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Your word is
a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.

Psalm 119:105

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Year 3, Unit 5

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We also have the prophetic message as
something completely reliable, and you
will do well to pay attention to it, as to
a light shining in a dark place, until
the day dawns and the morning star
rises in your hearts. Above all, you must
understand that no prophecy of Scripture

comes about by the prophet's own

came about by the prophet's own
interpretation of things. For prophecy
never had its origin in human will, but
prophets, though human, spoke from God
as they were carried along by the Holy
Spirit.

(2 Peter 1:19-21)

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It's All about Jesus

Theme or Prophecy:

Scripture Passages:

Briefly explain or describe the theme or prophecy.

In this prophecy or theme, what reminds you of Jesus?

Explain how your theme or prophecy points to Jesus or is fulfilled by Jesus?

How would this story or passage help the disciples on the Emmaus road know that Jesus was the Messiah?



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It's Easter Sunday. Jesus has risen from the dead, but most of his followers still haven't heard the good news, or believed that he has risen.

On the Road to Emmaus

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Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know

the things that have happened there in these days?"

"What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had

seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

—Luke 24:13-27

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

The Temptat

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Narrator

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said,

"If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Narrator

Then the devil took him to the holy temple and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.

"If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written that your angels command him to lift you up in his hand, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" (Ps.

"It is also written, 'Do not put your God to the test.'"

"It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (Deut. 8:3)

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w 4:1-11

Narrator

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor.

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"All this I will give you, if you will bow down and worship me."

"Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the LORD your God, and serve him only.'" (Deut. 6:13)

Narrator

Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Examples of Biblical Genres

Instructions: Select one of the biblical genres and read the Scripture passages illustrating it. Make notes on what the passages say about God and God's people.

History: Genesis 12:1-9; Joshua 4:14-17

Poetry: Psalm 46, Psalm 100, Philippians 2:5-11

Letters: Philippians 2:1-4; Ephesians 1:1-6

Prophecy: Isaiah 40:1-5; Isaiah 60:1-3; Amos 9:11-15

Apocalyptic: Revelation 1:1-8; Revelation 21:1-5

Wisdom: Proverbs 3:5-6; Proverbs 15:1; Proverbs 16:9

Legal: Exodus 20:1-17; Leviticus 23:22;
Deuteronomy 8:1-10; Deuteronomy 6:10-19

Gospel: John 3:16; John 14:6

Create a Picture Story

Instructions: Select one of the Old Testament verses quoted by Jesus in answering the devil's temptations. Create a picture story based on Jesus' response. Think of a new character and setting. Who is Jesus speaking to? What is that person saying to Jesus? What is the setting? The temptation? How does the person react to Jesus' words?

"It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (Deut. 8:3)

**"It is also written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"
(Deut. 6:16)**

**"AWAY FROM ME, SATAN! FOR IT IS WRITTEN: 'WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'"
(DEUT. 6:13)**

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God's

Torah

The Torah is the whole first five books of what Christians call the Old Testament. It is God's law embedded in the story of God's covenant love for Israel. More than the Ten Commandments, or even the laws spelled out in Leviticus and Deuteronomy, it is God's Word, God's instructions for his people.

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Word

Synonyms

for “Law”

Instructions: Unscramble these words, which are synonyms for the “law.” Place the correct words in the crossword puzzle.

Across:

- 3. oatrh
- 5. wla
- 7. ropisme
- 8. adecmmnnnto

Down:

- 1. tatetus
- 2. peepctr
- 4. ceeerd
- 6. rodw

Psalms 119

⁹ How can a young person stay on the path of purity?
By living according to your word.

¹⁰ I seek you with all my heart;
do not let me stray from your commands.

¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart
that I might not sin against you.

⁹⁷ Oh, how I love your law!
I meditate on it all day long.

⁹⁸ Your commands are always with me
and make me wiser than my enemies.

⁹⁹ I have more insight than all my teachers,
for I meditate on your statutes.

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.

¹⁰⁶ I have taken an oath and confirmed it,
that I will follow your righteous laws.


Memorization

Jeremiah 31:33 or Jeremiah 31:31-34

Materials: Bibles, index cards, pens, laptop or tablet with Internet access and speakers

When you memorize Scripture, you do more than commit it to memory in your mind; the words sink deep into you and become written upon your heart. They become part of you. You are able to call God's Word to mind when needed: for comfort, for hope, for reassurance.

Follow these simple steps to commit a passage of Scripture to memory:

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- 1. Read it from the Bible.** Find the passage in the Bible and read it. For this session, read Jeremiah 31:33 or Jeremiah 31:31-34.
 - 2. Visualize it.** After reading the passage, notice its placement on the page. Is it in the middle of a long passage? Does it start or conclude a paragraph? Look at the chapter and verse numbers. Visualize the image of the text on the page so you can recall it when you don't have a Bible handy.
 - 3. Copy it.** Copy the passage onto an index card. The act of writing helps to seal it in your brain.
 - 4. Repeat it.** Say the passage aloud at least three times. Pay attention to repeated words and main points and phrases that can help you recall the passage later.
 - 5. Hear it/See it.** If you have access to the Internet, view or listen to a YouTube clip showing the passage expressed as a reading or a song, or hum your own tune to set the verse to music.
 - 6. Write it.** Write the passage on the back of the index card on which you first wrote the passage, recalling as much of it as you can.
 - 7. Recall it.** Move to the next station and engage your brain in a completely different activity. When you complete the activity, try to recall your memory passage.

Lectio Divina

Psalm 23

Materials: Bibles, Dive magazines or index cards, pens

Lectio divina, or holy reading, is a way to read and study Scripture that draws you deep into the text. The process involves four steps: read, reflect, pray, and rest.

These steps have you studying God's Word as it is written and listening to God's Word as it speaks to your mind, your heart, and your feelings. You respond to God in prayer, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit to understand and apply God's Word to your life.

Step 1: Read

- Read the Scripture passage for the first time (or listen to it being read).
- For this session, read Psalm 23. Notice words or phrases that stand out for you. Write them out on an index card if you want.
- Pause and think about those words.
- Read the passage a second time, paying particular attention to the words that stood out in your first reading. These will be your focus words for this study.

Step 2: Reflect

- In silence, hold the focus words in your mind. Reflect on them. Think about them. "Chew" on them.
- What do these words mean in the text?
- What do these words mean for you and your life?
- Pause and reflect. If it is helpful, doodle or sketch as you reflect.

Step 3: *Pray*

- Talk to God about the words you noticed from this passage. Pray that God will help you understand the words, both their meaning in the Bible and their meaning for your life.
- Open yourself, in prayer, to listen for how God is speaking to you through these words.

Step 4: *Rest*

- Take a deep breath and let the message God gave you sink into your heart. Imagine yourself living it!
- Thank God for meeting you here.

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Record your thoughts and reflections while using *lectio divina* with Psalm 23.

A Rule

Matthew

Materials: Bibles, *Dive*

An important way to study God's words on the page and apply them to the words on the page and apply them to decisions, and actions of our lives. In rule our lives, or become

We can honor God's Word by obeying lives. Read a selection of Scripture and with your li

1. *Read* God's Word.

Open your Bible to the selected passage and read it. For this session, read the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13.

2. *Identify* a lesson that passage teaches about life.

Read the passage a second time, looking specifically for a central message or teaching. Write this message here.

3. *Look* for priorities or actions shown in the passage.

Read the passage a third time, looking specifically for priorities or actions that will help you live the central teaching of the passage.

For example, in Matthew 6:9-13, the movements of the prayer give guidance on priorities for living one's life:

- v. 9—"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name."
- Life priority: Give praise and honor to God.
- v. 10—"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."
- Life priority: Live your day as if you are living in heaven, in God's presence.

Continue reading the passage, identifying priorities for living the Lord's Prayer. Record these priorities here.

of Life

6:9-13

magazines, pens

Word is to live it. We read
their teaching to the choices,
in this way, we let God's Word
our "rule of life."

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and identify ways to reflect it
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4. **Review** the priorities or actions noted in the previous step. Identify specific actions you will do to live the central teaching of the Scripture passage.

For example, in Matthew 6:9-13:

- v. 9—Life priority: Give praise and honor to God.
- Action: Commit to ten minutes of daily prayer, which includes giving praise to God.
- v. 10—Life priority: Live each day as if you are living in heaven.
- Action: Commit to ten minutes of daily prayer. Ask God to walk with you in the day. Imagine what your day will be like walking with God.

Continue identifying specific actions to help you live into the teachings of the Scripture passage. Record the actions here. These actions become your Rule of Life.

5. At the close of the session, **share** your Rule of Life with another student and make a commitment to try to live these actions in the week ahead.

Exploring Other Bible Study Methods



The Inductive Method

This approach to Bible study uses three steps:

- Observation
- Interpretation
- Application

Observation is finding out what's going on in the passage.

Interpretation explores what the passage means and why the author is writing it.

Application asks how the passage relates to your life. In other words, *How should I respond to it? What does it make me think about who I am and how I act?*

Here are key questions you can ask yourself about the passage:

What's going on in the passage? (Observation)

What does it mean? (Interpretation)

How does it relate to me? (Application)

The Let-It-Speak-to-Me Method

Read the passage until a verse “speaks” to you—strikes you in a meaningful way. It may challenge, provoke, bother, comfort, inspire, or teach you. Record the verse and why you chose it. Meditate on it (think about what it means). Write a prayer related to it, and then try to memorize the verse.

When you use this method each day, you can look back to the prayers you've written and reflect on them. Then each day you can continue reading until you come to another verse that “speaks” to you.

Methods

Method

Three techniques:

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yourself as you read

(observation)

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The Key-**STONE** Method

Read the passage and determine the *key* or central message of the passage. Then study it more carefully, section by section or paragraph by paragraph. As you do, write a *STONE* sentence that is a

Simple _____

Truthful _____

Objective _____

Nutshell _____

Explanation of each section or paragraph of the passage. _____

After your *STONE* sentences are written, go back and refine what the key message is, according to what you have learned from your *STONE* sentences.

The **Imagination Application** Method

Read the passage and then write as many “If I were . . .” sentence starters as you can think of, based on the content, situation, and characters in the passage. Your list of sentence starters should include at least these three:

- If I were the author . . .

- If I were one of the first readers of this passage . . .

- If I were to apply this passage to my life . . .

After you have imagined as many “If I were’s” as possible, complete them with a “then I would . . .” ending.

The Code It Method

Read the passage one verse at a time, marking the verses with the following symbols as you do:



I understand this verse.



I don't understand this verse.



This verse encourages/inspires/comforts me.



This verse challenges or convicts me.



This verse captures the main point of the passage.

Next, go back and reflect on your symbols, thinking about why you marked the verses as you did. If there's error, try to discover the meaning of the verses you marked with a question mark.

Finish up by writing one sentence to describe your reaction to the passage.

The Believe-Trust-Act Method

Read the passage slowly and thoughtfully. As you do, think about what the passage is calling you to believe, to trust (accept in faith), and to do. Complete the following sentence starters on the back of the passage:

- I believe ... _____
- I trust ... _____
- I will ... _____

Each sentence starter may have several possible conclusions.



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The A-to-G Method

Read the passage and locate the following:

A. A theme of the passage _____

B. The Best verse _____

C. The most Challenging verse _____

D. The most Difficult verse to understand or live by _____

E. The most Encouraging verse _____

F. A Feeling that's expressed or drawn out by the passage _____

G. A Gift from God or something that shows God's grace in the passage _____

Bible Study Method Review

Method:

What I liked about this method:

I think this method would be most helpful, usable, or valuable when:

The problems with this method:

In terms of helping me *understand* the passage, this method is a ____
out of 10 because...

In terms of helping me *remember or learn from* the passage, this method is a ____
out of 10 because...

In terms of helping me *respond to and apply* the passage, this method is a ____
out of 10 because...

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For
the
Word
of God is
alive and active.

Sharper than any
double-edged sword,
it penetrates even to
dividing soul and spirit,
joints and marrow, it
judges the thoughts
and attitudes of
the heart.

Hebrews 4:12



Your Personal Mission Statement

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**Why am I here at this place
and time?**

**What does God want me to
do?**

List issues or topics that interest you or concern you. You may include personal challenges you or your friends are facing.

Look over the brainstorming list developed by the group. Write what you believe God's Word says to your issues, topics, or concerns.

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Look over your writing. Which topics or concerns are most important to you? About which items do you have the strongest feelings, either positive or negative? These feelings may be God's way of showing you where God can work in and through you.

Sit with your feelings and pray. Listen for God's Word to you. What does God's Word tell you about his call to you? About your personal mission?

Write a brief statement to answer these questions: *Why am I here at this place and time?*
What does God want me to do?



NIV

¹Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.

²By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

⁹For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

¹²But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no

resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²²For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. ²⁸When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

⁵⁵“Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?”

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

—1 Corinthians 15:1-28, 55-58 (NIV)

The Message

¹⁻² Friends, let me go over the Message with you one final time—this Message that I proclaimed and that you made your own; this Message on which you took your stand and by which your life has been saved. (I’m assuming, now, that your belief was the real thing and not a passing fancy, that you’re in this for good and holding fast.)

³⁻⁹ The first thing I did was place before you what was placed so emphatically before me: that the Messiah died for our sins, exactly as Scripture tells it; that he was buried; that he was raised from death on the third day, again exactly as Scripture says; that he presented himself alive to Peter, then to his closest followers, and later to more than five hundred of his followers all at the same time, most of them still around (although a few have since died); that he then spent time with James and the rest of those he commissioned to represent him; and that he finally presented himself alive to me. It was fitting that I bring up the rear. I don’t deserve to be included in that inner circle, as you well know, having spent all those early years trying my best to stamp God’s church right out of existence.

¹⁰⁻¹¹ But because God was so gracious, so very generous, here I am. And I’m not about to let his grace go to waste. Haven’t I worked hard trying to do more than any of the others? Even then, my work didn’t amount to all that much. It was God giving me the work to do, God giving me the energy to do it. So whether you heard it from me or from those others, it’s all the same: We spoke God’s truth and you entrusted your lives.

¹²⁻¹⁵ Now, let me ask you something profound yet troubling. If you became believers because you trusted the proclamation that Christ is alive, risen from the dead, how can you let people say that there is no such thing as a resurrection? If there’s no resurrection, there’s no living Christ. And face it—if there’s no resurrection for Christ, everything we’ve told you is smoke and mirrors, and everything you’ve staked your life on is smoke and mirrors. Not only that, but we would be guilty of telling a string of barefaced lies about God,

all these affidavits we passed on to you verifying that God raised up Christ—sheer fabrications, if there’s no resurrection.

¹⁶⁻²⁰ If corpses can’t be raised, then Christ wasn’t, because he was indeed dead. And if Christ weren’t raised, then all you’re doing is wandering about in the dark, as lost as ever. It’s even worse for those who died hoping in Christ and resurrection, because they’re already in their graves. If all we get out of Christ is a little inspiration for a few short years, we’re a pretty sorry lot. But the truth is that Christ *has* been raised up, the first in a long legacy of those who are going to leave the cemeteries.

²¹⁻²⁸ There is a nice symmetry in this: Death initially came by a man, and resurrection from death came by a man. Everybody dies in Adam; everybody comes alive in Christ. But we have to wait our turn: Christ is first, then those with him at his Coming, the grand consummation when, after crushing the opposition, he hands over his kingdom to God the Father. He won’t let up until the last enemy is down—and the very last enemy is death! As the psalmist said, “He laid them low, one and all; he walked all over them.” When Scripture says that “he walked all over them,” it’s obvious that he couldn’t at the same time be walked on. When everything and everyone is finally under God’s rule, the Son will step down, taking his place with everyone else, showing that God’s rule is absolutely comprehensive—a perfect ending!

⁵⁵⁻⁵⁷ Who got the last word, oh, Death? Oh, Death, who’s afraid of you now?

It was sin that made death so frightening and law-code guilt that gave sin its leverage, its destructive power. But now in a single victorious stroke of Life, all three—sin, guilt, death—are gone, the gift of our Master, Jesus Christ. Thank God!

⁵⁸ With all this going for us, my dear, dear friends, stand your ground. And don’t hold back. Throw yourselves into the work of the Master, confident that nothing you do for him is a waste of time or effort.

—1 Corinthians 15:1-28, 55-58 (*The Message*)

Read through 1 Corinthians 15:12-19 and map out Paul's conclusions using the flow chart below.

No resurrection of the dead?

Christ was not raised from the dead?

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But if Christ was raised ...

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