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Matthew 1 to Matthew 5

**Think
About
This**

- 1** What do you learn about God and His character in these verses?
- 2** Where is Jesus in these chapters? Where do you see the gospel?
- 3** How might you apply these verses to your life?

DAY 1 • *Read Matthew 1*

DAY 2 • *Read Matthew 2*

Say or write your prayer:

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About
This**

- 1** What do you learn about God and His character in these verses?
- 2** Where is Jesus in these chapters? Where do you see the gospel?
- 3** How might you apply these verses to your life?

DAY 3 • *Read Matthew 3*

DAY 4 • *Read Matthew 4*

Say or write your prayer:

**Think
About
This**

- 1** What do you learn about God and His character in these verses?
- 2** Where is Jesus in these chapters? Where do you see the gospel?
- 3** How might you apply these verses to your life?

DAY 5 • *Read Matthew 5*

Say or write your prayer:

What Are the Gospels?

You have started reading some of the most important texts in the world! The book of Matthew along with Mark, Luke, and John are known as the Gospels. These books contain the historical information about the life and work of Jesus, as well as what He said throughout His ministry. The books are all believed to be eyewitness accounts written by the disciples of Jesus—Matthew, Mark, Luke,⁴ and John (although some believe that Peter may have written the book of Mark⁵).

As you read the first four books in the Bible, it would be neat to write down similar stories, or even the differences, in each book. As you read Matthew, think about what it would have been like to hear and see Jesus face to face. Write down things you notice about His life and what He says. Think about what it means to be a follower of Jesus—what did the people do around Him and what did He tell the people to do?

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Ideas for your rest day

- Did you miss a day of reading? Catch up on any missed reading.
- Look up a word you didn't understand or ask a guardian or someone to help you understand a story.
- Read ahead.





Matthew 6 to Matthew 10

**Think
About
This**

- 1** What do you learn about God and His character in these verses?
- 2** Where is Jesus in these chapters? Where do you see the gospel?
- 3** How might you apply these verses to your life?

DAY 1 • *Read Matthew 6*

DAY 2 • *Read Matthew 7*

Say or write your prayer:

**Think
About
This**

- 1** What do you learn about God and His character in these verses?
- 2** Where is Jesus in these chapters? Where do you see the gospel?
- 3** How might you apply these verses to your life?

DAY 3 • *Read Matthew 8*

DAY 4 • *Read Matthew 9*

Say or write your prayer:

**Think
About
This**

- 1** What do you learn about God and His character in these verses?
- 2** Where is Jesus in these chapters? Where do you see the gospel?
- 3** How might you apply these verses to your life?

DAY 5 • *Read Matthew 10*

Say or write your prayer:

What Is a Genealogy?

The older I get, the more I am interested in genealogies. A genealogy is a family tree or a list of someone's ancestors. So, for my family tree, my mom is named Doris, and my father is named Dennis. My grandfather on my mom's side was George, and my grandmother's name on my mom's side was Barbara. I could do the same for my father and keep going back until I find out the first person in our family (the roots of some family trees are easier to discover than others). My husband can trace his ancestry back very far. Recently, I discovered that one of my husband's ancestors saved people from a railway disaster in England. Maybe you've found out something that's been surprising in your own family. Regardless, the stories of the past shape us today. I can't trace my family back centuries, but we can trace the genealogy of Jesus!

A genealogy is a map, a historical reference or guide to understanding a person and events. So, when you read Matthew 1, you were reading about the genealogy of our Lord and Savior. It is very important. The genealogy of Jesus points us to many things about Jesus, but one thing you'll see is that Jesus came from a long line of diverse stories and people. The people in His family line did good things and bad things, had hard times and easy times. We see that God is so kind, gracious, merciful, and loving. Jesus could have chosen any family line, but He chose one that represents so many of us. Isn't that encouraging?

Soon, during a rest day, look up a few of the names in His genealogy to learn about their story. If you can understand the genealogies in the Bible, you can gain a better understanding of the history of Israel, the story of the Bible, and ultimately, the history of salvation.

ENJOY YOUR REST DAY!

When Jesus had finished giving these instructions to his twelve disciples, he went out to teach and preach in towns throughout the region. John Baptist, who was in the wilderness, had heard about all the things the Messiah was doing, so he sent his disciples to Jesus, “Are you the one we’ve been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?” Jesus answered them, “Go back to

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