
FAITH @ HOME

WEEK OF JULY 5, 2020

Some ideas for continuing to ponder Summer Psalms through the week

A note about imagery and children:

Don't be afraid to unpack the metaphors in the Psalms with kids. Children are literal, but studies show that young preschoolers can understand analogies and symbolic relationships. This ability grows, and by upper elementary school, children are quite adroit at understanding and making comparisons. Have fun with this!

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

Black font is an all-play for children, teens, and adults

Try reading or listening to Psalm 95 in several translations this week.

Explore the **Praise Psalm Packet** below – it's great for children, but teens and adults can grow from this resource, too!

Check out this Spotify Playlist of Praise Psalms

[HTTPS://OPEN.SPOTIFY.COM/PLAYLIST/1v5keaxoi8eGEYkQz4s9fL?si=-RvRoN89QM6T_RV-c0ZG1Q](https://open.spotify.com/playlist/1v5keaxoi8eGEYkQz4s9fL?si=-RvRoN89QM6T_RV-c0ZG1Q)

Praise Him! (verses 1-5)

- ? The nations surrounding the Israelites were worshipping other, false gods. What are some things you put in God's place sometimes?
- ? What are some ways and times you praise God? What is one way you can reach beyond your current practices and try a new way to praise Him?
- Go for a walk or a drive and spend the time thinking about how you see the glory of God in His creation.
- Turn some praise music up and have a praise dance party for God.
- We see God referred to as the Rock again this week. Find a rock and paint or write on your Praise Rock. Put it somewhere you will see it often as a reminder to praise Him right in the middle of the dailies.

Worship Him! (verses 6-7)

- ? If God is our shepherd, what are some ways we can put our trust in God?
- Take a look at this video of a sheep and their shepherd <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mmfduDJXM6Y>
- Explore the extended metaphor of a shepherd and flock through Phillip Keller's explanation based on Psalm 23: <http://www.trutharchive.net/phillip-keller---a-shepard-looks-at-psalm-23>

Listen to Him (verses 8-11)

- ? How do you (or could you) ready yourself to hear and respond to God's voice each day?
- ? What is God saying to you right now? Is there something you need to do as a response?
- ? Share or journal about a time when you were hard-hearted. How did that work out?
- Read Exodus 17: 1-7 to see what happened at Meribah and Massah
- Play "Mother May I?" with the person playing "Mother" whispering the response so the players must listen closely. Help children make the connection between listening carefully for God's voice and doing what He says to them.

Linking It Together

The Bible works together to tell us one big love story of God for His people. Each piece of scripture helps us to know more of Him. Our Summer Psalms so far have been: Psalm 1, 12, 19, 46, and 95.

- ? What have you understood in a new way about God in our study of the Summer Psalms?
- You may be familiar with Mike Geiler's song "You Are the Great God." Listen to hear parts from Psalm 46 and 95. Can you hear other familiar passages of scripture?
https://open.spotify.com/track/4PdIWl9Y16ab0ljRcDk9OM?si=7kYC3UsxTBOLO_tV47eO-w
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