



Reading the Word

LESSONS THIS MONTH

Week One—The Word Guides Us

Week Two—The Word Calls Us
Back to God

Week Three—The Word Is Jesus

Week Four—The Word Leads All
Men to Jesus

THIS MONTH WE WILL...

Sing

- “Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet”

Read

- Deuteronomy 11:18–21
- 2 Chronicles 34–35
- Luke 4:14–21
- Acts 8:26–39

Memorize

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

2 Timothy 3:16–17

WHAT WE’LL Learn

We are called and challenged to get into God’s Word, to know Him, and to be filled with His Spirit. But let’s face it, the amount of time we actually read the Bible and remember what God has done is minimal compared to how our time is spent doing other things. We forget God’s goodness and wonder why real joy and peace have left. Then we can’t begin to understand why the things of this world are failing us, again.

We are really no different from the Israelites as they traveled through the desert. God knew they’d be swayed by the things they saw around them, and He wanted to help them keep their part of the covenant. What might have seemed like strict, overbearing directives were actually God’s loving, merciful guidance.

He provided them with several means to remember Him: tying a ribbon on their wrists, talking about Him with everyone they saw, and wearing a small box containing scripture on their heads. He still pursued them while providing a way out of the potential danger when they forgot His goodness.

God still guides and directs our each and every step. He reveals Himself to us and changes our hearts to know and love Him more. He helped the Israelites keep their part of the covenant, and He does the same for us. While we were yet sinners Christ died for us—helping us keep our part of the covenant. It’s a bit mind-blowing when you think of that great love.

*When I feel afraid, think I’ve lost my way,
Still You’re there right beside me.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet,
And a light unto my path.*

—“Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet”