

40 Day Family Bible Challenge

Week 3

Day 11: The Prophets

There are many books of the Bible, 73 to be exact, and they are written with different intentions. We have the Wisdom books, Historical books, the books of the Law and the Prophetic books.

Of the prophetic books only four of them are considered to be works of the “Major Prophets” What book are they?

Day 12: Jonah

We are all remarkably familiar with the story of Jonah and the whale (or sea monster). It seems very unlikely that Jonah could have stayed in the whale’s belly for three days, but it wasn’t without purpose! What major event in salvation history does this odd story foretell?

Day 13: Daniel

We may remember Daniel for his interpretation of dreams, being thrown to the lions or in his great wisdom. Today let’s look closer at this unblemished prophet because it is in the book of Daniel where we first meet the Gabriel the Archangel. What was Gabriel’s job in the book of Daniel?

Day 14: Isaiah

By far my favorite prophet, Isaiah is probably the prophet we are most familiar with. We often hear from the book of Isaiah in Advent and Lent foretelling the coming of Christ, that he would be a suffering servant, to save us from our sins. To prepare for this great task Isaiah has to cleanse his mouth with.... ?

Day 15: The Greatest Prophet

The Prophets are not limited to the Old Testament, however, who is the last and greatest prophet that only appears in the New Testament?

Day 16: Today's Prophets

In the sacrament of Holy Orders, by which men became priests, deacons and bishops, they are given the grace to take on Jesus' three roles fully. As Priest, Prophet and King. Each step of Holy Orders gives the grace for such men to live out these three powers of Christ and thus become a living image of Him to the Church. He literally takes on the person of Christ. In the first step, the diaconate, is given the whole power of Prophet to speak the Word of God, to assist in the liturgy and to do the work of Charity. In the Acts of the Apostles, we read about the first deacon to have died while doing all three of these things boldly, knowing it meant his certain death.

What was his name?

Family Sunday: The Word of God

This Sunday reflect on how you use the Word of God.

Some suggestions:

1. Environment: Get out your Bible and put it in a new place, somewhere where it can be given the reverence it is due while not endangering it to be ruined.
2. Challenge: Take a paper and cut several strips. On the strips write certain passages from the Acts of the Apostles or the Gospel of Luke. Roll these strips up and hide them in old easter eggs or maybe in the bottom of cups your family uses. Instruct them that when they find them they should try to memorize that verse for whole week and recite it at supper.
A reward for such diligence may be in order.
3. Art: We have a wonderful treasury of great painters and masters that have used their talents to visually help spread the Word of God. Take some time today and give yourself or your family a virtual tour of the Sistine Chapel or a nearby Church with beautiful stained-glass windows. Try to match up the painting with the stories in the Bible.