

Welcome to the
sixteenth week of
25 Weeks of Advent!

*The stories of Advent all give us
some insight as to the point and
value of Jesus' life for us.*

Earlier this year we looked at the
story of Jonah—cut out your
Advent picture today!

Jonah reminds us of Jesus—three
days he spent in the whale, just
like the three days Jesus spent in
the tomb! Then, when Jonah finally
went to Nineveh, the people
repented and received life.

When Jesus overcame death, he
gave us an opportunity to have life,
too. Now that is good news to talk
about this Christmas!



Readings for your Week

*The Lord will write his law
on our hearts*
Jeremiah 31:31—34

Justification by faith
Romans 3:19—28

*'In my word, you will
know the truth'*
John 8:31—36

THE WORD!



If Martin Luther was all about anything—it wasn't
about rebellion, or going against the grain for the
sake of drawing attention—he was all about the Bible, and getting the
Bible in the hands of the people!

“But, anyone can have a Bible?” *I hear you ask.* But it hasn't always been
like this! Luther lived in a time where the Church was very powerful—but,
in a way, they were keeping God's power to themselves! The only people
who had access to the Bible, and could study it for themselves, were the
pastors and those training to be pastors. The Bible wasn't even
translated into German at this time—so the “everyday” people wouldn't
have been able to read it anyway!

Picture this for a moment. *If this were the case today, would you notice?
Would it bother you, that you couldn't read a Bible on your own?
How often do you study your own Bible, and truly treasure the access you
have to the whole Bible?*

*Did you know that in parts of the world today people don't have access to
the Bible, or only have access to parts?*

Did you know that 1,600 languages are still waiting for a translation
process to begin in their language? Pray for **Anna Seidel** from our church
who has already devoted much of her young adult life to this cause.

Martin Luther made the first
German translation of the
Bible. He wrote study
materials for families—and
worked to get the word of the
God—the truth!—to the
people.

Maybe this special celebration
of Reformation will be a
reminder for you to study your
Bible with fervour and
thanksgiving, and to pray for
Bible translation ministries
throughout the world.

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