# DAILY READING

### 2025 NEW TESTAMENT READING MATTHEW 1:1-24

## SUNDAY SCHOOL READING PLAN

#### EXODUS 23:1-19

#### LAWS ABOUT HONESTY AND JUSTICE

**23** "You must not spread a false report. Do not join the wicked to be a malicious witness.

<sup>2</sup> "You must not follow a crowd in wrongdoing. Do not testify in a lawsuit and go along with a crowd to pervert justice. <sup>3</sup> Do not show favoritism to a poor person in his lawsuit.

<sup>4</sup> "If you come across your enemy's stray ox or donkey, you must return it to him.

<sup>5</sup> "If you see the donkey of someone who hates you lying helpless under its load, and you want to refrain from helping it, you must help with it.<sup>,e</sup>

<sup>6</sup> "You must not deny justice to a poor person among you in his lawsuit. <sup>7</sup> Stay far away from a false accusation. Do not kill the innocent and the just, because I will not justify the guilty. <sup>8</sup> You must not take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the clear-sighted and corrupts the words of the righteous. <sup>9</sup> You must not oppress a resident alien; you yourselves know how it feels to be a resident alien because you were resident aliens in the land of Egypt.

#### SABBATHS AND FESTIVALS

<sup>10</sup> "Sow your land for six years and gather its produce. <sup>11</sup> But during the seventh year you are to let it rest and leave it uncultivated, so that the poor among your people may eat from it and the wild animals may consume what they leave. Do the same with your vineyard and your olive grove.

<sup>12</sup> "Do your work for six days but rest on the seventh day so that your ox and your donkey may rest, and the son of your female slave as well as the resident alien may be refreshed.

<sup>13</sup> "Pay strict attention to everything I have said to you. You must not invoke the names of other gods; they must not be heard on your lips.<sup>k</sup>

<sup>14</sup> "Celebrate a festival in my honor three times a year. <sup>15</sup> Observe the Festival of Unleavened Bread. As I commanded you, you are to eat unleavened bread for seven days at the appointed time in the month of Abib, because you came out of Egypt in that month. No one is to appear before me empty-handed. <sup>16</sup> Also observe the Festival of Harvest with the firstfruits of your produce from what you sow in the field, and observe the Festival of Ingathering,<sup>*n*</sup> at the end of the year, when you gather your produce from the field. <sup>17</sup> Three times a year all your males are to appear before the Lord God.

<sup>18</sup> "You must not offer the blood of my sacrifices with anything leavened. The fat of my festival offering must not remain until morning.

<sup>19</sup> "Bring the best of the firstfruits of your land to the house of the Lord your God.

"You must not boil a young goat in its mother's milk.