

Old Testament

David writes songs

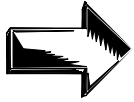
Psalm 23, 100, 118:24

Younger Verse

Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Proverbs 3:5

Older Verse

Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your path straight. Proverbs 3:5-6



Teachers: This unit is designed to help your children understand some of the stories in the Old Testament.

PLEASE remember to always include the New Testament verses—this helps each child see how God's ultimate plan was fulfilled in Christ!

Welcome Time

Sing Psalm 118:24 (This is the day) and let the kids know that this song is a verse in the Bible.

Bible Story

Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do NOT read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.

Today's lesson is about the book in the Bible called Psalm. The "P" is silent when you are saying it. It's found in about the middle of a big Bible. Let's try turning to it. (Take turns opening a Bible that has the Old and New testaments to find Psalms.)

This book contains songs in it. There are 150 chapters in it—but most are very short. There is one chapter that has more verses than any other chapter in the whole Bible. It is chapter 119. It has 176 verses (or sentences). Now that's a lot of verses to memorize! The Psalms were written in a language called Hebrew. The songs did not repeat sounds or rhyme like some of our songs do. Instead they repeat ideas or thoughts. The psalms show people how to talk to God and worship Him.

Over 70 of the psalms were written by David. You may remember, he was the little guy who killed the 9 foot giant, Goliath. David later became king and did many things. David loved God very much. These songs or poems were ways for David to show how much he loved God.

There are several psalms that are very familiar. The 23rd Psalm is a song of comfort and trust in God. The 100th psalm is a way to thank God. Psalm 118:24 is a happy psalm to remember that God made everything and we should be happy about it.

Let's read Psalm 23. (Take time to read from your Bibles)

Lesson Goals

To explain where the Psalms are and what they are
To understand how the Psalms may be important to us

This psalm talks about a shepherd and his sheep. It says that God is like a shepherd and we are like the sheep. A shepherd loves and cares for his sheep. To say that God is our shepherd means that he watches over us and will show us what is best for us.

Psalm 100 gives thanks to God. It is a happy song that tells how glad we are that God made us. It even says that we are his “sheep.” Do you remember what that means from what we just said in Psalm 23?

Psalm 118:24 is another thanksgiving song to God. It has such a positive attitude. Not everyday is wonderful, but if you have an attitude like this, it’s sure to get better.

David loved God so much. He wasn’t perfect. He made some big mistakes. But he asked God to forgive him and He did (see Psalm 51). David was known as a man after God’s own heart. That means that He was close to God and everyone could tell that he loved God and God loved Him.

What about you? Can people tell that you love God? Does it show at school? at home? with your friends? at a party?

It first starts with trusting Jesus in your heart. Jesus is the bridge we have to cross to have that connection with God. We must believe in Jesus—that He died for our wrongs and rose again. We must ask Him to come into our lives and forgive our wrongs. Jesus does. And He stays there forever. What does that mean to us? It means that we must show that Jesus is with us, kind of like a stamp or mark on us. People should know that we are different (in a good way) because God is with us. We should want to live for God and do things His way. If you want to know more about Jesus, talk to us about it.

Learning Activities

There are lots of hands-on learning ideas to help the kids learn and apply the lesson. Use the ones that will help each child learn effectively.

Memory Verse Activities

Sing a song to go along with the verse today. Songs really helps the kids remember the verses!

Prayer Time

Take time to thank God like David did. Have each child fill in the blank: God, thank you for _____.

Snack Time/CleanUp

Make “sheep food” or snack on other treats. Be sensitive to those who want to ask Jesus into their hearts.

Planning for Lesson 84
Solomon writes wise words
Proverbs 3 & 31

Preschool Lesson
For
David writes songs to God

Do you remember a boy in the Bible named David? He loved God very much and did some amazing things. He killed a BIG giant named Goliath with God's help. He also became a wonderful king.

David loved to write down songs. The songs that he wrote were for God. He told God how much he loved Him and thanked Him for all the things God had done for him and for the people.

David wrote lots of songs to God. We can open our Bibles and read (look) at some of the songs. The songs are called Psalms. If you look at the word, the first letter is a "P." The "P" sound is silent.

One of the Psalms that David wrote was when he was a shepherd boy. He took care of sheep in a pasture. He wrote a song to remember how God was like our shepherd and we were His sheep. God would help us just like a shepherd helps his sheep.

Many of the words that David wrote have been put to music. WE can sing some of the songs and know that they are words/songs that David wrote to God many years ago. They are special songs that tell God how wonderful He is and how much we love Him.

Let's sing a song from Psalm 118:24. It is called "This is the Day that the Lord has made."

Pray and thank God for loving us.

Hands-On Activities
For
David writes Songs to God

Together, help the kids memorize Psalm 23. It has lots of word pictures to help them remember each verse. Some may seem to think that it is too much work. Remind them that it is easy for them to memorize words to songs that they like. Make it fun and possibly think of a reward when they accomplish the goal!

It is amazing to see how many of the Psalms have been put to music. Sing some of these songs to help the kids realize that they **HAVE** been learning verses!

Several of the Psalms are written in a creative way. David took all the letters of the alphabet and wrote sentences or verses to describe or thank God. Make booklets and do the same. Write the letters of the alphabet down pieces of paper and let the kids think of words to describe God. For example: God you are **A**wesome, **B**eautiful, **C**aring....

Write your own psalm to God. Bring pretty paper and let each child write or draw a psalm of how much they love God.

Make a fluffy sheep to remember Psalm 23.
