

Story Finder for Family Worship

What stories should parents teach children? Here is a list of key stories to help you find stories to read and retell during family worship. Adapt the length of the reading as needed, telling parts of the story to young children and reading a short selection aloud from the Word. As children grow older, the readings from the Word can be a little longer.

Old Testament

- Creation - Genesis 1:1-31, 2
- Adam and Eve - Genesis 2:7-8, 2:20-25
- Garden of Eden - Genesis 3:1-13
- Noah and the ark - Genesis 6:1-22, 7:1-16
- Noah and the flood - Genesis 7:17-24, 8:1-22
- Noah and the rainbow - Genesis 9:8-17
- Tower of Babel - Genesis 11:1-9
- Call of Abram - Genesis 12:1-10
- Abram and Lot - Genesis 13:1-24
- God's covenant with Abram - Genesis 15:1-6
- Isaac is born - Genesis 17:21, 21:1-8
- Sacrifice of Isaac - Genesis 22:1-18
- Jacob and Esau - Genesis 25:20-28
- Jacob dreams of a ladder to heaven - Genesis 28:10-22
- Joseph's coat and dreams - Genesis 37:1-11
- Pharaoh's dreams - Genesis 41:1-57
- The birth of Moses - Exodus 2:1-10
- Moses and the burning bush - Exodus 3:1-14
- Ten plagues - Exodus 7:14-25, 8:1-32, 9:1-35, 10:1-29, 11:1-10, 12:1-30
- Crossing the Red Sea - Exodus 14:13-31
- Bitter and sweet water - Exodus 15:22-27
- Ten commandments - Exodus 19, 20
- Tabernacle of the Lord - Exodus 25-31
- Spies sent to Canaan - Numbers 13:1-33
- Balaam prophesies - Numbers 22-24
- Entering the land of Canaan - Joshua 3:1-17, 4:1-24
- Fall of Jericho - Joshua 6:1-27
- Gideon - Judges 6:11-40, 7:1-25
- Birth of Samuel - 1 Samuel 1:1-28
- Samuel is called by the Lord - 1 Samuel 3:1-10
- Saul anointed king - 1 Samuel 16:1-13
- David anointed king - 1 Samuel 16:1-13

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- David and Goliath - 1 Samuel 17:1-51
- Solomon asks for wisdom - 1 Kings 3
- Solomon builds the Temple - 1 Kings 6
- Elijah, prophet of the Lord - 1 Kings 17:1-16
- Elijah raises the widow's son - 1 Kings 17:17-24
- Elijah ascends to heaven - 2 Kings 2:1-14
- Elisha and the widow's oil - 2 Kings 4:1-7
- Daniel in the burning fiery furnace - Daniel 3:10-30
- Daniel in the lions' den - Daniel 6:10-23

New Testament

- Jesus at age twelve - Luke 2:41-50
- John the Baptist - Matthew 3:1-4
- Jesus is baptized - Matthew 3:13-17
- Jesus calls His disciples - Matthew 4:18-25
- Jesus turns water into wine - John 2:1-11
- Feeding the 5000 - Mark 6:32-44
- Jesus walks on the sea - Mark 6:45-52
- Calming the stormy sea - Luke 8:22-25
- Demon-possessed man healed - Mark 5:1-20
- Raising Jairus' daughter - Mark 5:21-43
- Jesus heals the centurion's servant - Matthew 8:5-13
- Healing a paralyzed man - Mark 2:1-12
- Blind man healed - Mark 8:22-26
- Raising Lazarus - John 11:1-44

Christmas

- Prophecy - Numbers 25:17-29
- John the Baptist is born - Luke 1:5-25, 57-66
- The angel visits Mary - Luke 1:26-38
- Joseph's dream - Matthew 1:18-25
- Jesus is born - Luke 2:1-7
- Shepherds visit - Luke 2:8-20
- Wise men bring gifts - Matthew 2:1-12
- Flight into Egypt - Matthew 2:13-15

Easter

- Palm Sunday - Matthew 21:1-11

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- The last supper - Luke 22:7-23
- The Crucifixion - Matthew 27:32-38
- The Risen Lord - Matthew 28:1-8
- Walk to Emmaus - Luke 24:13-35
- Jesus appears to His disciples - Luke 24:36-43
- Jesus makes His disciples breakfast - John 21:1-14

The New Church

- John on the Isle of Patmos - Revelation 1:1-9
- The throne room of heaven - Revelation 4:1-11
- The sealed scroll - Revelation 5-8
- The woman clothed with the sun - Revelation 12:1-17
- The Holy City - Revelation 21:1-27