

GOD LOVES ME. THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

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Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

2 Timothy 3:15-17

Memory Verse

³⁹ You search the Scriptures, because you think you will find eternal life in them. The Scriptures tell about me,

John 5:39



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Have you ever wondered why we read the Bible?

Is it just to hear fun stories? After all, there are a lot of great stories in it, like the ones about David and Goliath, the birth of Jesus, Jesus walking on water, Jonah being swallowed by a fish, and so many other ones. But God doesn't want us to read the Bible just to be entertained.

Do we read the Bible to learn something helpful? The Bible does help us learn how to interact with others. It tells us that we should "Love others as much as you love yourself" (Mark 12:31). It teaches us to "to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8). And it reminds us that we should live out the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

While both of these are good reasons to read the Bible, there is a more important reason: to learn about God the Father and his Son, Jesus, so we can love them. Our verse today tells us Jesus' words, "You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me!" (John 5:39 NLT). The Bible points us to God, and as Mark 12:30 says, "You must love him with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength."

So the next time you read your Bible, ask yourself: What is God doing in this story? And what can I learn about him?

Prayer

Dear God, we want to know you more. Thank you for giving us this wonderful book so we can get to know you. Open our eyes so we can find you in its pages. Amen.

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