

## **May 11**

### John 3:1-21

This passage tells of a visit by Nicodemus to Jesus. It also includes the best known verse in the Bible, John 3:16.

#### *Question to Consider:*

The text says that Nicodemus came to Jesus “at night.” Why do you suppose Nicodemus wanted to see Jesus at night?

#### *Prayer:*

Loving God, there may come a time when I need to do what Nicodemus did, and do something for you that is risky. When that time comes, I pray that I have the courage and the faith to do it. Increase my faith. In Jesus’ name I pray, Amen.

## **May 12**

### John 4:4-26

This is part 1 of the story of Jesus’ conversation with a Samaritan woman at a well.

#### *Question to Consider:*

Jesus says that the day will come when people will worship God “in spirit and truth.” Think about your own worship. Do you worship God in spirit and truth? If you think the answer may be no, what needs to change?

#### *Prayer:*

Almighty God, I worship you, but I also acknowledge that there are ways in which my worship can be made more pure and pleasing to you. Through your Holy Spirit, help me to see what needs to change so that I might worship you always “in spirit and truth.” I pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

## **May 13**

### John 4:27-42

This is the second part of the story of Jesus and the woman at the well.

#### *Question to Consider:*

Jesus told his disciples, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.” How are we nourished (fed) by seeking after God and doing His will?

#### *Prayer:*

Gracious God, each day I have opportunities to seek you and to do your will, and I know in my heart that the result of that is satisfaction. I feel full when I am satisfied, and I know that I am truly satisfied when I live for you. Help me to do that this day. I pray in Jesus’ name, Amen.

## **May 14**

### Luke 4:16-30

This passage tells of Jesus returning to his hometown of Nazareth where he taught in the synagogue.

#### *Question to Consider:*

Jesus said to the people of Nazareth, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown.” Why do you think that is so?

#### *Prayer:*

Merciful God, I pray that I will always be receptive to the teachings of all who *faithfully* proclaim your word, regardless of where they are from, how they dress, or what style they use. If they are faithfully proclaiming your truth, it will be beneficial for me to listen. I pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

## **May 15**

### Mark 1:21-28

This passage tells of Jesus healing a man possessed by an evil spirit.

#### *Question to Consider:*

The Bible often speaks of evil spirits, or demons. Do you believe that evil spirits exist? Why, or why not?

#### *Prayer:*

All-knowing God, there are parts of life that are beyond my understanding. Help me to know more of the things that you want me to know, and help me to always trust you by faith. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.