
FAITH @ HOME

WEEK OF JUNE 21, 2020

Some ideas for continuing to consider “What Do You Hear?” through the week

*Parents with littles – if you just need one or two ideas, the **don’t-miss-ideas for young kids** are in green*

Take a look at this Psalm 19 video reflection:

<https://youtu.be/H-GgSWUhTy8>

Spotify Playlist for Praise Psalms:



To use the scan code, open Spotify search bar, press camera icon in top right corner, and scan the orange box) or use hyperlink:

https://open.spotify.com/playlist/1v5KeAXOI8eGEykqz4s9fl?si=ZYPVwW29T3OUJ8GWD-d_JA

Hearing God through His Created World

Explore:

- Check out some images taken of the heavens from the Hubble telescope. You can scroll to see glimpses into God’s heavenly creations, or click on the pictures if you want more details about what you are seeing. https://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/hubble/multimedia/index.html
- Did you know that the heavens make audible sounds? You may like to check out some of the many videos of the sounds of stars and planets. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h7TfNrIBKGI>
- ? How do the heavens declare the glory of God?
- ? Does everyone hear and see God’s glory through creation? Why or why not?
- ? Created art reveals something about the artist. Think and talk about what the heavens (skies, stars, sun) reveal about the Creator.

Respond:

- Create your own response to God’s handiwork with paint, crayon, chalk... Use the creative time to think and pray.
- For young children, you may want to pick one image and verse to focus on, for example sunrise or sunsets, or stars. Check out Pinterest if you are stuck for ideas: <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/94434923413166712/>
- ? How can we become more in tune with what God is saying to us through creation?

- ? What is a concern you are dealing with that you'd like to put in God's creative and capable hands to let Him work it out? You may want to journal or draw a prayer of this.

Hearing God through His Word

Explore:

- Parents, you may want to make the adjective list yourself from the question below* and play a word association game with the adjectives you listed. Have kids name things that they think of when you say the word. Example: "Pure": "A clean swimming pool!" And then talk about how a (pure) clean swimming pool looks/feels, and how that's like God's laws (Fresh! Inviting! Refreshing! Helps me cool off when I'm hot...)
- Did you know there is a type of toffee called honeycomb? It seems to be popular in the UK, and is made of sugar, honey, and baking soda: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-HAQRmq74A>
- ? How can God's laws "make wise the simple?"
- ? What are some things about God that we would never know if we only could know Him through nature?
- ? *What adjectives does the psalmist use to describe the character of God's Word in verses 7-11?

Respond:

- Taste some honey (or honeycomb – real or candy), talk about how God's laws are sweet because they help us to know Him more.
- Make scripture art of a beehive and fingerprint bee craft:
<https://www.allkidsnetwork.com/crafts/summer/bubble-wrap-beehive-craft.asp>
 - » If you don't have bubble wrap, you can do this as dots with the round end of a paintbrush or fingertips, or just use plain paper with a hive drawn on it.
 - » Caption it wherever you and your child like and hang it to talk about: "The laws of the LORD are true; each one is fair. They are more desirable than gold, even the finest gold. They are sweeter than honey, even honey dripping from the comb." (Psalm 19:9b-10, NLT).
- ? What is a way you have been changed through God's Word? You may want to journal, draw, or pray about it.
- ? What are the most sweet or precious things in your life. Are you ever tempted to consider them as more important than God's Word? Use that thought to rewrite Psalm 19:10 in your own words.

Hearing God through Reflection and Right Response

Explore:

- ? What happens in our hearts when we know God better and better through creation and His word?
- ? What kinds of sins does the psalmist ask to be delivered from in verses 12-13? What does John say about this in 1 John 1:8-9?

Respond:

- Consider including Psalm 19:14 as part of your prayers.
- You may want to commit Psalm 19:14 to memory so you can "gnaw" or meditate on it all day long.