

# BREAD

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO:

# Introduction

Have you ever seen a homemade quilt? A quilt is a special kind of blanket with a picture on it, made up of small scraps of fabric sewn together. Each scrap of fabric might look funny and totally different from the others. I bet if you saw them in a pile you'd think, no way these go together! But when the scraps are sewn together in the right way, they create a big, beautiful, colorful blanket. Sometimes a quilt's fabric is arranged to look like a house, or a dog, or stars. All those little pieces come together to make one big, amazing picture.

The Bible is just like a quilt—it's one big story, made up of a bunch of little stories. When you put the stories together, they all point to the big picture: a story about Jesus.

We are on a lifelong adventure to be with Jesus, become like Jesus, and do what Jesus did. How exciting is that? One of the best ways to start that adventure is to learn more about who Jesus is by reading the Bible.

Let's think about our giant quilt again. A quilt's fabric scraps have all kinds of patterns and feels to them—maybe one is a fuzzy flannel, another a soft bit of an old baby shirt, or a scrap from a pillowcase. The Bible's books are all different too: some are history stories about kings, some are adventures, like God's people escaping Egypt. Some books are letters, like the one Paul sent the Romans. And some books, like Psalms, are full of poems and songs.

In this book, you'll find stories from the New Testament that talk about Jesus' life on earth and the lives of His followers. There are also Psalms, which are more like poems or songs. Jesus loved the Psalms and used them a lot in His teaching.

Each week, you'll discover the next patch of quilt. And at the end of the year, you'll have a better view of the beautiful big picture of God revealed through scripture.

# **How to Use**

For each week of the year, this book has a passage of scripture (or square from the quilt) for you to read then reflect on, and space for you to draw or write your throughts and feelings about what you read.

We picked passages for each week in a particular way to match what your grown up is reading in their BREAD devotional. These passages come together to form the big beautiful story of God through the life of Jesus—just like the fabric scraps come together to make the picture on a quilt.

So, why is this book called BREAD? The letters in the word BREAD guide and help us learn how to read the Bible. Each week, give these steps a try:

**BE STILL:** Sit somewhere quiet. Let your body calm down and take a few deep breaths. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you read the scripture.

**READ:** Read through the passage for the week. Read it a second time, but more slowly. Notice what stands out to you.

**EXPLORE:** Think about the things that stood out to you in the passage of scripture. Are there any emotions or experiences you can relate to? Maybe write or draw pictures about what you read and what you noticed.

**ACTION:** Next, write or draw anything you feel that God might want you to do or remember, based on what you read.

**DECIDE:** End by saying or writing a prayer to God. You can tell Him how you've decided to live because of what you read today.

Write		

Our Father

Write				

The Lord is my rock

Write			

Jesus Feeds Four Thousand

Write			

### **JAN 29- FEB 4**

Matthew 22:34-40

The Greatest Commandment

Write			

The Earth is Full

Write			

Jesus Died on the Cross

Write			

Write			

Cast your cares on Jesus

Write			

Jesus Blesses Little Children

Write			

A Woman Anoints Jesus with Perfume

Write			

Our God is Great

Write			

Jesus Eats with Sinners

Write				

A Tree and it's Fruit

Write			

I Trust God

Write			

### **APRIL 15 - 21**

Luke 18:15-17

The Little Children and Jesus

Write		

The Widow's Offering

Write			

Who is like the Lord?

Write			

Eternal Life

Write			

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

Write			

Your Word is a Lamp

Write			

MAY 27 - John 13: 1-17

Jesus Washes His Disciples Feet

Write			

Jesus the Way to the Father

Write			

Hear my Voice

Write			

Write

Acts 5: 12-16

I will Praise Your Name Forever

Write				

JULY 1 - 7 Acts 12: 6-16

Peter's Miraculous Escape From

Write			

How Majestic is Your Name

Write			

The Gospel of Grace

Write			

The Lord is my Shepherd

Write			

Write			

**Romans 5: 1-5** 

Trust in Him

Write			

The Mind of Christ

Write			

AUG 25 - Psalm 55:22

Cast your burden on the Lord

Write			

Unity and Diversity in the Body

Write			

Be Reconciled to God

Write			

God My Refuge

Write			

Children of God

Write			

The Armor of God

Write			

The Lord Reigns

Write			

## 1 Thessalonians

Gratitude Prayer

Write			

Set an Example

Write			

I Will Sing

Write			

Jesus the Great High Priest

Write			

Persevere in Faith

You Made Me

Be Holy

Write			

God's Children and Sin

Write			

I am Blessed

Write			

The Throne

Praise God

Write				

