

The Book of

Matthew:

A SUMMARY

☀️ **Matthew: Chapter-by-Chapter Summary**

📖 **Chapter 1 — The Genealogy and Birth of Jesus**

Jesus' family line is traced, and His miraculous birth is announced.

Key Verse:

“They will call him Immanuel (which means ‘God with us’).” (1:23)

👉 *Theme:* Jesus is God with us.

📖 **Chapter 2 — The Visit of the Magi**

Wise men seek Jesus; Herod opposes Him; His family flees to Egypt.

Key Verse:

“We saw his star... and have come to worship him.” (2:2)

👉 *Theme:* Jesus is worthy of worship.

📖 **Chapter 3 — John the Baptist Prepares the Way**

John calls people to repentance; Jesus is baptized.

Key Verse:

“This is my Son, whom I love...” (3:17)

👉 *Theme:* Jesus is God's beloved Son.

📖 **Chapter 4 — Jesus Is Tempted & Begins Ministry**

Jesus resists temptation and begins preaching.

Key Verse:

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” (4:17)

👉 *Theme:* Turn to God—His Kingdom is here.

📖 **Chapter 5 — The Beatitudes & Kingdom Living**

Jesus teaches what a blessed life looks like.

Key Verse:

“Blessed are the meek...” (5:5)

👉 *Theme:* A transformed heart.

🙏 **Chapter 6 — Giving, Prayer, and Trust**

Jesus teaches about prayer, including the Lord’s Prayer.

Key Verse:

“Seek first his kingdom...” (6:33)

👉 *Theme:* Trust God above all.

⚖️ **Chapter 7 — Wise Living**

Jesus teaches about judgment, prayer, and obedience.

Key Verse:

“Build... on the rock.” (7:24)

👉 *Theme:* Put Jesus’ words into practice.

👐 **Chapter 8 — Jesus Heals and Calms Storms**

Jesus shows authority over sickness and nature.

Key Verse:

“He took up our infirmities...” (8:17)

👉 *Theme:* Jesus has power and compassion.

👤 **Chapter 9 — More Healings & Calling Matthew**

Jesus forgives, heals, and calls followers.

Key Verse:

“I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” (9:13)

👉 *Theme:* God values mercy and relationship.

🌾 **Chapter 10 — Sending the Disciples**

Jesus sends out His disciples with authority and purpose.

Key Verse:

“Freely you have received; freely give.” (10:8)

👉 *Theme:* Share what God has given you.

😞 **Chapter 11 — Questions and Rest**

John questions; Jesus invites people to find rest in Him.

Key Verse:

“Come to me... and I will give you rest.” (11:28)

👉 *Theme:* Jesus brings true rest.

🌿 **Chapter 12 — Lord of the Sabbath**

Jesus challenges legalism and emphasizes the heart.

Key Verse:

“A bruised reed he will not break...” (12:20)

👉 *Theme:* Jesus is gentle and just.

🌱 **Chapter 13 — Parables of the Kingdom**

Stories reveal how God's Kingdom grows.

Key Verse:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed..." (13:31)

👉 *Theme:* God's Kingdom grows in small beginnings.

🍞 **Chapter 14 — Feeding the 5,000 & Walking on Water**

Jesus provides and shows power over nature.

Key Verse:

"Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." (14:27)

👉 *Theme:* Trust Jesus in fear.

💛 **Chapter 15 — Faith and the Heart**

Jesus teaches that true purity comes from the heart.

Key Verse:

"Great is your faith!" (15:28)

👉 *Theme:* Faith matters more than outward appearance.

🗨️ **Chapter 16 — Peter's Confession**

Peter declares Jesus as the Messiah.

Key Verse:

"You are the Messiah..." (16:16)

👉 *Theme:* Knowing who Jesus is.

✨ **Chapter 17 — The Transfiguration**

Jesus' glory is revealed to His disciples.

Key Verse:

“Listen to him!” (17:5)

👉 *Theme:* Jesus is worthy of attention and trust.

👶 **Chapter 18 — Humility and Forgiveness**

Jesus teaches about childlike faith and forgiveness.

Key Verse:

“Become like little children...” (18:3)

👉 *Theme:* Humility and grace.

💍 **Chapter 19 — Teachings on Relationships and Riches**

Jesus teaches about marriage and priorities.

Key Verse:

“With God all things are possible.” (19:26)

👉 *Theme:* Trust God over worldly security.

🌿 **Chapter 20 — The Workers in the Vineyard**

A parable about God's grace.

Key Verse:

“The last will be first...” (20:16)

👉 *Theme:* God's grace doesn't follow human rules.

🌴 **Chapter 21 — Triumphal Entry**

Jesus enters Jerusalem as King.

Key Verse:

"Hosanna... Blessed is he who comes..." (21:9)

👉 *Theme:* Jesus is the promised King.

🧠 **Chapter 22 — Wisdom and Greatest Commandment**

Jesus answers difficult questions.

Key Verse:

"Love the Lord... and love your neighbor..." (22:37–39)

👉 *Theme:* Love is central.

⚠️ **Chapter 23 — Warnings to Religious Leaders**

Jesus warns against hypocrisy.

Key Verse:

"Practice what you preach." (23:3)

👉 *Theme:* Authentic faith matters.

🕒 **Chapter 24 — Signs of the End**

Jesus teaches about future events and readiness.

Key Verse:

"Keep watch..." (24:42)

👉 *Theme:* Stay ready and faithful.

🕯️ **Chapter 25 — Parables of Readiness**

Parables about being prepared and serving others.

Key Verse:

“Whatever you did for the least...” (25:40)

👉 *Theme:* Faith is lived out through love.

🍷 **Chapter 26 — The Last Supper & Betrayal**

Jesus shares His final meal and is arrested.

Key Verse:

“This is my blood... poured out...” (26:28)

👉 *Theme:* Sacrifice and surrender.

⚖️ **Chapter 27 — The Crucifixion**

Jesus is tried, crucified, and buried.

Key Verse:

“Surely he was the Son of God!” (27:54)

👉 *Theme:* Jesus gives His life for us.

🌅 **Chapter 28 — The Resurrection**

Jesus rises and sends His followers into the world.

Key Verse:

“I am with you always...” (28:20)

👉 *Theme:* Jesus is alive and with us.

The Big Picture (Simple Summary)

If you had to summarize all of Matthew:

- Jesus is the promised King
 - He teaches a new way to live
 - He shows God's love through action
 - He gives His life to save us
 - He rises and invites us to follow Him
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A Simple Way to Share This with Children

You might say:

“Matthew tells the story of who Jesus is, what He taught, and how He showed us how to live—and it invites us to follow Him every day.”

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If you're not familiar with reading the Bible, a children's version is a great place to start!

These are a few our family has enjoyed reading together over the years:

- [The Beginners Bible: Timeless Children's Stories](#) (ages 2-6)
- [The Jesus Storybook Bible: Every Story Whispers His Name](#) (ages 4-8)
- [Brave Girls Bible Stories](#) (ages 5-9)
- [The Adventure Bible: God's Redemptive Story](#) (ages 8+)

The Bible I read (and highly recommend!) is the [NLT Life Application Study Bible](#), which provides contextual information on things like customs and culture, as well as biographies, maps and summaries. It also connects prophecies made in the Old

Testament to the fulfillment of them in the New Testament through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

To receive a free Bible, visit your local church, library, or thrift store, or [order one online here](#).

If you prefer to read online, there are countless Bible apps to choose from.

I often use [Biblehub.com](#) when looking to compare different translations of the same verse and, when looking to dive deeper into a particular topic (or verse), I visit [GotQuestions.org](#).

The ULTIMATE source of knowledge and wisdom is - without a doubt! - the Holy Spirit, which we receive by the grace of God when we claim Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

If you have not yet done that, rest assured for Romans 10:9 explains:

"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

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