though the son rejected the father and his ways. It's a picture of how God loves us. Let's read the **Parable of the Prodigal Son**.

Read **Luke 15:11-32**.

*\*(Prodigal is an adjective that means wastefully extravagant, or on a lavish scale.)*

What did the younger son do with the money his father gave him? (vs 13)

Did you think the son truly appreciated his father or what his father had given him?

What did he get a job doing? (vs 15) *(Remember: pigs were "unclean" to Jews and were not to eat them. See Leviticus 11:7-8).*

After losing all he had, including his dignity, what was the attitude son's heart? What did he plan to say to his father?

How did the father respond to his son's return in verses 20 and 22-24?

*Good news! This is how God responds to us when we return to Him with repentance! He is ready and willing to forgive us and welcome us into His family!*

## Thursday~ Memory Verses

### Memory Verses

**Hosea 6:6** "For I desire steadfast love\* and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings."

*\*The Hebrew word hesed can be translated mercy, loyalty, lovingkindness, or steadfast love.*

**2 Chronicles 7:14**: "If my people, who are called by my Name would humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I would hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

### Bonus Verses

**Matthew 16:13-16**: "When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, 'Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?' 14 So they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 15 He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' 16 Simon Peter answered and said, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'"

### Bible Scholar

Matthew 22: 36-40

### Bible Freak

Psalm 23

Psalm 63

## Wednesday~ Digging Deeper

We know the kings and people worshiped false gods but what does that mean? What exactly were they doing that made God so angry? First, it's important to remember that God is a *jealous* God (Ex 20:5). This means He carefully guards what is His: His glory, His Name, His people, His land, and His city. He will not allow His glory or worship given to another. He will not allow His Name to be profaned (taken in vain). **God loves His people too much to allow them to forget Him or dishonor Him because He knows that all we really need is to love Him.**

Some of the foreign gods the Israelites worshiped were Chemosh, Molech, Asherah, Ashtoreth, Milcom, and Baal. The kings and people made sacrifices to the gods on altars and on "high places" built on hills. Some of sacrifices included burning their own children. Other practices included sexual immorality. The kings also set up images and idols in the temple~ the very place God met with the priests and where His ark of the covenant was held. All of these were strictly forbidden by God. Moreover, by rejecting God and His ways, the people committed all sorts of sin including stealing, murder, lying, raiding, and falsely prophesying in Lord's Name. **The people of God were not reflecting God in their actions. They needed a Savior.**

Do you think our nation or the nations in our modern world honor the Lord and are exclusively devoted to Jesus and His ways?

What can we do to help them love God with all their hearts?

## Wednesday Bible Memory Verses

### Memory Verse

**1 Corinthians 10:31** “So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

**Joshua 1:8** “Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous and then you will have success.”

### Bonus Verses

**2 Corinthians 5:21** “For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”

**Isaiah 53:5** “But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.”

### Bible Scholar

**2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

**Philippians 2:1-11**

### Bible Freak

**Ephesians 6:10-20**

## Thursday- Digging Deeper- Continued

The **Southern Kingdom of Judah** did not learn its lesson from Israel, even after Israel was destroyed. The people of Judah continued to worship false gods with all their detestable practices. For the most part, the king was the one leading the people away from God. Occasionally, a king in Judah would do something good for God (see Hezekiah in 2 Chronicles 29-31 and Josiah in 2 Chron 34-35). But mostly, the kings had little concern for God and His Law. Therefore, God sent the **Babylonians** to take the people of Judah to Babylon. Among those taken were Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, and Ezekiel. The Babylonians, led by King Nebuchadnezzar, also destroyed almost every city in Judah including the capital, Jerusalem, and the Temple in 586 BC. The prophet Jeremiah had warned the royal court to surrender to Babylon but King Zedekiah would not listen.

**Read 2 Chronicles 36:11-21.** (A more detailed description of the Fall of Judah is found in 2 Kings 24-25.)

Who was the last king of Judah? (vs 11)

What did he do in vs 13 that kept him from turning to the Lord?

Who else besides the king turned away from God? (vs 14)

Who were the messengers God sent to warn the people and encourage them to return to the Lord? (vs 15)

*The people of Judah were in captivity (exile) for 70 years. After that, the king of Persia allowed them to return to Judah.*

## Thursday~ Digging Deeper

After hundreds of years and generation after generation of kings who did not honor God or His Word, God finally brought His warnings of judgment to pass. **In 722 BC**, God sent the Assyrians to invade the **Northern Kingdom of Israel**. The Assyrians surrounded the capital, Samaria, for 3 years (cut off food and trade).

Read **2 Kings 17**.

Who was the last king of the Northern Kingdom of Israel? (vs 1)

Overall, why were the Israelites besieged? (vs 7-18)

Which people (kingdom) did Israel influence to rebel against God? (vs 19-20)

The king of Assyria took some Israelites to Assyria but also left some of his own people in Israel. God sent lions among the people because they did not fear the Lord. A priest from captivity returned to teach the people to fear the Lord but the end result was that the people worshiped both the Lord and false gods. The people who came from the Israelites marrying Assyrians were called the Samaritans. The people in Judah began to resent their neighbors to the north, the Samaritans, for their blended religion. But in the end, Judah did the same thing.

## Thursday~ The Prophets

Devo Starter- Even though Israel and Judah rejected God, and broke His covenant and commands, **God still loved His people**. Their actions had consequences, however. God warned them what would happen if they rejected God but He also honored the covenant He made to Abraham to love His people.

God sent special men among the people called *prophets*. **A prophet's main job was to speak on behalf of God to the people reminding them of their covenant with God and His great love for them.** The prophets called the people to return to God but also warned of impending doom and judgment for those who didn't.

Sadly, very few listened to the prophets. They continued to worship false gods and reject the true God despite warnings of foreign nations destroying them and carrying away the people of God.

Some prophets have their own book of the Bible named after them like Isaiah, Amos, and Ezekiel. Others are found in the stories of the Bible like Elijah, Elisha, and Nathan.

We are going to read from two prophets: Jeremiah and Hosea. Their message was similar to most other prophets: the people of God have rejected God but He is waiting for them to return to Him.

As you read the prophets it is helpful to remember what certain words mean. Adultery is giving away the love you promised to your wife or husband to another person or thing. Prostitute, harlot, and whore are all biblical words for someone who commits adultery-someone who forsakes their partner in a covenant.

**Older Cabins-** Read Hosea 1:2-11 and 3:1-5.

**Younger Cabins-** Read Hosea 1:2-4, 6, 8 and 3:1.

## Thursday—Continued

*Hosea prophesied near the end of the Northern Kingdom of Israel in 722 BC.*

Why did God want Hosea to marry a prostitute and have kids from a prostitute?  
(see verse 1:2)

What were the names of their children? (vss 1:4,6,8)

**Older Cabins**— What emotion do you think God was feeling throughout the first chapter of Hosea?

Look at 3:1. What does God tell Hosea to do?

*(FYI— the raisin cakes mentioned in 3:1 were used for worship false gods)*

Hosea continues to love his wife, even though she has returned to being a prostitute. What does this show us about God's love for us?

**Older Cabins**— Read 3:4. What will the Israelites go many days (years) without?

What will happen after that time? (vs 3:5) (Hint: *this is all they ever needed to do in the first place!*)

## Thursday—Continued

*Jeremiah prophesied at the end of the Southern Kingdom of Judah in 586 BC.*

**Read Jeremiah 2:2, 5-8, 12-13.**

In verse 2:2, what does God remember about Israel?

But what happened to Israel according to verses 5-6?

God brought Israel to a good land (vs 7) but what did Israel do to the land?

Did the leaders of Israel follow God or lead the people towards God? (vs 8)

What two evils does God say His people committed in verse 13? (Hint: it's not talking about actual wells and pots...those are part of the analogy)