

# Scrooge's Surprise: Finding the Life You Are Missing Out On

Grow Through the Bible Resources

Bible Reading Plan

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November 23, 2025-  
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The birth of Christ is the hinge of history, a turning point so profound that our sense of time is divided between before and after his birth. The coming of Christ into our lives is the turning point between a life based on self-centered needs and a life based on love and joy. In his famous book *A Christmas Carol*, Charles Dickens tells the story of Ebenezer Scrooge, who through his visions of Christmas Past, Present, and Future, is able to see clearly the difference Christ makes and is given the chance to choose Christ before it is too late. By joining Scrooge in remembering God's work in our world and in our lives, and the ways we have turned toward and away from God in the past, we prepare ourselves to receive Christ as He comes to us today.

Week of Nov. 23	<b>160th Anniversary Celebration</b> <i>As we celebrate 160 years of being a church, scripture selections and devotionals are from pastors who have served at Concord United Methodist Church over the years.</i>				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	John 1:1-5	Joshua 4:1-7	Genesis 12:1-9	1 Cor. 16:8-9, Rev. 3:8	1 Timothy 4:12, 2 Timothy 1:5

Week of Nov. 30	<b>Week 1: Bah Humbug: Remembering Life Before Christ</b> <i>When have you approached Christmas with a bah humbug attitude? What has you saying "bah humbug" this year?</i>				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Isaiah 7:1-17	Isaiah 8:11-9:7	Habakkuk 1:1-4	Eccl. 1:1-11	Luke 1:5-25



<b>Week of Dec. 7</b>	<b>Week 2: Christmas Past: Wise Men &amp; a Wise Woman</b> <i>What God has done.</i>				
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
◦ Luke 1:39-56	◦ Matthew 2:1-15	◦ Luke 1:57-80	◦ Galatians 4:4-7	◦ Romans 8:1-11	◦ Psalm 22:22-31

<b>Week of Dec. 14</b>	<b>Week 3: Christmas Present: Joy to the World</b> <i>What God is doing now.</i>				
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
◦ Matthew 1:18-25	◦ John 10:9-11	◦ Phil. 4:7, John 14:27	◦ John 15:9-11	◦ Matthew 11:28-30; 28:20b	◦ Psalm 98

<b>Week of Dec. 21</b>	<b>Week 4: Christmas Future: Choosing Life</b> <i>The hope we are called to.</i>				
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
◦ Luke 2:8-20	◦ Isaiah 11:1-10	◦ Luke 2:1-7	◦ John 1:1-18	◦ Isaiah 65:17-25	◦ Psalm 97

<b>Week of Dec. 28</b>	<b>Week 5: The Promised One</b> <i>How will we respond?</i>				
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
◦ Luke 2:21-38	◦ Luke 2:39-52	◦ Luke 1:26-38	◦ Lam. 3:19-26	◦ Matthew 4:17, Mark 1:14-15	◦ Psalm 95