CAN YOU READ THE BIBLE LIKE A FIFTH GRADER?

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This past Sunday morning, third through sixth graders from Beverly Sparrow's class distributed cards to all in the congregation who wanted one and who would participate with them in a project to read the Bible daily. All we have to do is to read our Bibles each day and record the references (book, chapter and verses) we read. The class will make a bulletin board with their cards and the cards that others turn in to them.

When you take part in this project, you will encourage the kids in that class. You will also do much more. Paul promised that when you read you can understand spiritual mysteries. Jesus said the words of Scripture feed our souls (Eph. 4:3, Matt. 4:4). It will help you be a better, happier person, and your faith will be more gratifying. Read the Bible at the beginning of your day and you will start your day with a sense of satisfaction that you have accomplished something meaningful. You will find a thought that will help you that day, and it stick with you all day. Sometimes it's like a song that you hear that just won't go away, except when it is a thought from God's word it's not annoying like that song. It provides light for guidance, encouragement, hope and peace. When I was a young man, I made a commitment to the Lord that I would read at least one chapter of his word every day for the rest of my life. I have read the Bible everyday for more than 40 years; I never get bored or feel like I am just going through motions or performing a duty. I always find something helpful to me for that day. I never doubt that God continuously blesses me through his word.

If you are not already a daily Bible reader, give it one week and see what it is like. You may choose to read an entire chapter or just a dozen or so verses each day. If you do not know where to start, then try these passages from Matthew 5-7 for the next 7 days: Matt. 5:1-16; 5:17-32; 5:33-48; 6:1-18; 6:19-34; 7:1-12 and 7:13-29. It will change your week, and maybe your life.