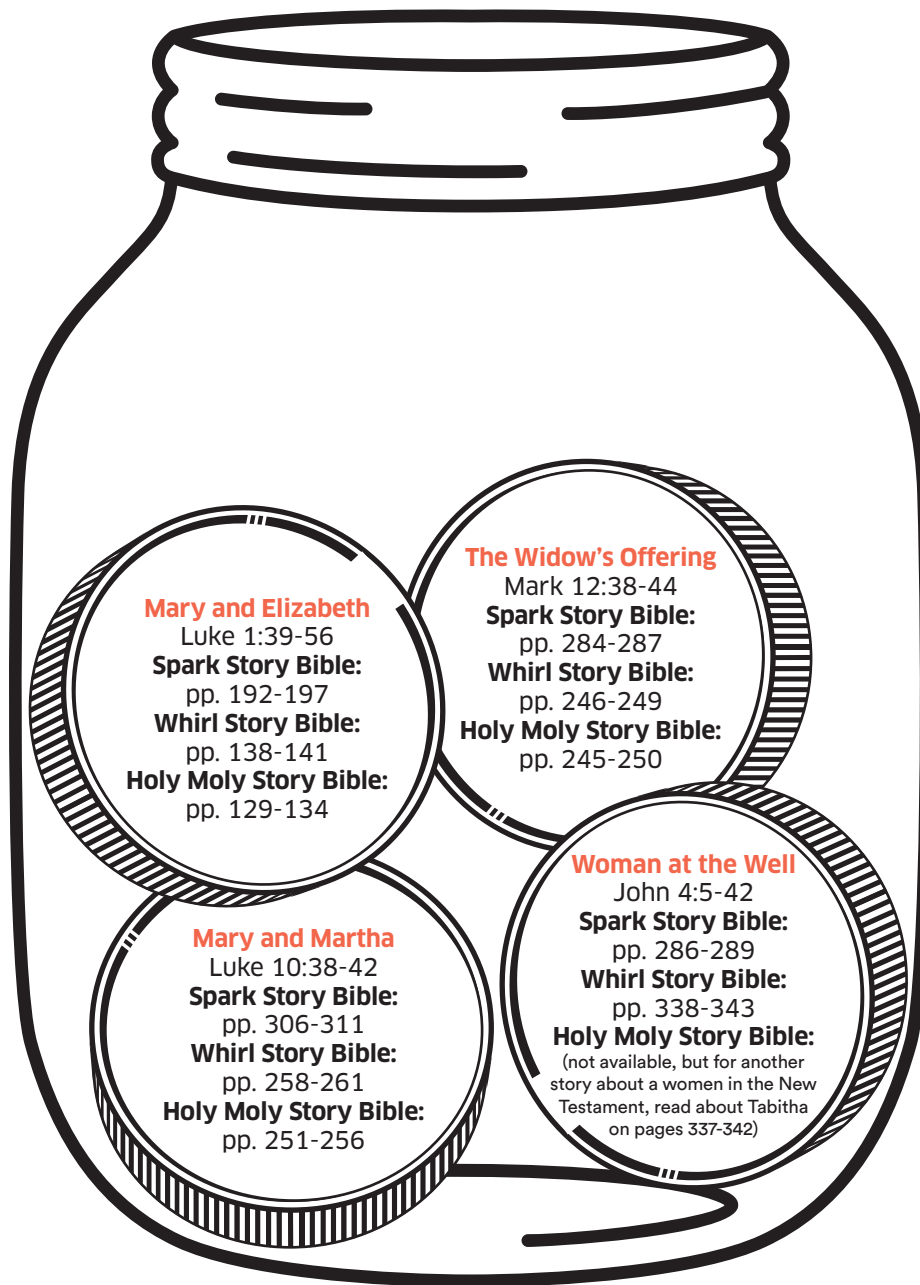


# 2017 BIBLE READING PLAN

## August

### Women of the New Testament

Follow August's Bible Reading Plan to explore the grit and grace of Women in the New Testament.



**Color in the coins that match the stories you read together.**

See the offering jar fill as you meet Mary, Elizabeth, another Mary and her sister, Martha, Tabitha, a Samaritan woman at the well and a widow. In the story of the Widow, Jesus invites us to give generously, even when we have little to share. Sometimes, that may mean our time as much as our financial gifts. Celebrate that your family shares time together reading the Bible! The fuller the jar, the fuller are our hearts with God's word.

## Try This

Another way to mark your progress as you read the Bible throughout the month of August is to fill your own jar with real coins. Each time you meet a new woman of the New Testament, toss in another coin. At the end of the month, use the money you've collected to give as an offering to a ministry that helps women in your community.

## Leading Ladies

Our modern-day community is filled with faithful women who lead with grit and grace. Conduct an internet search to identify local women in male-dominated jobs: sports, government, technology, media, lawn care, construction, etc. Send them notes and drawings of encouragement. Let them know that their work in the world does not go unnoticed and that you are praying for them.

## Present Awards

Plan to present these special awards to your honorees at the next opportunity. Discuss these questions as you glue and paint. Make copies of the reproducible page and fill in the blanks to create a certificate for each of your honorees.

- Who are the women of faith you want to honor? Write the names on the certificates.
- Why did you choose these special women? What are the things they do that make a difference in your world? On the lines in the middle of the certificate, be sure to list specific activities and services you've observed by these women in action.
- Which Bible verse reminds you of each woman of God? Refer back to the August Bible stories you read together, and to other favorite Bible stories. List the chosen Bible verses on the certificates for each one.
- Sign your names on the certificates.
- When and where will you present the awards? Make a specific date to bestow the awards. Consider inviting your honoree to a brunch, tea party or picnic where you can celebrate and enjoy time together. Add the date, month and year to the certificates.

## Discussion Questions as You Meet the Women of the New Testament

- What words are used to describe the women in the Bible readings?
- How do the women of the New Testament show God's love?
- Who are the faithful women in your life? What are they teaching you?
- Not all strength comes from big muscles. Sometimes our inner strength shines when we flex our faith muscles. What kind of "work out" helps to strengthen your faith?

## Pray Together

*God, thank you for surrounding and supporting us with amazing women: mothers, grandmothers, wives, daughters, sisters, cousins, friends, teachers and leaders. Thanks for giving them the strength to follow you and the grace to lead us to your love. We pray for all of the special women in our lives! Amen.*

---

Summer is almost over and we'll soon be back to our school-year routines. Fall, winter, spring and summer—schedule Bible time for your family in every season of the year! As Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons sing in their classic song, "See you in September!" Join us in September while we stampede, frolic, and bounce our way through Bible stories featuring animals.

---

# *Certificate of Honor*

## *Woman of Faith*



*In recognition and grateful appreciation for:*

---

---

---

*Bible verse* \_\_\_\_\_

*Presented by* \_\_\_\_\_

*This* \_\_\_\_\_ *Day of* \_\_\_\_\_,

