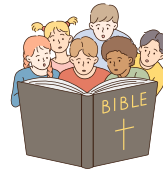


February 2025



Let us read and reason together – 4



The sweetness of God’s word in the Bible is often compared to honey. The Psalmist says, “How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!” (Psalm 19:10; 119:103). As we all know, honey is both sweet and nourishing. Honey has been used as a medicine for centuries across the world. When we think about the sweetness of honey, we may have mouth-watering moments. However, Have you ever thought about honeybees?

A single honeybee will only produce approximately 1/12 teaspoon of honey in her lifetime. It means that one teaspoon (5 ml) of honey is the lifetime work of 12 honeybees. A honeybee visits 50-100 flowers in one trip. Honeybees never sleep. The honeybee is the only insect that produces food for humans. You can find many such interesting details about honey and honey bees. As I mentioned earlier, the Bible in our hands does not come easily to our hands. It has a great history of God’s salvation story written by authors who had mostly never met the other authors who lived in different times for 1500 years.

One of the common reasons or excuses people often say about their lack of intimacy with God’s word is that they do not have time to read the Bible as they have a busy schedule almost every day. When you find a 5 minutes time, you can read a book of the Bible within that available time. If you have 10 mins, you can finish reading Apostle Peter’s second letter. Likewise, depending on the availability of your time and convenience, you can read the books of the Bible based on the information given in page 9.

If you want to know how much time you would need to spend every day to finish reading the whole Bible within a period of your choice please refer page 10.

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Our Vision

To enlighten, enrich, and empower people to become dependent on God.

Our Mission

GODependence seeks to help people become dependent on God by engaging with God’s Word and prayer.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on behalf of the GODependence team. I am grateful to God for this opportunity to connect with you once again through this newsletter.

Many of us started this year with great resolutions, filled with enthusiasm and hope. However, as the days pass, challenges may arise, making it difficult to stay committed. This is where perseverance, strengthened by God's grace, becomes essential. The Bible encourages us in Galatians 6:9, "*And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*" When our efforts are rooted in God's strength, they will bear fruit at the right time.

There may be moments when we feel like giving up. But God's word assures us: "*My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.*" (2 Corinthians 12:9). Instead of relying on our own abilities, let us lean on God's strength daily. Jesus Himself said in Luke 9:62, "*No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.*" Let us not be discouraged by setbacks but continue moving forward with faith and endurance.

As we journey through this year, let us renew our commitment to God, seek His strength daily, and persevere in the path He has set before us. May the Lord help us remain

steadfast, so that at the end of this year, we may look back with joy, knowing we remained faithful by His grace.

On January 12, 2025, as the GODependence Team, we held our Year Plan meeting for 2025. By God's grace, we were able to review our past activities and plan for the year ahead. Kindly pray for our team and for all the ministry activities planned for 2025, that they may be carried out diligently and in an orderly manner without any setbacks.

As usual, we will be conducting the Ramadan Bible Reading Challenges this year from February 28 to March 30. This year, for the first time, we are also introducing the Lenten Bible Reading Challenges, which will run from March 5 to April 17. Since these dates overlap, participants can join only one of these special challenges at a time, apart from their regular Bible reading challenges.

We deeply appreciate each one of you who has enthusiastically participated in Bible Crossword Puzzles and Let's Play Bible Games. Please continue to pray for this ministry and help introduce its services to others.

May the name of the Lord be glorified in all we do.



**In Christ's service,
Dr. Pethuru Devadason.**

Praise & Prayer Points - February 2025



Let's Praise God:

1. For God's help in guiding the GODependence Team to plan the ministry activities for the year 2025.
2. For the Children's Bible Reading Challenge (CBRC) groups for the 2024-25 academic year.
3. For the Bible Reading Challenges planned during Ramadan and Lent seasons of 2025.
4. For each person who has joined the Bible Reading Groups in January & February 2025.
5. For the life, health, and strength that the Lord has graciously given to each one of us.



Let's Pray:

1. For all the ministry activities planned for 2025 to be carried out diligently and in an orderly manner without any setbacks.
2. For the children in CBRC groups to successfully complete the Third term of their Bible reading and memorise the given scriptures.
3. For many people to join the 2025 Ramadan and Lenten Bible Reading Challenge groups to read the Word of God and pray.
4. For all who join the Bible Reading Groups in 2025 to complete reading the entire Bible at least once this year, overcoming the obstacles in their way.
5. For the members of our Bible Reading Groups who are weak or suffering from illness to be strengthened and healed by the Lord; For God to comfort the families grieving the loss of their loved ones.

A Timeless Prayer

TEACH US TO NUMBER OUR DAYS, THAT WE MAY GAIN

A HEART OF WISDOM. PSALM 90:12

- BRO. ARPUTHARAJ SAMUEL.



A Timeless Prayer

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. (Psalm 90:12)

One of the common and frequently heard phrases nowadays is, "I am busy." Every day, we see people restlessly and hurriedly running after various things in their lives. When they say "I am busy," it means that "do not disturb me," "I have no time for you," "I have so much to do," "I do not have time even to breathe or think about me," and so on. We might think that they all use their time effectively without wasting a single minute on unnecessary matters. However, statistics present a different picture.

On average, people spend about 2 hours 30 mins to 3 hours daily on social media. People are addicted to social media platforms like Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, and WhatsApp without realizing the control and influence they can have in one's life. They, people in all age groups, can access many things at their fingertips. Sometimes, the latest technological advancements and their availability to everyone make us think whether they are good or bad.

On the other hand, the Bible teaches us to value our time and make the most of our time. We must admit that we all have the same amount of time, whether rich or poor, young or old, educated or illiterate. Some people think and act as if they would live for thousands of years on this earth. They spend their energy and time acquiring wealth and possessions without knowing or caring about their end. Jesus told about one such person in a parable. The rich man thought that he could spend his remaining life in wealth and worldly pleasures.

"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'" (Luke 12:20). When a person realizes that he or she does not have many days, s/he would carefully spend his/her time.

David prays, "Show me, Lord, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting my life is. You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before you. Everyone is but a breath, even those who seem secure" (Psalm 39:4-5). Our lives are "a mere handbreadth." Our days, months, and years move faster than we think. If we examine ourselves about how effectively we spend our time, many of us will regret the way we spend most of our time in unnecessary things. When we understand our life on earth is short, and we do not have much time, we will take every step with short-term and long-term goals.

Moses's prayer reflects that he wants to have a heart of wisdom. So he asks God to teach his people to number their days. When we realize the brevity of our lives, we will plan to make a long-lasting impact through our lives. Is our time management based on the Biblical teaching? A popular author says, "You can determine what you value by where you spend your time." The way we live would reveal to people around us what we consider as important.

Let us ask God to teach us not to waste our time but to use it for his glory by doing what he wants us to do every day. Let us not forget that the life we now live in the body, we live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us. "Be very careful, then, how you live — not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil." (Ephesians 5:15-16).

- Bro. Arputharaj Samuel, Bangalore

“When a person realizes that he or she does not have many days, s/he would carefully spend his/her time.”

📖 BIBLE READING CHALLENGES 📖 - From 01 March 2025 onwards -

"The study of God's Word for the purpose of discovering God's will is the secret discipline which has formed the greatest characters."
- James W. Alexander

Did you start reading the Bible in January 2025 as part of your New Year resolutions? Have you been able to stay on track?

If you need help staying consistent, GODependence invites you to join one of our Bible Reading Challenges, beginning on 01 March 2025.

The following are some of the testimonies of our Bible reading challenge participants who successfully read through the Bible:

- "In 2024, God graced me to read the Bible for 12 times. GODependence Bible Reading Challenge is a blessed plan. All who join the GODependence Bible Reading Challenge can easily complete reading the Bible." - T. Helen Jiji
- "By God's grace, I could read the entire Bible 4 times in 2024. I am happy that I have brought many others to join the GODependence Bible Reading Challenge program as well." - A R Elizabeth
- "I had lost my mother when I enrolled in GODependence's 6-month Bible Reading Challenge. As I started reading the Bible, I gradually started coming out of grief. Parallely, I enrolled in 1-month challenge also and successfully completed reading the bible 3 times in the past 6 months. Every time I read the Bible, God speaks to me new verses ... Words cannot say how comforting his verses were." - Anitha Pauline

Do you need any assistance to sustain your Bible Reading efforts? If yes, GODependence invites you to join one of the "Bible Reading Challenges" that start from 01 March 2025 onward.

Its Special Features are:

- * Your choice of Challenge Duration ranges from 1 Month to 1 Year [Reading the whole Bible in 1 month / 2 months / 3 months / 4 months / 6 months or 1 Year].
- * Your choice of Language group from 10 Languages [English, Tamil, Hindi, Malayalam, Kannada, Telugu, Odia, Punjabi, Marathi or Bengali].
- * Bible Reading Portion is given daily on the previous night.
- * Daily Motivational Quotes or Clips on reading the Bible.
- * Weekly, BiWeekly & Monthly Reviews to ensure progress.
- * If you fall behind, jump back in! Our reading plan includes Catch-up days & Changing of Plans because we understand real life!
- * User-friendly WhatsApp groups regulations.
- * Certificate of Appreciation and Prizes (*Conditions apply).

👉 So if you are interested in completing Reading the whole Bible, join in one of the Challenges we designed for your convenience. Please make your choice of convenient **Duration plan** and **Language** group and inform us of your decision along with your **Name** (as to be printed in the Appreciation Certificate on successful completion of the Challenge) and Age to the WhatsApp number +919525595265 by click here:

Thank you. God bless you. Amen. 🙏

- Team GODependence

The graphic features the GODependence logo at the top with the tagline "True freedom is being dependent on God". Below it, the text "BIBLE READING CHALLENGES" is written in large, bold letters. A circular inset shows a young girl reading a Bible. The main text reads: "The more you read the Bible the more you will love the author." Below this, it says "01 March 2025 onwards". Three bullet points with star icons list: "Join one of our Bible reading plans", "Start reading at your own convenience", and "Scan the QR code to Join". A QR code is provided for scanning. At the bottom, it says "For more information: GODependence +91 95255 95265" and "Send a WhatsApp Message request in this format: <Your Name> <Age> <Plan Duration> <Language Group>". The website "www.godependence.com/brc" is also listed.



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Scripture:
John

LET'S PLAY BIBLE GAME - 4



Send the answers with Bible references.
You can use the Bible (NKJV) to find the answers

I. Find out the incidents



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II. Find out the Miracles



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Click on the given link and send the correct answer before 25/02/2025. The first 10 persons who send the correct answer will be mentioned in the next month's newsletter.

GODependence Social Media sites

GODependence WhatsApp Channel

This is the Official whatsapp channel of GODependence in English...

Kindly keep Following this channel for the Daily Quotes in English and the regular updates on Bible Reading Challenges From GODependence. Thank you.

<https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VaCtY5W72WTqI9nZKW28>



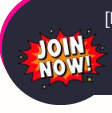
Contact Numbers for the Bible Reading Challenges:

GODependence is using the following contact numbers for Bible Reading Challenges in various languages.

You can contact the appropriate number to enroll into a particular language Bible Reading Challenge groups.

- Tamil - +965 6596 2559
- English - +91 95255 95265
- Other Languages - +91 99628 34944

[Hindi, Malayalam, Kannada, Telugu, Odia, Punjabi, Marathi or Bengali]

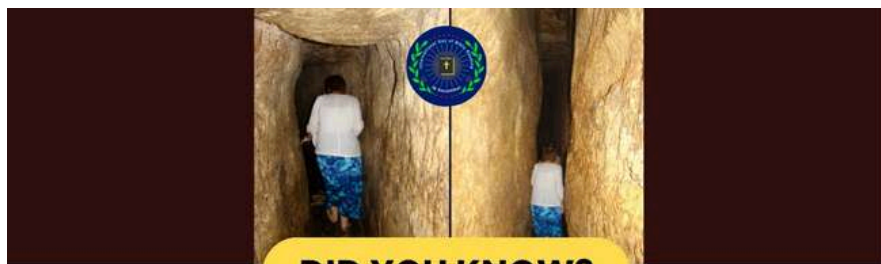


GODependence Youtube Channel

GODependence Youtube Channel has reached 160 Subscribers and 60 Videos.

<https://www.youtube.com/@godependenceenglish>





DID YOU KNOW?

The Hezekiah's Tunnel is described in the Bible

This is a recent photo of Hezekiah's Tunnel in Jerusalem, measuring approximately 533 meters in length and constructed around 701 BCE.

To safeguard Jerusalem's water supply from being cut off by the invading Assyrian forces, King Hezekiah built this tunnel to redirect water from the Gihon Spring—Jerusalem's primary water source—to a safer location inside the city walls, the Pool of Siloam.

The Bible provides an accurate account of this tunnel: *"As for the other events of Hezekiah's reign, all his achievements and how he made the pool and the tunnel by which he brought water into the city, are they not written in the book of the annals of the kings of Judah?"* (2 Kings 20:20, Bible).

Time and again, archaeological discoveries like this confirm the historical accuracy of the Bible.

Would you like to explore the Bible further and uncover its hidden treasures? Begin your journey today by reading the Bible from cover to cover.



Did you know?



"Did you know that the Bible is a collection of books written by over 40 different authors from diverse backgrounds, including kings, fishermen, prophets, and scholars? It was written over approximately 1,500 years, in three languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek)

Did you know that the shortest verse in the Bible is only two words long?

John 11:35 -

"Jesus wept."

Last month let's play Bible game-3 people who participated and gave correct answers and the correct answers

I. Find the Incident

- 1) John was born to Zechariah and Elizabeth - Luke 1:57
- 2) Jesus Christ was tempted by the devil for 40 days - Luke 4:2
- 3) 10 clean lepers; Glorifying God alone. Luke 17:17
- 4) The woman of great song - Luke 8:43,44
- 5) Zechariah was dumb - Luke 1:20
- 6) Good Samaritan - Luke 10:33-35

II. Find The Bible Verse

1. **Luke 10:19**
Listen! I have given power to you. You will even stand on dangerous snakes and insects and you will have authority over all the power of the Devil. Nothing will hurt you.
2. **Luke 11:34**
Your eye is the lamp of your body.
3. **Luke 10:27**
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.
4. **Luke 12:25**
Even if you always worry about your life, you cannot make it as much as one hour longer!

III. Jesus said ? Asked?

1. **Luke 10:18**
I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven
2. **Luke 11:11**
What father among you, if his son asks for[d] a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent
3. **Luke 18:25**
For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.
4. **Luke 12:6**
Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies?[b] And not one of them is forgotten before God
5. **Luke 12:49**
came to cast fire on the earth.

Let's Play Bible Game -3
Scripture: Luke

The first 6 people who sent in the correct answers were:

- Beena
- Nirmala Beniel
- Marial.R
- Anita
- Regina Pandian
- Komal Wilson Franklin

Congratulations

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1 Month Bible Reading Challenge

| | | |
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| 1. Akash Dalvi | 16. M.HENA JANCY MARY | 31. Priya Vasanth. A. |
| 2. Anitha Pauline | 17. Malini Gunasekaran | 32. R Padmavathi |
| 3. Bejin James | 18. Manjula | 33. R Rani |
| 4. Christina Samuel | 19. Mary Anitha K | 34. R. Durga Ori |
| 5. Esther Saravanan | 20. N. Pon Kamala glory | 35. R. Jeyanthi |
| 6. Esther Stephen | 21. P. Arockia Mary Bennet | 36. Rosemary Thankanadar |
| 7. FELCIA. I | 22. P. Crosswin Devasagayam | 37. S Anthony Stephen |
| 8. Grace Hepsiba Paul | 23. P. Jamunarani | 38. Saidur Rahman Simon |
| 9. Hebsi Willingston | 24. P. Joice | 39. Samuel Rajareegam |
| 10. Indhra Gandhi S J | 25. P. Manjula | 40. Shirley Sagayam |
| 11. J. Amudha Yesurajan | 26. P. Pavithra | 41. SHUNMCIAH. M |
| 12. Jance. J | 27. P. Santhiya | 42. T. Christina Selvarani |
| 13. Jeba | 28. P.KALAVATHYELUMALAI | 43. T. HELAN JIJI |
| 14. Jenifer Yabesh | 29. Jothi. S | 44. T. Prema |
| 15. JIJONIXON J | 30. M. John of arc Flora | 45. Vanitha |

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2 Months Bible Reading Challenge

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| 1. AMAR BAJIRAO KAMBLE | 10. Sandhanamary |
| 2. Angel Stanly | 11. Sangeetha k |
| 3. B. Jancy Paulson | 12. Shantsheela Daniel Rangari |
| 4. E. Deva Anbu | 13. Shoba Daniel |
| 5. Hepzibah Robert | 14. Sushma Suhas Gaikwad |
| 6. J. Beula Padmavathy | 15. Usha Anil Bhere |
| 7. J. Hepziba James | 16. X. THERESE DEVI |
| 8. Kishan Jaiswal | 17. T. SALOMI DAKUNTHSLA RANI |
| 9. M XAVIER BALACHANDRAN | |

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3 Months Bible Reading Challenge

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| 1. D. PRIMROSE JEBAMARY | 9. Kingsly Thomas |
| 2. AMAR BAJIRAO KAMBLE | 10. Ma. Corazon D Ollado |
| 3. Arockia Mary Anita. E | 11. Marine Phelsia |
| 4. Beaulah Enoch | 12. P. Subashini |
| 5. Helen Mercy.D | 13. Prabha |
| 6. Jansi Priscilla M | 14. Rev Dr ARUN CHRISTOPHER |
| 7. JEBANGEL RANI K | 15. தா. வில்லி புளோரிடா |
| 8. Jebaraj Fletcher A.S | |

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4 Months Bible Reading Challenge

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. A R Elizabeth | 13. P. Pamilla Jean |
| 2. A. SELLAMUTHU | 14. P. Jothimani |
| 3. ANNAMMA SKARIAH | 15. Paul Chandra Raja G J |
| 4. Cherinpreetha Rubert | 16. Pauline M |
| 5. D Esther Annal | 17. Peyarlin Swamidass.s |
| 6. David Shankar | 18. R CVIMAL CHANDER |
| 7. Evangelin | 19. RANJITHAM DEVAKUMARI |
| 8. Herchil Harish | 20. Ruby Anbu Grace |
| 9. Jancy Jayaraj | 21. S. Christy Roselin kani |
| 10. Josephine Jeya Amos | 22. S. Jasmine Rani |
| 11. Jothimani Pancharaj | 23. T. HELAN JIJI |
| 12. Nagaraja | 24. சலோமி புஷ்பராஜ் |

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6 Months Bible Reading Challenge

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| 1. A. Kásthuri | 15. Jeyanthi | 29. R. Vimala Devi |
| 2. Albert. G | 16. J. Jothi Jebarani | 30. Rahel Priya Amirtharaj |
| 3. Anitha Pauline | 17. J. Sheela Selvarani | 31. Rama |
| 4. Catherina Devotta | 18. J. Thanga Bhavani | 32. Rev D Andrew Christopher Barnabas |
| 5. Cecil Joseph Turner | 19. Jansi Rani G | 33. ROSALIND K |
| 6. D. Kalamary | 20. Jasmine Jesudoss | 34. Sangeetha k |
| 7. Edwin Joseph | 21. Jonathan Samuel | 35. Shoba Daniel |
| 8. C. Edward William | 22. Joybell Frank | 36. Shyamala. S |
| 9. C. Priscilla Sheela Theanmozi | 23. Kumutha Chellian | 37. Siddharth |
| 10. G. Sowrimuthu Rajarathinam | 24. M Johnofarc Flora | 38. Stella Paul |
| 11. Gracy k | 25. M. PANNEERSELVAM | 39. Suba Growthar |
| 12. Hadlow Oliver | 26. Mrs. Angeline Johnson | 40. Teena |
| 13. Indra Manuel | 27. MRS. SALOMI EDWIN | 41. ரா. ஜெயந்தி |
| 14. J Sheeba Roselin Dinakaran | 28. R. VIJAYARANI | |

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| 1. Vasanthi Devadasan | 16. Jaden Amirtharaj | 31. தென்முத்தி |
| 2. A Ruth Jobanathan | 17. Jessy Florence | 32. Ramasamy k |
| 3. A. AMUTHA SUNDAR SINGH | 18. Jeya Roselin | 33. Richard Nithaku |
| 4. A. JOYCE | 19. JEZREEL LIVINGSTONE N | 34. S RABI SUNDAR |
| 5. A. Selva Malar. | 20. Jimmy S. Sonavane | 35. SANTHA RUBY S |
| 6. A. Sikkumar Arulnesan | 21. K. B. Rajkumar | 36. Sheelina B |
| 7. AJOYCE | 22. M. Poopackiam | 37. Shiji Robert |
| 8. Amirtharaj Thangaraj | 23. M. Soni | 38. Smieslin Selvam |
| 9. Anandharaj | 24. Manimochi. V | 39. Soeha Jeyher |
| 10. Anil Kumar | 25. Manjula GS | 40. Subashini john |
| 11. Arulselvi Murugesan | 26. Mary Agnes Navaratnam | 41. SUJATHA. J |
| 12. C. MANIVANNAN | 27. Mary Nithaku | 42. SUMAN LATHA. Y |
| 13. C. Prithika | 28. Mary Vijayakumar | 43. T. SANTHAKUMARI |
| 14. D. MALA CHRISTY ROSELIN | 29. Methi Shankar J. | 44. T. JACOB LASARU JEYAKUMAR |
| 15. DANIEL D | 30. Merry Abel Bensiam | 45. Tejasini Lakhavakam |
| 16. Dr. Devi Damodharan DCO. | 31. MIYURIAL SANTHI N | 46. Usha. P |
| 17. Dr. Elizabeth David | 32. Mrs. Smieslin Selvam | 47. V. Jagan |
| 18. Elizabeth Rajaleel | 33. Mrs. Grace Reeta Hemalatha | 48. Vijayakumar Vethasamy |
| 19. Esther Danasekaran. | 34. Nirrmla Rajkumar | 49. Viji Rajasekar |
| 20. Francis Xavier | 35. Nisha Binoy | 50. W. MERCY HELEN |
| 21. Garret Selwyn Samuel. S | 36. P. PRADHISTWIN JEBAN SINGH | 51. சீனிவாசன் (ர) பீட்டர் |
| 22. Gideon S | 37. P. Vincent | 52. ஜார். ஜெஸ்டின் பிரியா ஸார்வதாரா |
| 23. HEPCIBA MARY S | 38. P. Monisha @ Lilly | 53. செல்வன் லு |
| 24. J. Jebarani | 39. Pavithra Suresh | 54. Wordson Newbegin Jayakumar |
| 25. J. sneety selvarani | 40. PravinKumar A | 55. திறிஸ்டோபர். S. CHRISTOPHER |
| | 41. Purnima Singh | 56. அருள் ராணி ஜேர் |

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By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Hebrews 11:3

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| 2. Divya Bharathi Elumalai | 9. R. Muthukutti |
| 3. Esther saravanan | 10. Shoba Daniel |
| 4. Hepzibah Robert | 11. Shunmugiah.M |
| 5. Mary Anitha K | 12. Sujatha |
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4 Months Bible Reading Challenge

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2. R. Tamil sevi
3. Sivalakshmi

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6 Months Bible Reading Challenge

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2. Anasuya
3. D. JAYARAJ
4. Georgye Mathews
5. J. beulah mano ranjitham
6. Jena Catherine Bel Devageorge
7. Manimala. P
8. Maryvanaja J
9. R. Parameshwari
10. Rosy Kirubakaran

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2 Months Bible Reading Challenge

1. K. Latha Livingstone

1 Year Bible Reading Challenge

1. Devapitchai J
2. Sivalakshmi

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Correct Answers

Across:

5. JERUSALEM - LUKE 19:41
6. MARY - LUKE 10:42
7. CAESAR AUGUSTUS - LUKE 2:1
8. NAIN - LUKE 7:11-15
9. ZACCHAEUS - LUKE 19:1-10
11. LEPROSY - LUKE 17:12-14
13. TEN - LUKE 15:8-10
14. TEMPLE - LUKE 2:46

Down:

1. CAIAPHAS - LUKE 3.2
2. Lazarus - Luke 16:20-21
3. GATHSEMANE - LUKE 22.39
4. EMMAUS - LUKE 24.33
7. ANNA - LUKE 2:36-38
10. SAVIOUR - LUKE 2:11
12. PETER - LUKE 22:50

Bible Crossword Puzzle -3

Scripture: Luke

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Old Testament Books Reading time:

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| 1. Genesis – 3.5 hours | 21. Ecclesiastes – 30 minutes |
| 2. Exodus – 3 hours | 22. Song of Solomon – 20 minutes |
| 3. Leviticus – 2 hours | 23. Isaiah – 3.75 hours |
| 4. Numbers – 3 hours | 24. Jeremiah – 4 hours |
| 5. Deuteronomy – 2.5 hours | 25. Lamentations – 20 minutes |
| 6. Joshua – 1.75 hours | 26. Ezekiel – 3.75 hours |
| 7. Judges – 1.75 hours | 27. Daniel – 1.25 hours |
| 8. Ruth – 15 minutes | 28. Hosea – 30 minutes |
| 9. 1 Samuel – 2.25 hours | 29. Joel – 12 minutes |
| 10. 2 Samuel – 1.75 hours | 30. Amos – 25 minutes |
| 11. 1 Kings – 2 hours | 31. Obadiah – 4 minutes |
| 12. 2 Kings – 2.25 hours | 32. Jonah – 8 minutes |
| 13. 1 Chronicles – 2 hours | 33. Micah – 20 minutes |
| 14. 2 Chronicles – 2.5 hours | 34. Nahum – 8 minutes |
| 15. Ezra – 40 minutes | 35. Habakkuk – 9 minutes |
| 16. Nehemiah – 1 hour | 36. Zephaniah – 10 minutes |
| 17. Esther – 30 minutes | 37. Haggai – 7 minutes |
| 18. Job – 1.75 hours | 38. Zechariah – 40 minutes |
| 19. Psalms – 5 hours | 39. Malachi – 11 minutes |
| 20. Proverbs – 1.75 hours | |

We encourage you to join one of our Bible reading challenges.

New Testament Books Reading time:

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Matthew – 2.5 hours | 15. 1 Timothy – 16 minutes |
| 2. Mark – 1.5 hours | 16. 2 Timothy – 11 minutes |
| 3. Luke – 2.5 hours | 17. Titus – 7 minutes |
| 4. John – 2 hours | 18. Philemon – 3 minutes |
| 5. Acts – 2.25 hours | 19. Hebrews – 45 minutes |
| 6. Romans – 1 hour | 20. James – 16 minutes |
| 7. 1 Corinthians – 1 hour | 21. 1 Peter – 16 minutes |
| 8. 2 Corinthians – 40 minutes | 22. 2 Peter – 10 minutes |
| 9. Galatians – 20 minutes | 23. 1 John – 16 minutes |
| 10. Ephesians – 20 minutes | 24. 2 John – 2 minutes |
| 11. Philippians – 14 minutes | 25. 3 John – 2 minutes |
| 12. Colossians – 13 minutes | 26. Jude – 4 minutes |
| 13. 1 Thessalonians – 12 minutes | 27. Revelation – 1.25 hours |
| 14. 2 Thessalonians – 7 minutes | |

The Word of God is the food for our souls, not just for our thoughts. Moses taught Israelites that God made them realize in their wilderness journey that “man shall not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord” (Deut.8:3. Matthew 4:4) Do we keep the Bible as our life travel companion?

Let us continue to read and reason together....

- Bro. Arputharaj Samuel, Bangalore.

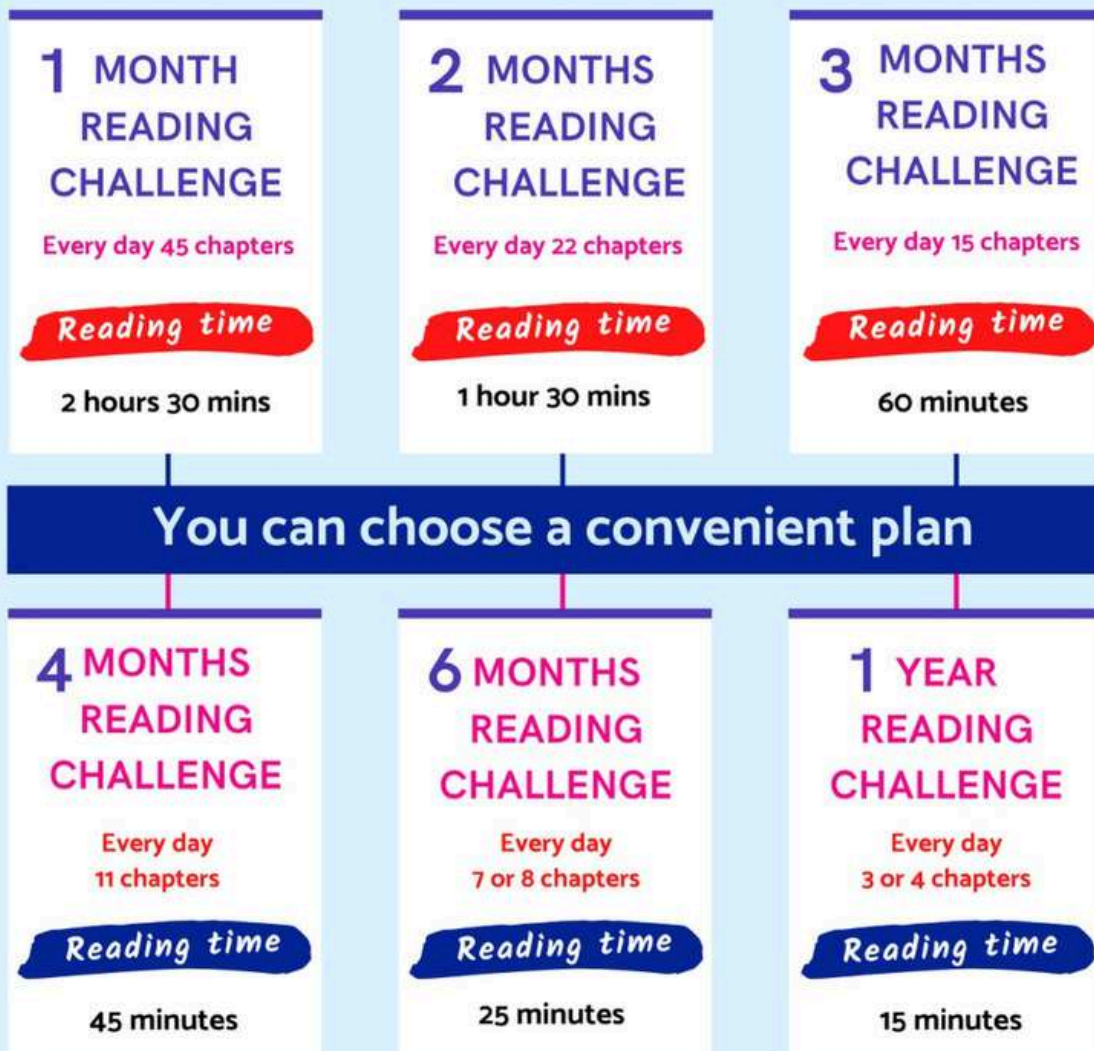


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Ebed-Melech

The man who became instrumental in saving many inhabitants of Jerusalem

(JEREMIAH 38:1-13; 39:15-18)

During Nebuchadnezzar's siege of Jerusalem, the prophet Jeremiah told King Zedekiah, "Whoever stays in this city will die by the sword, famine, or plague, but whoever goes over to the Babylonians will live." This infuriated the king's officials. They put Jeremiah into a cistern and left him to die. When Ebed-Melech, a Cushite and royal palace official, heard about it he approached king Zedekiah in public at Benjamin Gate. He requested the king to save Jeremiah's life. As the king ordered, Ebed-Melech and others pulled Jeremiah out of the cistern. Because all the king's officials wanted to kill Jeremiah, Ebed-Melech had to risk his own life to save the prophet.

Jerusalem was captured by the Babylonians in 586 BCE. Jeremiah advised the people to surrender to the Babylonians instead of fighting them.

Jeremiah's spiritual leadership helped the people survive the disaster. Because Jeremiah could continue his prophecy, Jerusalem could survive in exile.

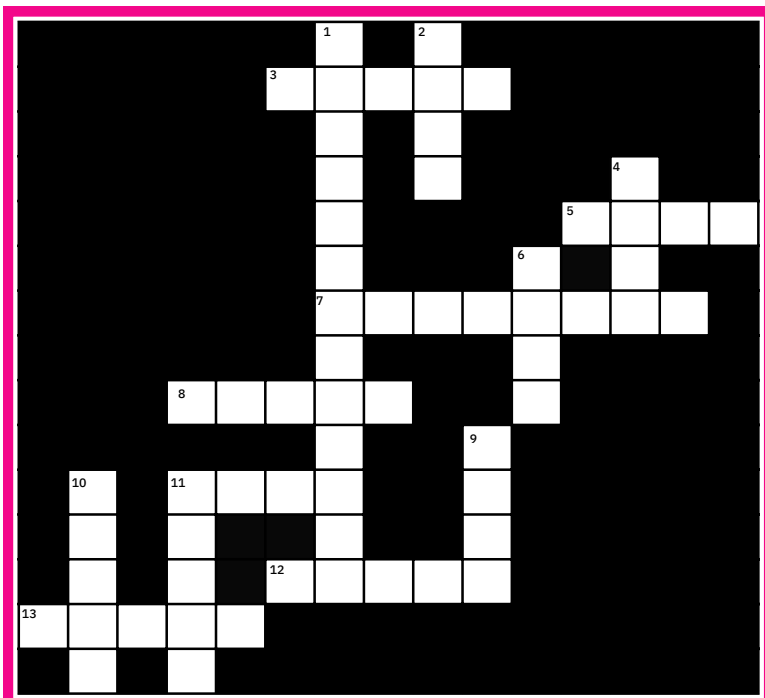
God said Ebed-Melech, "I will save you...because you trust in me" (39:18).

Ebed-Melech's actions speak a lot to us:

- We must stand with those who are on the side of truth.
- When we find a need we must step in to help and, not be passive.
- To help others always involves risk but it's worth doing it.
- God will give us courage if we are ready to obey His will.
- God will use our actions of faith to save us and others.

- Bro. A. R. Peter

Bible Crossword Puzzle - 4



Scripture Portion : John

Across

3. Jesus sat at ----- well
5. Jesus said, 'I am the ___; you are the branches.'
7. Jesus carried His Cross to ___
8. Jesus declared, 'I am the ___ of life'
11. Jesus turned water into this at the wedding in Cana
12. Jesus said, 'My ___ I give to you; not as the world gives'
13. My ___ hear my voice, and I know them

Down

1. ___ found the empty tomb.
2. In the beginning was the ___, and the ___ was with God
4. After Jesus' resurrection, the disciples caught many of these
6. Unless one is ___ again, they cannot see the kingdom of God.
9. Jesus said, 'I am the ___; whoever enters through me will be saved.'
10. The ___ shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
11. Jesus offers ___ to the Samaritan woman



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- Send the answers with Bible references.
- You can use the Bible to find the answers

- Click on the given link and send the correct answer before 25/02/2025.
- The first 10 persons who send the correct answer will be mentioned in the next month's newsletter

Gospel of John

Time of Writing: A.D. 7-26
Time of Events: B.C. 80 - A.D. 90

Author of the Book: John
Type of Book: Gospel

Introduction to the Book

- John, the son of Zebedee, is the author of the fourth gospel, the oldest Christian tradition. This must be the beloved disciple whom the Gospel says wrote this (21:24). John's message about Jesus took a special form in his community, and then took a written form. Over time, it received some changes according to the needs of the Christian community and got its present form by adding a preface and appendix. John, the beloved disciple of Jesus, first became a disciple of John the Baptist and then became a disciple of Jesus (1:35-39). He was one of the three apostles who were very close to Jesus (Matthew 5:37; 9:2; 13:3, 14:33). He was leaning against Jesus' chest during the Last Supper (13:22-26) and stood at the foot of Jesus' cross even when all the other apostles had fled. Jesus entrusted his beloved mother to him (19:25-27).

Context and Purpose

- The purpose of this book is "that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (20:31). The main purpose of the gospel was to deepen the Christian faith and strengthen the Christian life. Also, the purposes of John were to show that the old before Christ has passed away and the new has entered through Christ, to give a reliable testimony about Christ to the twelfth generation who did not see him directly (20:29) and to correct some wrong principles that appeared at the end of the first century (John the Baptist, the Messiah, etc.). This Gospel was written in Greek around AD 90 to fulfill these purposes. It was written in Ephesus.

Key Verses

- John 1:1, 14, 1:29, 3:16, 6:29, 10:10, 10:28, 11:25-26, 13:35, 14:6, 14:9, 17:17, 19:30, 20:29

Summary of the Book

- John's Gospel includes only seven miracles—John calls them "signs"—some of which are found only in John, such as the raising of Lazarus to prove Christ's divinity and illustrate his ministry. John's is the most brilliant theology of the four gospels. John's Gospel shares much about the approaching ministry of the Holy Spirit after Jesus' ascension. Certain words or phrases form a recurring theme in John's Gospel: faith, witness, comfort, life-death, light-darkness, self and love. John's Gospel introduces Jesus Christ not from his birth, but from the "beginning" before creation. John calls Jesus "the Word" (Logos), who, as God, was involved in every aspect of creation (John 1:1-3) and then became flesh (verse 14). He is the spotless Lamb of God (verse 29). John's Gospel contains many spiritual dialogues, such as Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan woman, identifying him as the Messiah (John 4:26) and Jesus' meeting with Nicodemus explaining salvation through death on the cross (John 3:14-16). Jesus repeatedly angers the Jewish leaders by correcting them (John 2:13-16) through healing on the Sabbath, and attributing attributes that belong only to God (John 5:18; 8:56-59; 9:6, 16; 10:33). The last nine chapters of the Gospel of John refer to the final week of Jesus' life. Jesus prepares His disciples for His coming death and for their ministry after His resurrection and ascension (John 14-17). Then He willingly dies on the cross in our place (John 10:15-18), paying our sin debt in full (John 19:30) so that whoever believes in Him will be saved (John 3:14-16). Jesus rose from the dead and is God and Lord (John 20:24-29). At the very beginning, John tells us that Jesus is the Word who became man. By explaining his nature with metaphors such as light, life, way, truth, and food, he makes people of all times, places, religions, and cultures understand who Jesus is.

Jesus Christ in the Book

The message that depicts Jesus as the God of the Old Testament is strongly seen in the seven "I am" statements of Jesus. He is the "bread of life" (John 6:35), just as God provided manna from heaven to feed the Israelites in the wilderness, He was provided by God to nourish the souls of His people (John 16:11-36). Jesus is the "light of the world" (John 8:12), the same light that God promised to His people in the Old Testament (Isaiah 30:26; 60:19-22), and in the New Testament, the culmination of this is seen in the New Jerusalem, where Christ, the Lamb, is seen as its light (Revelation 21:23). The two statements "I am" refer to Jesus as the "good shepherd" and "the gate for the sheep." There are clear references here to Jesus as the God of the Old Testament, the shepherd of Israel (Psalm 23:1; 80:1; Jeremiah 31:10; Ezekiel 34:23) and the only gate into the sheepfold. Jesus is the way of salvation. The Jews believed in the resurrection. In fact, they used this doctrine to deceive Him in order to bring forth accusations against Him. But, at Lazarus's tomb, He said, "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25), which astonished them. He was stating that He is the cause of the resurrection and has authority over life and death. No one else could claim such a thing but God. Similarly, Jesus' statement "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6) unmistakably connects Him to the Old Testament. The "way of holiness" prophesied in Isaiah 35:8 belongs to Him; while in Jerusalem, He established the city of truth from Zechariah 8:3; He preached the truths of the gospel. By saying "life," Jesus affirms His divinity as the Creator of life (John 1:1-3; Genesis 2:7). Finally, as the "true vine" (John 15:1, 5), He identifies Himself with Israel, which is often referred to as the Lord's vineyard in many Old Testament passages. As the true vine of Israel, He portrays Himself as the Lord of "true Israel" - those who come to Him in faith are said to be in Him as branches.

Practical Application

- The Gospel of John fulfills its purpose of proclaiming the good news to those who have lost their way (John 3:16). From the recorded conversations between Jesus and Nicodemus and the woman at the well (chapters 3-4), we learn a great deal about the model of Jesus' personal gospel. His words of comfort to His disciples before His death (John 14:1-6, 16; 16:33) provide great solace during times of sorrow. Jesus' "high priestly prayer" for believers in chapter 17 serves as a wonderful source of encouragement for the faithful. John's teachings about the divinity of Christ, who was fully God and fully man (John 1:1-3, 14; 5:22-23; 8:58; 14:8-9; 20:28), help to clearly reveal who Jesus is.

Structure of the Book

- The discourses of Jesus and other messages about Him are organized based on the Jewish festivals as follows:
 1. Prologue: John 1:1-18
 2. First Passover Festival: John 1:19 - 4:54
 3. Festival of the Jews: John 5:1 - 47
 4. Second Passover Festival: John 6:1 - 71
 5. Feast of Tabernacles: John 7:1 - 10:21
 6. Feast of Dedication: John 10:22 - 11:54
 7. Final Passover Festival: John 11:55 - 20:31

Testimony: 1

Praise the Lord...

1. My Life Before Knowing Jesus Christ:

My name is Kishan Jaiswal. I was an atheist. I used to say there is no God (Psalm 14:1, 53:1).

My life was very useless and there was no peace in my life. I was wandering in search of peace. But I could not find peace anywhere because peace is only in Jesus Christ (John 14:27).

2. Conversion Experience:

One day God revealed the gospel to me through a believing brother in September 2012. But I didn't believe the gospel. One day my father was very sick. He was not comfortable through any medicine. He had not eaten food for 4 days. It seemed that he would die. I prayed a lot to every deity but nothing happened. Then I went to church first time in my life (18/11/2012). God healed my father and I believe Jesus Christ.

3. Life after accepting Jesus Christ:

I started my job. I was doing my work. One day God called me for ministry (2015). God called me to preach and teach. On 11th August 2015 I quit my job and started spreading the gospel of the Lord. I want to serve the Lord because it is the will of the Lord. I have a vision of God. I want to preach the gospel youth and elders. I want to preach & teach them in the name of Jesus Christ (Mathew 28:18-20, 2 Timothy 4:2-5). I have worked very hard in learning and teaching the word of God.

4. Bible Reading Challenge:

I read bible many times. Sometimes I was not able to read the Bible because I did not get time. I had to make a routine so that I could read the Bible. Through GODependence I got a routine to read the Bible, so I read the Bible 3 times in 6 months through it. I thank the Lord and GODependence. I Have Been Blessed by Reading the Bible (Revelation 1:3). Amen.

Name: KISHAN JAISWAL
Father's Name: AJAY KUMAR JAISWAL
Mother's Name: REKHA DEVI
Brother- 2
Sister- 2
Religion Background- Hindu

Testimony: 2

Praise the Lord...

Sis. Anitha Pauline - Bible in 1 Month

"I lost my mother in June 2024 and my aunt Mrs. Gladys enrolled me in 6 month bible reading challenge. I started as a respect to her. As I started reading I gradually started coming out of grief. Parallely I enrolled in 1 month challenge in august and completed successfully. Again enrolled in December and completed successfully. I successfully read the bible 3 times in this 6 months. Every time I read God speaks to me new verses ...words cannot say how much comforting his verses was. It is like his grace which is new every morning. I'm grateful to my aunt and to the GODependence team for bringing blessings into many life. Again enrolled myself in 2 month reading challenge from Jan 2025. Thank you.

Testimony: 3





Praise the Lord...

Sis. Jasmine Jesudoss - Bible in 6 Months

"God's grace and your plans I have so far completed reading the whole Bible 5 times (3 times in 2023 and 2 times in 2024).

Praising God for the grace given to me. I am 65 years old and though I have tried to read the Bible in full, I don't think I can say I had completed in full...may be 85% or 90 % only. Now I have say with all confidence that I have completed in full 5 times. Thank you for your support and systematic plan. All glory and praise to our Lord."

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- Even in any difficult time the God's word really penetrates and helps me a lot  [SIS. ELIZABETH](#)
- Inspiring Experiences | Reading Bible in 6 Months  [M. PAULINE](#)
- God's Word gave me Hope; I was very Blessed  [SIS. HANNAH SEB](#)

Ramadan & Lenten Bible Reading Challenges - 2025

1

As usual, we will be conducting the Ramadan Bible Reading Challenges this year from February 28 to March 30. This year, for the first time, we are also introducing the Lenten Bible Reading Challenges, which will run from March 5 to April 17.

Since these dates overlap, participants can join only one of these special challenges at a time, apart from their regular Bible reading challenges.



2



GODependence Talkshow

Every month, the GODependence Team will present an online live session discussing various Christian topics with practical aspects and spiritual tips to help participants become victorious Christians.

For more details, contact us / look at this area every month.

Children's BRCs 2024-25

The Third Term of Children's Bible Reading Challenges comes to end by First week of March 2025. More than 250 Students had enrolled for the year 2024-25.

New batch for the next Academic Year 2025-26 will start from June 2025. Contact us if you want to join your children there.

3



4



Bible Meditation Groups (BMG) - from April 2025

We were planning to restart the Bible Meditation Groups (BMG) from April 2025 and to conduct them continuously. The training for the participants will be given in the month of March 2025.

Detailed information on this will appear here in the next issue.

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