

GOD AND HIS CREATION

This month we are focusing on the Psalms. This book includes many poems and songs that help us understand more about who God is and how he works in our lives. It also teaches us that it is important to have a relationship with God, who has created the world and everything in it.



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Read Psalm 23 to learn about how Jesus is our shepherd. Try to memorize the verse highlighted in the *Words to Treasure* feature and read more about what God is like in the *Life in Bible Times* feature.

My tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth.
 You bring me down to the edge of the grave.

16 A group of sinful people has closed in on me.
 They are all around me like a pack of dogs.
 They have pierced my hands and my feet.

17 I can see all of my bones right through my skin.
 People stare at me. They laugh when I suffer.

18 They divide up my clothes among them.
 They cast lots for what I am wearing.

19 LORD, don't be so far away.
 You give me strength. Come quickly to help me.

20 Save me from the sword.
 Save the only life I have. Save me from the power of those dogs.

21 Save me from the mouths of those lions.
 Save me from the horns of those wild oxen.

22 I will announce your name to my brothers and sisters.
 I will praise you among those who worship you.

23 You who have respect for the LORD, praise him!
 All you people of Jacob, honor him!
 All you people of Israel, worship him!

24 He has not forgotten the one who is hurting.
 He has not turned away from his suffering.
 He has not turned his face away from him.
 He has listened to his cry for help.

25 Because of what you have done,
 I will praise you in the whole community of those who worship you.
 In front of those who respect you,
 I will keep my promises.

26 Those who are poor will eat and be satisfied.
 Those who look to the LORD will praise him.
 May their hearts be filled with new hope!

Psalms 22–23

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27 People from one end of the earth to the other
 will remember and turn to the LORD.
 The people of all the nations
 will bow down before him.

28 The LORD is King.
 He rules over the nations.

29 All the rich people of the earth will
 worship God and take part in his feasts.
 All those who go down to the edge of
 the grave will fall on their knees
 in front of him.
 I'm talking about those who can
 hardly keep themselves alive.

30 Those who are not yet born will serve
 him.
 Those who are born later will be told
 about the Lord.

31 And they will tell people who have not
 yet been born
 that he has done what is right.

Psalm 23

A psalm of David.

1 The LORD is my shepherd. He gives me everything I need.
 2 He lets me lie down in fields of green grass.
 He leads me beside quiet waters.
 3 He gives me new strength.
 He guides me in the right paths for the honor of his name.
 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
 I will not be afraid.
 You are with me.
 Your shepherd's rod and staff comfort me.
 5 You prepare a feast for me right in front of my enemies.

Start Reading Here

Words to Treasure

The LORD is my shepherd. He gives me everything I need.

Psalm 23:1

End Reading Here

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Psalms 23–25

You pour oil on my head.
My cup runs over.
6 I am sure that your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life.
And I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 24

A psalm of David.

1 The earth belongs to the LORD. And so does everything in it.
The world belongs to him. And so do all those who live in it.
2 He set it firmly on the oceans.
He made it secure on the waters.
3 Who can go up to the temple on the hill of the LORD?
Who can stand in his holy place?
4 Anyone who has clean hands and a pure heart.
He does not worship the statue of a god.
He doesn't use the name of that god when he makes a promise.
5 People like that will receive the LORD's blessing.
When God their Savior hands down his sentence, it will be in their favor.
6 The people who look to God are like that.
God of Jacob, they look to you. *Selah*
7 Open wide, you gates.
Open up, you age-old doors.
Then the King of glory will come in.
8 Who is the King of glory?

The LORD, who is strong and mighty.
The LORD, who is mighty in battle.
9 Open wide, you gates.
Open wide, you age-old doors.
Then the King of glory will come in.
10 Who is he, this King of glory?
The LORD who rules over all.
He is the King of glory. *Selah*

Psalm 25

A psalm of David.

1 LORD, I worship you.
2 My God, I trust in you.
Don't let me be put to shame.
Don't let my enemies win the battle over me.
3 Those who put their hope in you will never be put to shame.
But those who can't be trusted will be put to shame. They have no excuse.
4 LORD, show me your ways.
Teach me how to follow you.
5 Guide me in your truth. Teach me.
You are God my Savior.
I put my hope in you all day long.
6 LORD, remembering your great mercy and love.
You have shown them to your people for a long time.
7 Don't remember the sins I committed when I was young.
Don't remember how often I refused to obey you.
Remember me because you love me.
LORD, you are good.



What God Is Like

Psalm 23 says that God is like a shepherd. A shepherd loves and cares for his sheep. He watches them closely, protects them from danger, and makes sure they have enough to eat and drink. To say that God is our shepherd means that he

watches over us and will show us what is best for us.



Read Psalm 46 and the devotion *God, Our Castle* which reminds us of God’s unfailing strength. When we rely on him, we don’t need to be afraid!

Start Reading Here

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PSALM 45

¹³In her room, the princess looks glorious.
Her gown has gold threads running through it.
¹⁴Dressed in beautiful clothes, she is led to the king.
Her virgin companions follow her. They have been brought to be with her.
¹⁵They are led in with joy and gladness. They enter the palace of the king.
¹⁶Your sons will rule just as your father and grandfather did. You will make them princes through the whole land.
¹⁷I will make sure that people will always remember you. The nations will praise you for ever and ever.

Psalm 46

For the director of music. A song of the Sons of Korah. According to *alamoth*.

¹God is our place of safety. He gives us strength.
He is always there to help us in times of trouble.
²The earth may fall apart.
The mountains may fall into the middle of the sea.
But we will not be afraid.
³The waters of the sea may roar and foam.
The mountains may shake when the waters rise.
But we will not be afraid.
⁴God’s blessings are like a river. They fill the city of God with joy.



WEDNESDAY

God is our place of safety. He gives us strength. He is always there to help us in times of trouble (Psalm 46:1).

TODAY’S BIBLE READING: Psalm 46

GOD, OUR CASTLE

Pretend you are in a big, strong castle. Thick walls surround you. A deep moat circles the castle. Iron gates block the entrances. And soldiers stand guard all day and all night. Enemies may attack the castle, but they cannot get in. You are safe.

God is like that castle. He is big and strong. He keeps you safe and surrounds you with his love. His angels stand guard over you day and night. And even though Satan may attack you, he will never get in. You are safe.

ASK YOURSELF

How is God like a castle? Who stands guard over you all day and all night?

I have read this devotion.

For your next reading, turn to page 679. If you want to read more, see Deuteronomy 33:27–29 on page 249.

PSALM 48

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That city is the holy place where
the Most High God lives.
5 Because God is there, the city will
not fall.
God will help it at the beginning of
the day.
6 Nations are in disorder. Kingdoms
fall.
God speaks, and the people of the
earth melt in fear.
7 The LORD who rules over all is
with us.
The God of Jacob is like a fort
to us.
8 Come and see what the LORD has
done.
See the places he has destroyed
on the earth.
9 He makes wars stop from one end of
the earth to the other.
He breaks every bow. He snaps
every spear.
He burns every shield with fire.
10 He says, "Be still, and know that I
am God.
I will be honored among the
nations.
I will be honored in the earth."
11 The LORD who rules over all is
with us.
The God of Jacob is like a fort
to us.

Psalm 47

For the director of music. A psalm
of the Sons of Korah.

1 Clap your hands, all you nations.
Shout to God with cries of joy.
2 Do this because the LORD Most High
is wonderful.
He is the great King over the
whole earth.
3 He brought nations under our
control.
He made them fall under us.
4 He chose our land for us.
The people of Jacob are proud of
their land,
and God loves them.
5 God went up to his throne while his
people were shouting with
joy.
The LORD went up while trumpets
were playing.

6 Sing praises to God. Sing praises.
Sing praises to our King. Sing
praises.
7 God is the King of the whole earth.
Sing a psalm of praise to him.
8 God rules over the nations.
He is seated on his holy throne.
9 The nobles of the nations come
together.
They are now part of the people of
the God of Abraham.
The kings of the earth belong to
God.
He is greatly honored.

Psalm 48

A song. A psalm of the Sons of Korah.

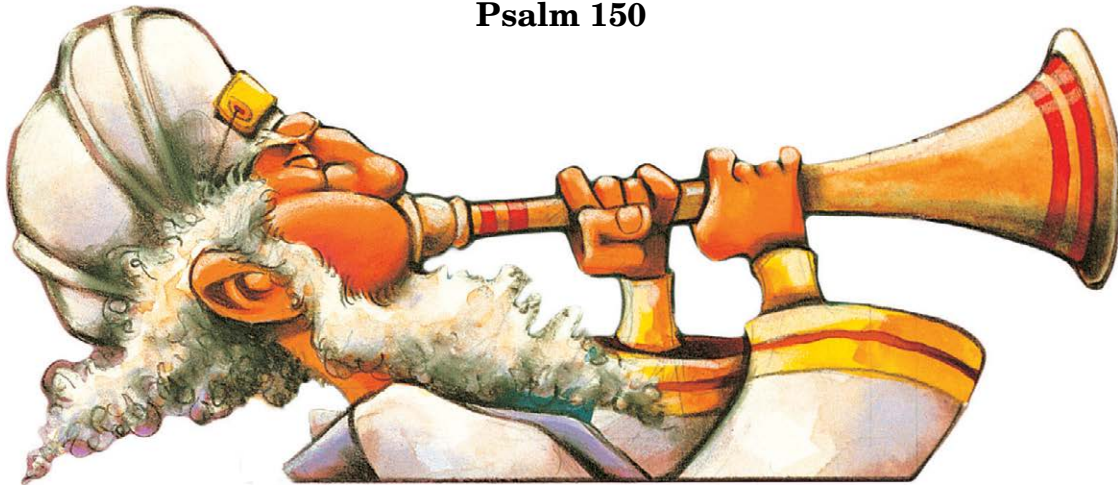
1 The LORD is great. He is really
worthy of praise.
Praise him in the city of our God,
his holy mountain.
2 Mount Zion is high and beautiful.
It brings joy to everyone on earth.
Mount Zion is like the highest parts
of Mount Zaphon.
It is the city of the Great King.
3 God is there to keep it safe.
He has shown himself to be like a
fort to the city.
4 Many kings joined forces.
They entered Israel together.
5 But when they saw Mount Zion, they
were amazed.
They ran away in terror.
6 Trembling took hold of them.
They felt pain like a woman giving
birth.
7 LORD, you destroyed them like ships
of Tarshish
that were torn apart by an east
wind.
8 What we heard we have also seen.
We have seen it
in the city of the LORD who rules
over all.
We have seen it in the city of our
God.
We have heard and seen that God
makes it secure forever.
9 God, inside your temple
we think about your faithful love.
10 God, your fame reaches from one
end of the earth to the other.

End
Reading
Here

This Psalm reminds us to praise God for all things. He is a great and powerful God!

A Praise Psalm

Psalm 150



Praise the LORD.
Praise God in his holy temple.
Praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his powerful acts.
Praise him because he is greater than
anything else.
Praise him by blowing trumpets.
Praise him with harps and lyres.
Praise him with tambourines and dancing.
Praise him with stringed instruments and flutes.
Praise him with clashing cymbals.
Praise him with clanging cymbals.
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
Praise the LORD. 🐦

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This devotional teaches us that we can study the world around us and learn more about God at the same time.

March 16

Science Needs Faith

Laurie had wanted to be a scientist as long as she could remember. Her dad had made her a room in the attic where she could study things. Today she was looking at microscopic creatures in pond water. Little one-celled animals buzzed around in the drop of water she was studying. The thing that worried Laurie was that scientists and Christians didn't seem to like each other very much. Could she still be a Christian and a scientist?

Science is about asking questions and finding answers. Faith is about asking questions and trusting God will help you with the answers. The important thing is to understand that God does know everything, and science is about learning about everything. If God is your teacher, can that be a bad thing? We know a lot about our amazing world, but there is still so much more to learn. There are still a lot of mysteries to solve both in science and about God. Many scientists have a strong belief and faith in God. Many believe that science helps them to become closer to God. So go explore the world with God as your guide and teacher.

Words to Treasure

The heavens tell about the glory of God. The skies show that his hands created them.

Psalm 19:1

Did You Know?

Did you know that scientists who were also Christians made some pretty major scientific discoveries including discovering the planet Neptune, discovering bacteria, measuring the speed of light, and helping us explore the moon? Pretty cool.



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This devotional based on Psalm 102 helps us understand that God created our planet, which is covered with a variety of landscapes and features.



Antarctica, Mount Everest, and Other Cool Stuff

He placed the earth on its foundations. It can never be moved.

—PSALM 104:5

Did you know the earth really isn't round? It is sphere-shaped but flatter at the North and South Poles. Seventy percent of the earth is water, and ten percent of the earth's surface is ice. Brr! Antarctica is the largest and coldest desert, and the highest mountain on the earth's surface is Mount Everest of the Himalayas, with a height of 29,029 feet. Did you also know there are one hundred and fifty million kilometers between the earth and the sun?

There are many more interesting facts about our planet earth, but the most important one is that God created it. He made every hill and valley, desert and forest, river and ocean. He not only created earth, but he placed it where he wanted it to be.

Next time you take a ride in the car, look closely at the earth's landscape and praise God for making our planet!



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Read Psalm 98:1–3 in your Bible, and then read this devotional about why God never tires of answering our prayers.

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PSALM 99

PSALM 99

- ¹The LORD rules.
Let the nations tremble.
He sits on his throne between the cherubim.
Let the earth shake.
- ²Great is the LORD in Zion.
He is honored over all the nations.
- ³Let them praise his great and wonderful name.
He is holy.
- ⁴The King is mighty and loves justice.
He has set up the rules for fairness.
He has done what is right and fair for the people of Jacob.
- ⁵Honor the LORD our God.
Worship at his feet.
He is holy.
- ⁶Moses and Aaron were two of his priests.
Samuel was one of those who worshiped him.
They called out to the LORD.
And he answered them.
- ⁷He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud.
They obeyed his laws and the orders he gave them.

- ⁸LORD our God, you answered them.
You showed Israel that you are a God who forgives.
But when they did wrong, you punished them.
- ⁹Honor the LORD our God.
Worship at his holy mountain.
The LORD our God is holy.

PSALM 100

A psalm for giving grateful praise.

- ¹Shout for joy to the LORD, everyone on earth.
- ²Worship the LORD with gladness.
Come to him with songs of joy.
- ³Know that the LORD is God.
He made us, and we belong to him.
We are his people.
We are the sheep belonging to his flock.
- ⁴Give thanks as you enter the gates of his temple.
Give praise as you enter its courtyards.
Give thanks to him and praise his name.
- ⁵The LORD is good. His faithful love continues forever.
It will last for all time to come.



DOESN'T GOD EVER GET TIRED OF ANSWERING PRAYERS?

Nope. God never gets even a little bit tired of answering prayers. He loves to hear from us because he loves us. Jesus died for our sins so we would be forgiven for the wrong things we've done—and to be friends with him. Those things never change. No matter how often we ask things of him, he will listen.

God wants to work in our lives to change our behavior, thoughts, and habits. We should never fear that we are wearing him out with our prayers. You can even pray about the same thing because God wants to be a part of our lives and hear from us all the time.

CHECKOUT Psalm 98:1–3



Praying is an important part of your relationship with God because it is how we speak to him directly. This page helps us understand what prayer is and how we do it.

How to Pray

How do I START?

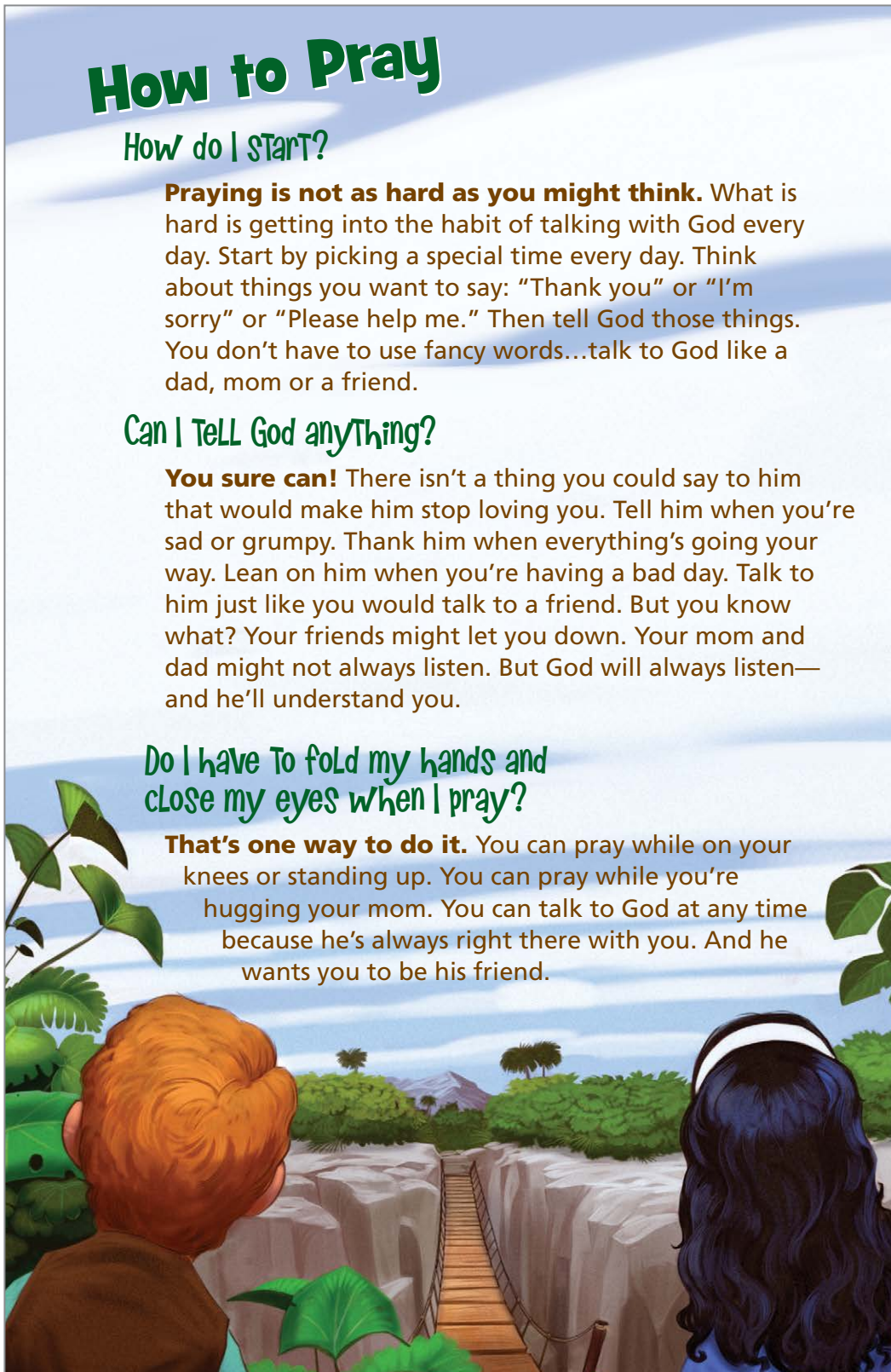
Praying is not as hard as you might think. What is hard is getting into the habit of talking with God every day. Start by picking a special time every day. Think about things you want to say: “Thank you” or “I’m sorry” or “Please help me.” Then tell God those things. You don’t have to use fancy words...talk to God like a dad, mom or a friend.

Can I TELL God anyThing?

You sure can! There isn’t a thing you could say to him that would make him stop loving you. Tell him when you’re sad or grumpy. Thank him when everything’s going your way. Lean on him when you’re having a bad day. Talk to him just like you would talk to a friend. But you know what? Your friends might let you down. Your mom and dad might not always listen. But God will always listen—and he’ll understand you.

Do I have To fold my hands and close my eyes when I pray?

That’s one way to do it. You can pray while on your knees or standing up. You can pray while you’re hugging your mom. You can talk to God at any time because he’s always right there with you. And he wants you to be his friend.



Read Psalm 84, and then color this picture of a sparrow that has built her nest close to an altar to God.

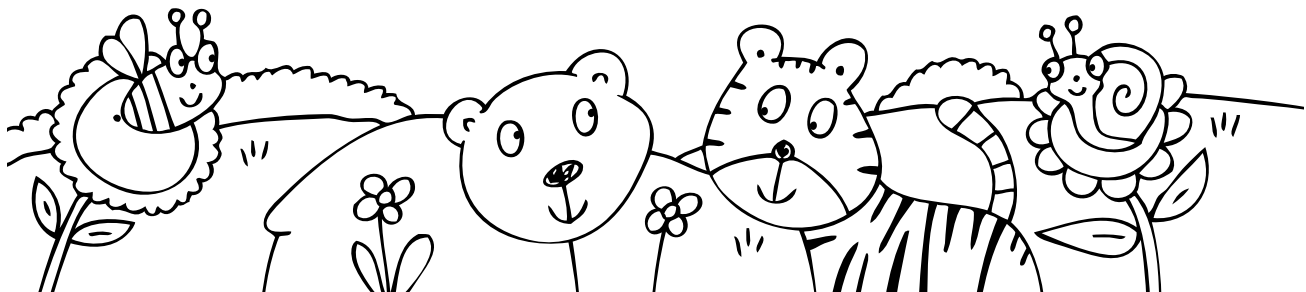


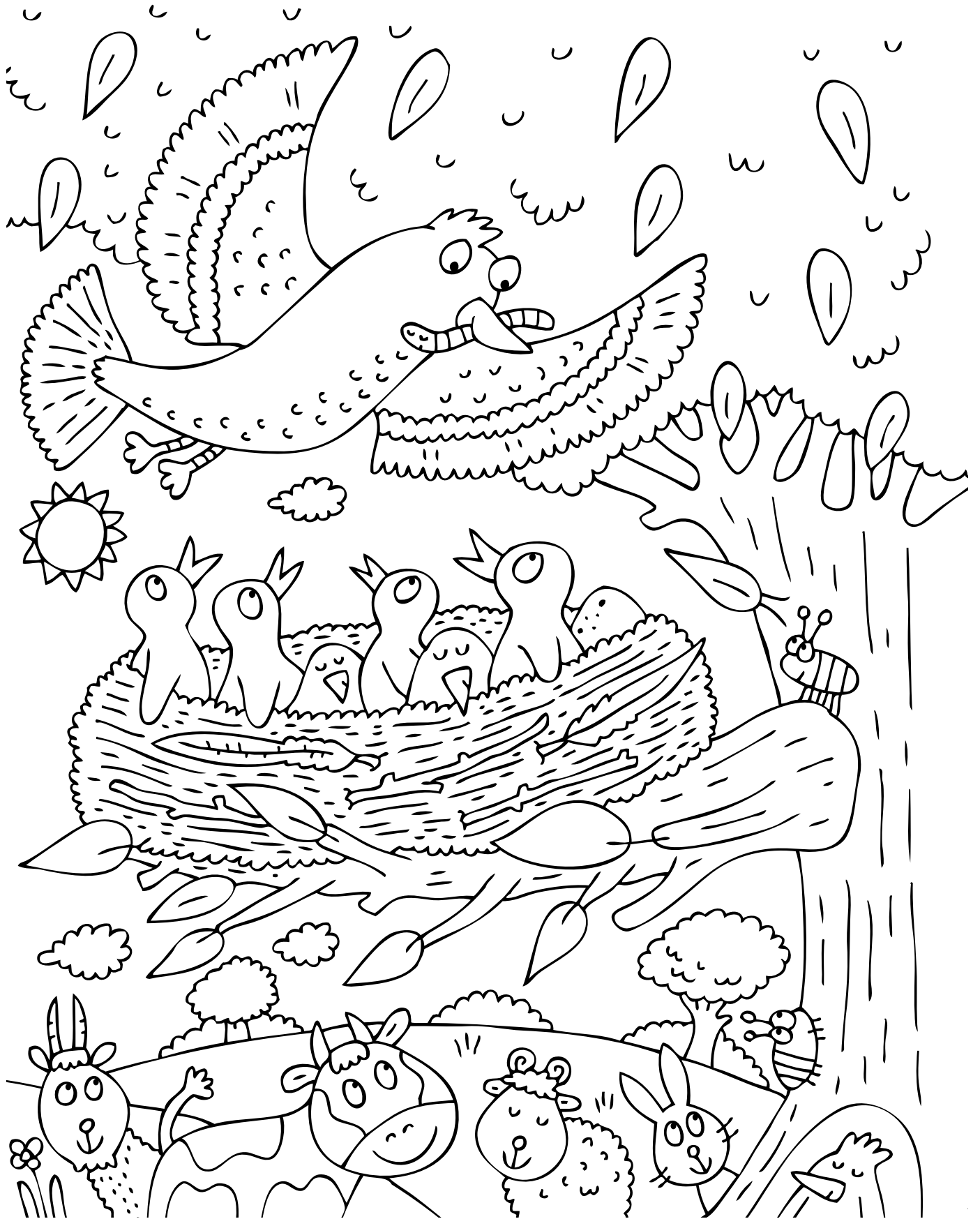
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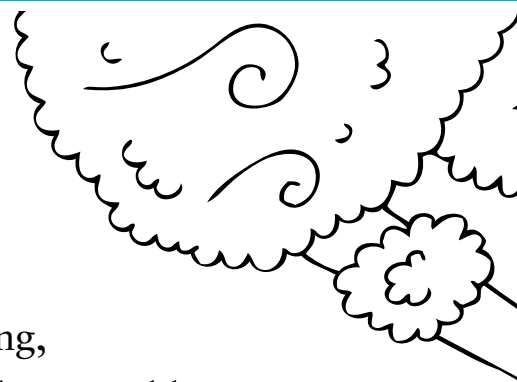
Sparrow Near the Altar



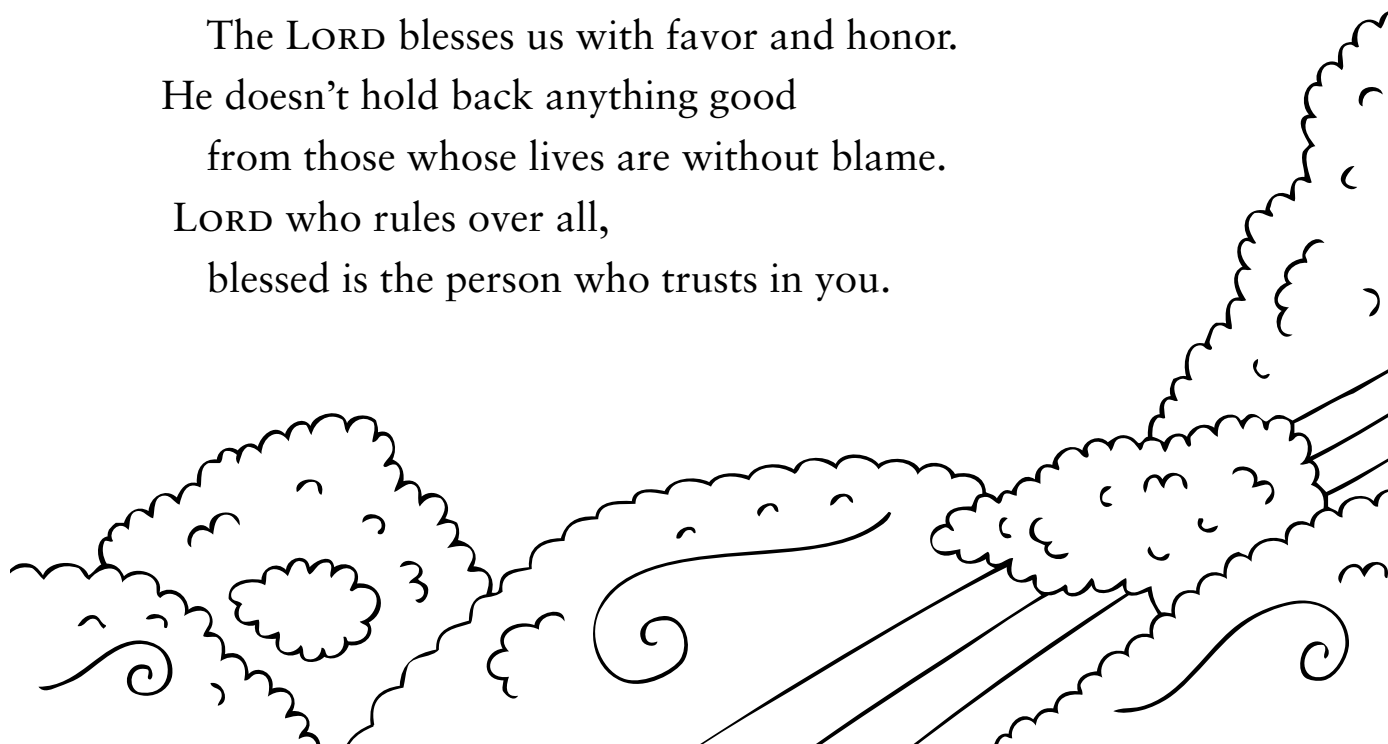
LORD who rules over all,
 how lovely is the place where you live!
 I can't wait to be in the courtyards of the LORD's temple.
 I really want to be there.
 My whole being cries out
 for the living God.
 LORD who rules over all,
 even the sparrow has found a home near your altar.
 My King and my God,
 the swallow also has a nest there,
 where she may have her young.
 Blessed are those who live in your house.
 They are always praising you.
 Blessed are those whose strength comes from you.
 They have firmly decided to travel to your temple.
 As they pass through the dry Valley of Baka,
 they make it a place where water flows.
 The rain in the fall covers it with pools.

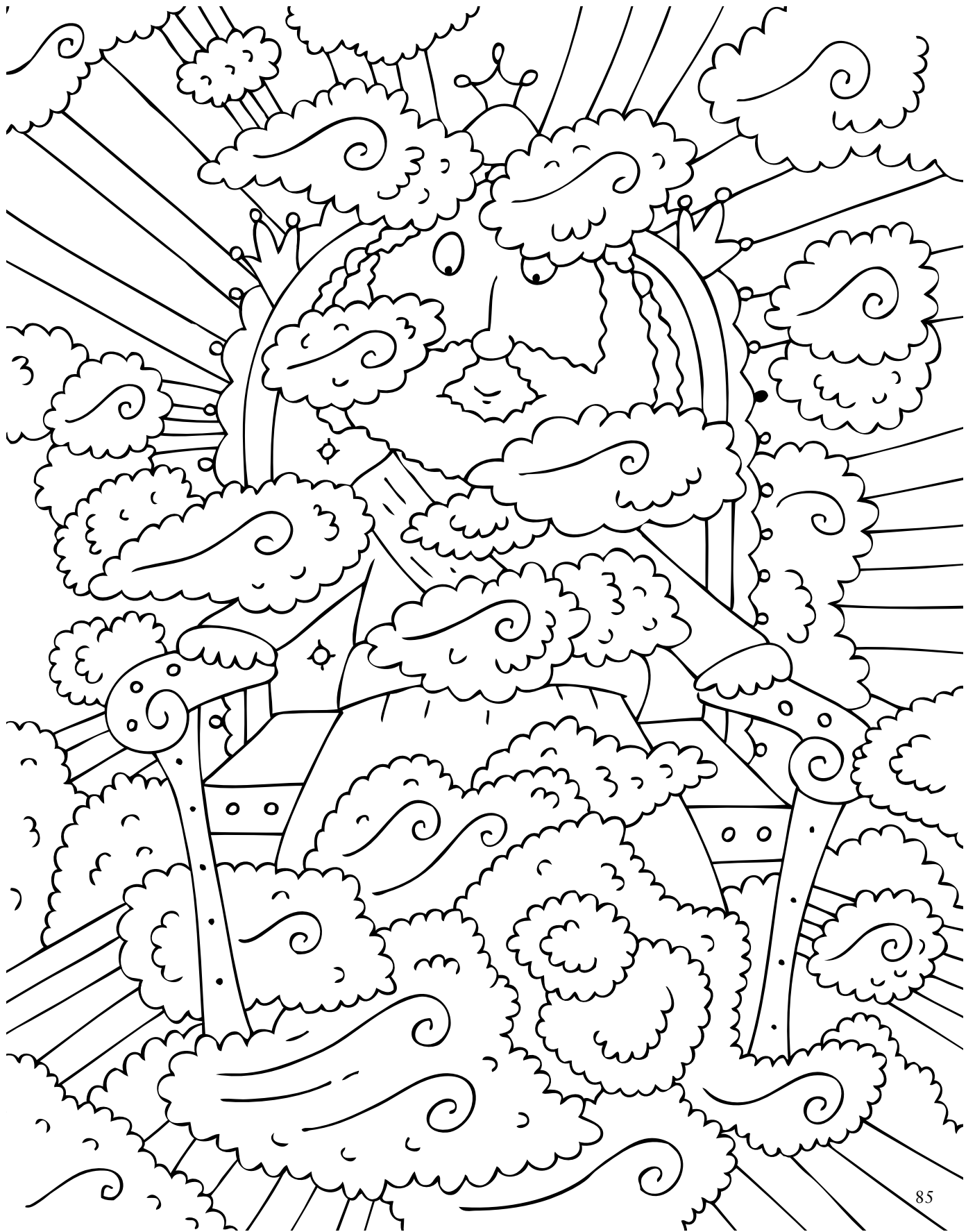






Those people get stronger as they go along,
 until each of them appears in Zion, where God lives.
 LORD God who rules over all, hear my prayer.
 God of the people of Jacob, listen to me.
 God, may you be pleased with your anointed king.
 You appointed him to be like a shield that keeps us safe.
 A single day in your courtyards is better
 than a thousand anywhere else.
 I would rather guard the door of the house of my God
 than live in the tents of sinful people.
 The LORD God is like the sun that gives us light.
 He is like a shield that keeps us safe.
 The LORD blesses us with favor and honor.
 He doesn't hold back anything good
 from those whose lives are without blame.
 LORD who rules over all,
 blessed is the person who trusts in you.





God is our heavenly Father, and he wants us to know him and come to him. This section features a devotion and activities to help us understand the importance of our relationship with God.

PSALMS

Week 16, Day 1

Read About It

**God wants us to talk with him
no matter how we feel.**



Do you have a best friend? If you do, you may love to explore together. You probably spend a lot of time talking to each other. You like to share your thoughts and ideas. Best friends trust each other too. That's the kind of relationship God wants with his people!

God wants his people to spend time with him. God wants them to trust him. He wants them to share their thoughts, ideas, and feelings with him. That's true whether things are good or bad. And God even wants his people to share their biggest secrets with him! That's the kind of relationship God wants with his people.

Psalms are one way God's people in the Old Testament talked with him. God's people today can use these same words. They can be used by anyone when they talk with God. The psalms teach us about who God is and what he has done. They also help us talk to God about our deepest feelings and emotions. And we can do that when we're happy, when we're sad, or even when we're angry. Psalms help God's people talk with him no matter how they're feeling! Like a best friend, God just wants to hear from us!

What are some of the things you talk to God about? Do you feel better after you talk to him?

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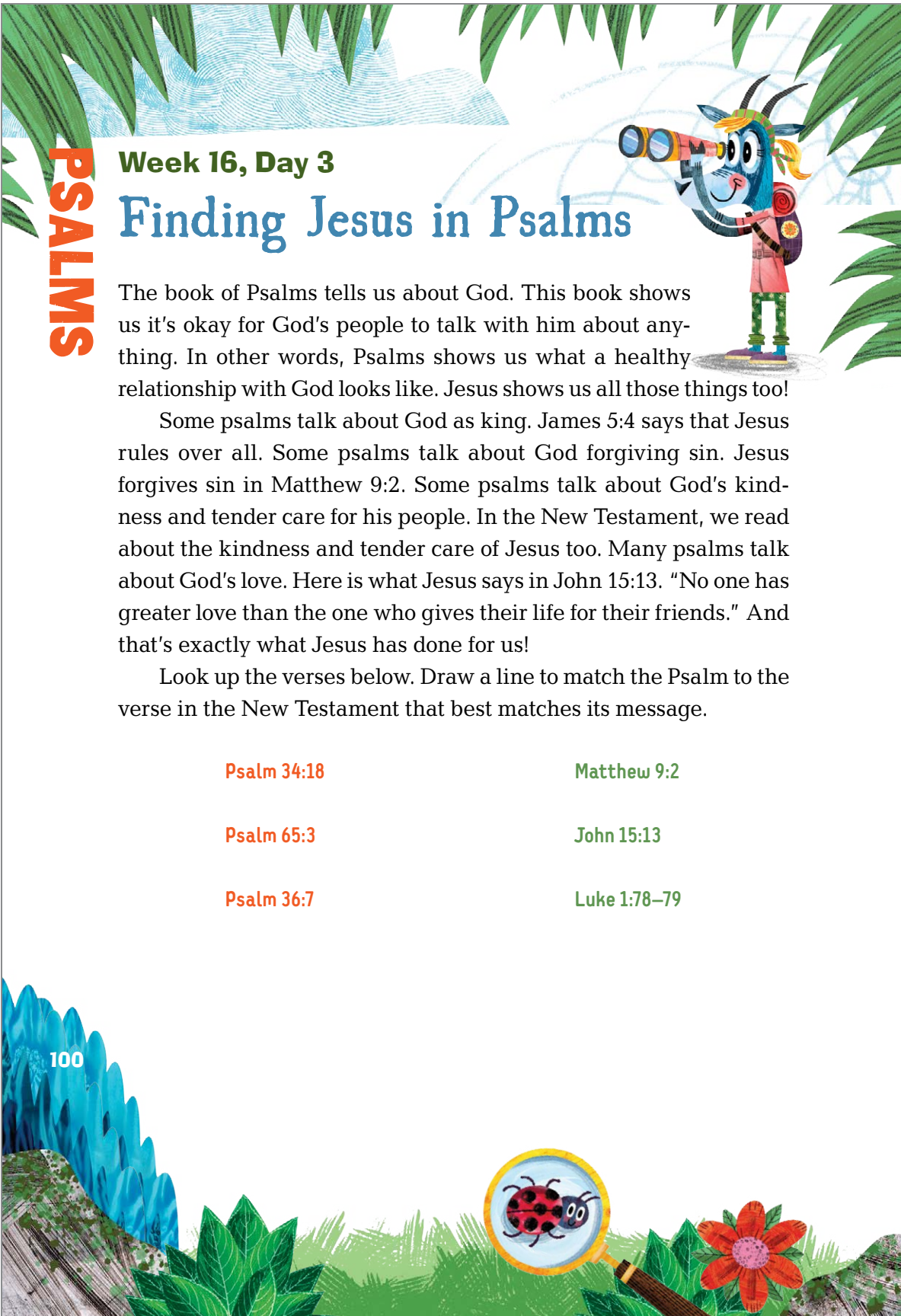


Week 16, Day 2
Think About It

The psalms give us ways to tell God how we feel. Each verse below talks about a feeling. Read the verses and then fill in the missing word in the verse. Notice the number under each letter of the word. Write those letters in the box with the same number in the puzzle. When you're done with this adventure, you'll have a poem about this book of poems!

1. **Psalm 3:6** I won't be ₁ ₂ ₃ ₄ ₅ ₆ even though tens of thousands attack me on every side.
2. **Psalm 6:3** My soul is very ₇ ₈ ₉ ₁₀ ₁₁ ₁₂ ₁₃ ₁₄.
3. **Psalm 16:6** I am very ₁₅ ₁₆ ₁₇ ₁₈ ₁₉ with what I've received from you.
4. **Psalm 30:11** You removed my clothes of ₂₀ ₂₁ ₂₂ ₂₃ ₂₄ ₂₅ ₂₆ and dressed me with ₂₇ ₂₈ ₂₉.
5. **Psalm 32:11** Be ₃₀ ₃₁ ₃₂ ₃₃ because of what the LORD has done for you.
6. **Psalm 38:8** I am ₃₄ ₃₅ ₃₆ ₃₇. I feel as if I've been broken in pieces.

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PSALMS

Week 16, Day 3

Finding Jesus in Psalms

The book of Psalms tells us about God. This book shows us it's okay for God's people to talk with him about anything. In other words, Psalms shows us what a healthy relationship with God looks like. Jesus shows us all those things too!

Some psalms talk about God as king. James 5:4 says that Jesus rules over all. Some psalms talk about God forgiving sin. Jesus forgives sin in Matthew 9:2. Some psalms talk about God's kindness and tender care for his people. In the New Testament, we read about the kindness and tender care of Jesus too. Many psalms talk about God's love. Here is what Jesus says in John 15:13. "No one has greater love than the one who gives their life for their friends." And that's exactly what Jesus has done for us!

Look up the verses below. Draw a line to match the Psalm to the verse in the New Testament that best matches its message.

Psalm 34:18

Matthew 9:2

Psalm 65:3

John 15:13

Psalm 36:7

Luke 1:78-79

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Week 16, Day 4

Write About It

PSALMS

Talking with God is so important for your relationship with him! You can tell God anything. He really wants to hear from you! Write how that makes you feel.

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Here's what the Bible says in Philippians 4:6-7. "Don't worry about anything. No matter what happens, tell God about everything. Ask and pray, and give thanks to him. Then God's peace will watch over your hearts and your minds. He will do this because you belong to Christ Jesus." Write how this makes you feel.

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PSALMS

Week 16, Day 5

Pray About It

Dear God,

Thank you for loving me so much. I know you want to hear from me when I am happy or sad or hurt! Please help me be willing to tell you how I feel. Thank you for being ready to listen to me at any time. Help me to spend more time talking with you in prayer. Thank you for giving me the psalms to show me how to do this. I pray this because I believe in Jesus. Amen!

Color the verse below. Think about the words as you color them.

I LOOK UP TO THE MOUNTAINS.
 WHERE DOES MY HELP COME FROM?
 MY HELP COMES FROM
 the LORD.
 HE IS THE MAKER OF
 heaven and earth.

—PSALM 121:1-2

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Week 16, Day 6

Do Something About It

PSALMS

The Psalms are poems. They are like some poems because they talk about feelings and emotions. But the Psalms are different from other poems because all the Psalms focus on God. They tell us who God is and what he does. They also tell God who we are and how we're feeling. Many different people wrote the Psalms. They all talked about their emotions and feelings with God.

Now it's your turn to write your own psalm. Begin by deciding what emotion or feeling you want to talk to God about. Think about how you will say it. Write that on the first line. Then think about what God has done for you. Write about that on the second line. Remember, it doesn't have to rhyme. It just has to be honest! This is only the beginning. Write as many lines as you want. God wants to hear from you! When you're done writing your psalm, put it away someplace safe. It is a private talk between you and God.



Handwriting lines for writing a psalm.

Answer key for Think About It hidden message puzzle.

ANSWER KEY

Psalms, Day 2

1. afraid
2. troubled
3. happy
4. sadness, joy
5. glad
6. weak

If you feel strong or weak, to God you should speak.

This is a fun activity to help us learn Psalm 23.

PSALM 23 MEMORY BOOKLET

STUFF YOU NEED:

- Unlined paper
- Three-hole punch
- Brass fasteners
- Pencils, crayons or markers
- Whiteboard and dry-erase marker

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Write Psalm 23 on the board.
2. Use the three-hole punch on the unlined paper, allotting at least five sheets per child (you may want to make extras, just in case more are needed).
3. Explain to children the process in which early Bible writers would copy Scripture by hand in order to share it with others. These people were often called scribes. Ancient copies of Scripture were often elaborately decorated around the edges. The early Bible scribes believed the Word of God was beautiful, so they wanted the copies to be beautiful as well.
4. Give your child the following instructions:
 - a. To help you memorize Psalm 23, you are going to copy it the way ancient scribes might have. Write very neatly, putting only a few lines of Scripture on each page.
 - b. After you are done writing, take time to decorate the edges and corners to show everyone how beautiful the Word of God is.
 - c. Assemble their pages using the brass fasteners to create a beautiful booklet to help them memorize this passage of Scripture.

Psalm 23 tells us how Jesus is a shepherd to us. This activity will help us reflect on how he works in our lives and keeps us on the right path.

THE LORD IS MY PERSONAL SHEPHERD

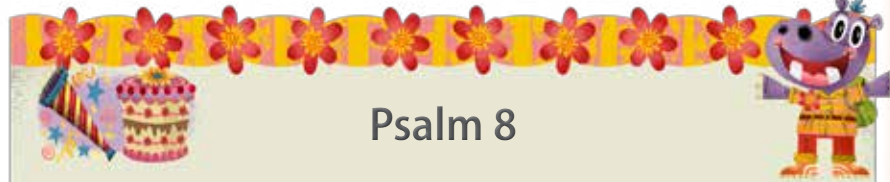
STUFF YOU NEED:

- Notebook paper
- Pencils

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Have the words to Psalm 23 on a piece of paper for your children to see.
2. Explain that when any writer writes a song or poem, they are trying to express their personal feelings. Psalm 23 is a very personal, beautiful song that David wrote about his own life.
3. Give each child a few pages of notebook paper and some pencils.
4. Encourage your children to rewrite parts of Psalm 23 to reflect something personal to them. For example, instead of the line "He lets me lie down in fields of green grass," they can think up something that is true to your life, such as, "He helps me be patient with my sister."
5. Give them time to work on rewriting Psalm 23.
6. Ask them to share their personalized Psalm 23 with you or family.

There are so many things around us that God has created. Read Psalm 8, and then do this activity to celebrate the beauty God has placed around us.



Psalm 8

In this psalm, David thinks of all the wonderful things the Lord has made.

Joinme says get your group together. Work together to make a large collage about our world. Find pictures of all the things that you read about in the psalm. Or you can draw them. Paste them on a poster or a large piece of paper. It doesn't matter if there are two pictures of the same thing. Make sure that the poster is covered with pictures. Then write the words of verse 9 with a marker across your collage.

Their praise is a wall
that stops the talk of your enemies.

- ³I think about the heavens.
I think about what your fingers have created.
I think about the moon and stars
that you have set in place.
- ⁴What are human beings that you think about them?
What is a son of man that you take care of him?
- ⁵You have made them a little lower than the angels.
You placed on them a crown of glory and honor.
- ⁶You made human beings rule over everything your hands created.
You put everything under their control.
- ⁷They rule over all flocks and herds
and over the wild animals.
- ⁸They rule over the birds in the sky
and over the fish in the ocean.
They rule over everything that swims in the oceans.
- ⁹LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in the whole earth!

Psalm 9

For the director of music. A psalm of David to the tune of "The Death of the Son."

- ¹LORD, I will give thanks to you with all my heart.
I will tell about all the wonderful things you have done.
- ²I will be glad and full of joy because of you.
Most High God, I will sing the praises of your name.
- ³My enemies turn back.
They fall down and die right in front of you.
- ⁴You have proved that I haven't done anything wrong.
You have sat on your throne and judged fairly.
- ⁵You have punished the nations. You have destroyed evil people.
You have erased their names from your book for ever and ever.
- ⁶My enemies have been destroyed forever.
You have leveled their cities to the ground.
Even the memory of them is gone.
- ⁷The LORD rules forever.
He has set up his throne so that he can judge people.

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