

## Faith Practice Focus: Study

### A Monthly Bible Study Reading Plan

Consider this monthly Bible study to help you dig into the Bible and grow in faith throughout the year. You can study each month on your own, with a friend, group, or with your family. It's intentionally designed to be intergenerational — accessible to all ages, and fit into a busy schedule. Read one story each week or however you like, reflect, and pray. May you and your family be blessed as you study God's Word.

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## June: Splashy Stories from the Bible

Jump into the Bible together this month to make a splash! When a rock is plopped into a pool of water, it creates ripples. Read these wet Bible stories together to make big waves of God's love in the world. The more you read, the bigger the splash!

Noah                                      Genesis 6-9

Jesus Is Baptized                      Matthew 3:13-17  
    Mark 1:4-11  
    Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Jesus Changes Water                John 2:1-11  
to Wine

The Woman at the Well    John 4:5-42

### Take the Float Your Boat Challenge:

Float homemade boats in nearby bodies of water to remind you of the Bible stories you read together this month. Sail your boat in a lake to recall Jesus walking on water during a storm. Dip your boat into a swimming pool to remember Jesus' baptism. Try filling your boat with animals—animal crackers, that is! Any water will do: buckets, streams, puddles, gutters, even bathtubs.



Instructions for making a boat are on the next page.

### Pray:

Before you float your boats in each watery spot, say a prayer together: Thank you, God, for water. We float our boats for you! Amen.

Follow these step-by-step instructions to craft your boat from paper, origami-style:



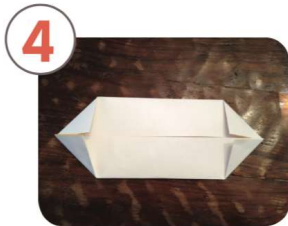
**1**  
Color one entire side of an 8 ½ X 11 sheet of paper with a wax crayon. This seals the bottom of your boat for the best floating action.



**2**  
Fold the paper in half, lengthwise, with the color on the inside, and open it again.



**3**  
Fold both long edges to meet at the center crease.



**4**  
Fold each corner down to meet the center crease.



**5**  
Fold each corner down a second time to meet the center crease, creating a diamond-like shape.



**6**  
Fold the remaining edge on each side to the center crease, forming what looks like a pencil with two tips.



**7**  
Without unfolding the corners, open the center seam to the colorful part of the paper, turning the project inside out to form a canoe.

Make extra boats to serve a snack mix of cheesy fish crackers, chewy fish candies and ring-shaped cereal buoys as you travel to the various water locations.