

# PSALMS

## Family Devotional (5/24/20)

**Key Point:** God's Word helps us choose the way of the righteous.

*Today, we want our kids to learn that there are two paths set before us: the way of the righteous and the way of the wicked. God's Word helps us see the difference and choose to obey God and follow Him on the path of the righteous.*

### What we want the kids to know and do:

- The Bible is God's True Word (the law of the Lord).
- The Bible teaches us how to live righteous lives.
- We cannot turn from the way of the wicked on our own; we need God's help.
- We want them to turn from their sin and know, love, trust, and obey God.

### Text for Study: Psalm 1 (1:1-3)

Blessed is the man  
 who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
 nor stands in the way of sinners,  
 nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
 but his delight is in the law of the Lord,  
 and on his law he meditates day and night.  
 He is like a tree  
 planted by streams of water  
 that yields its fruit in its season,  
 and its leaf does not wither.  
 In all that he does, he prospers.

**Create discipleship time:** As a family, listen to the sermon, read through the elementary portion above, and talk about God's Word.

1. What two paths are revealed in this passage?  
*The way of the wicked (those who rebel against God and sin) and the way of the righteous (God's children, those who love and trust in Jesus).*
2. Which one is blessed: the man who chooses the way of the wicked or the man who chooses the way of the righteous?  
*The man who chooses the way of the righteous.*
3. What does the righteous man delight in and do?  
*He delights in the law of the Lord, which is the Bible, God's True Word. He meditates on (thinks about) what God's Word says day and night.*
4. Verse 3 says this man is like a tree. Is this tree healthy?  
*Yes. It produces fruit and its leaves do not die.*
5. What makes the man like this healthy tree?  
*He turns away from the wicked (his sins) and turns to God (and His Word). This shows us he has a healthy heart.*

6. Can we heal our hearts sick with sin on our own?  
**No. But if we love and trust in Jesus, he can give us a healthy heart.**
7. Can we choose the way of righteousness on our own?  
**No. But God gives us His Word to show us how to live in obedience to Him.**

**\*\*Additional passages for family study:** Proverb 4:18; Psalm 25:4.

**Capture discipleship moments:** Recap by asking your kids what they learned.

1. What did we learn about God today?  
**God shows us how to live in His Word.**
2. What did we learn about ourselves today?  
**We can choose to turn away from the wicked and follow God on the path of the righteous.**

**Pray together as a family.** Ask each member of your family – parents included – to share one thing they would like prayer over. Assign someone to pray for that person’s request. Challenge them to pray for that person all week long. Parents, pray a blessing over your children as you close.

### **This Month’s Memory Verse**

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! **Psalm 34:8**

**\*\*\***You can find the following weeks’ Family Devotionals on the Psalms on the Northway Church website along with the sermon.