Sample notes for Bible readings:

Matthew 1
- Outlines the genealogy of Jesus Christ who was from the line of David & Abraham.
- Jacob was Jesus' grandfather, Joseph his father & Mary his mother.
- Mary was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.
- An angel appeared to Joseph telling him not to break off his engagement to Mary & telling him to name the baby Jesus fulfilling prophesy.
- Jesus was Immanuel (God with us)

Matthew 2
- Herod was troubled by the news from the wisemen that the "King of the Jews" would be born in Bethlehem; he told them to come back and tell him where the baby was.
- The wisemen were warned in a dream NOT to return to Herod.
- An angel told Joseph to flee to Egypt b/c Herod was searching for Jesus to kill him.
- Herod commanded that ALL male children in Bethlehem under the age of 2 be killed, fulfilling prophesy.
- An angel appears to Joseph telling him it is safe to return to Israel b/c Herod died.

Matthew 3
- John the Baptist was preaching in the wilderness, warning people to repent.
- John the Baptist baptized believers in the river Jordan.
- He proclaimed that he baptized with water but the Messiah would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.
- Jesus came to be baptized by John the Baptist. The spirit of God descended on him like a dove.

Matthew 4
- Jesus was led to the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for 40 days.
- Knowing Jesus was hungry, the devil tempted him to turn stones to bread. Jesus refuses and answers with scripture.
- The devil tells Jesus to throw himself off the top of a temple, saying angels will save him. Again Jesus refuses, answering with scripture.
- Finally the devil offers to give Jesus power over all the world if he will bow down and worship the devil. Once again, Jesus refuses and answers with scripture.