

Homework for Lesson 21: The Bible: A United Methodist View

Read John 14:26 and Jeremiah 29:11

In your own words...

Why should you read the Bible?

How should you read the Bible?

What is the connection between these two questions?

Create a Bible blackout poem

INSTRUCTIONS: The Bible is a collection of ancient stories and poems and letters that still give meaning to our life and world today.

Create a blackout style poem about what it means to be a person of faith in our world today. Cross out words, lines, and sections of the text on the last page to reveal the words and phrases that make up your poem.

Hint: begin by using a pencil to underline the words and phrases you want to include. This way you can write your poem and then black out the rest. Here is an example of a blackout poem.

An Example using Psalm 23:

The Lord is my shepherd. I lack nothing.
He lets me rest in grassy meadows;
he leads me to restful waters;
he keeps me alive.
He guides me in proper paths
for the sake of his good name.
Even when I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no danger because you are with me.
Your rod and your staff—they protect me.
You set a table for me right in front of my enemies.
You bathe my head in oil;
my cup is so full it spills over!
Yes, goodness and faithful love
will pursue me all the days of my life,
and I will live in the Lord's house
as long as I live.

Now use Matthew 6:7-15 for your blackout poem.

MATTHEW 6:7-15

“And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

“This, then, is how you should pray:

““Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
10 your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.’

For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”