

PSALMS

Family Devotional (6/21/20)

Key Point: God reveals Himself and His ways to the world

Today, we want our kids to learn that God has revealed Himself to His children in creation and in His Word. The proper response to God's revelation is the fear of the Lord and dedication to know His Word.

What we want the kids to know and do:

- All of creation proclaims God's glory and points to Him as the Creator.
- God's Word teaches His children how to live and leads to worship of a holy God.
- We want them to humbly recognize that they need God's truth and dedicate themselves to knowing and obeying God's Word.

Text for Study: Psalm 19 (19:1, 9, 14)

(1) The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

(9) the fear of the Lord is clean,
enduring forever;

the rules of the Lord are true,
and righteous altogether.

(14) Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

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

1. How does verse 1 say creation points to God?
The heavens declare His glory (greatness and worth) through their beauty. The sky proclaims His handiwork. The sky is so big that only God the Creator could paint something so different and beautiful each day.
2. Why do you think God wants us to know who He is? (answer..)
3. This verse talks about the rules of the Lord (v.9). Where do we find those rules?
In the Bible. The whole Bible contains God's rules/commands/instructions for how His children should live.
4. Why do you think God gives us rules? : *He wants to show us the best way to live. Because of sin in our hearts we think we know the best way on our own, but we need to know and believe that God's way is best.*
5. How do we know God's ways are better than our ways?
Because they come from God who is loving and wise: He does what is best and knows what is best.

6. What is the fear of the Lord (v.9)?
Fearing the Lord means to be in awe of Him and to respect Him as a holy God (a God who is completely perfect and separate from sin).
7. How should we respond to God's revelation in creation and in His Word?
We should fear the Lord, or respect Him as a holy God. We should acknowledge that we are not perfect and need His presence, love and direction. We should worship Him for the beauty He has created and thank him for the clear instructions He has given us.
8. Do we need to know God's true Word?
Yes! It is the primary way God speaks to His children. God's children should know God's Word and meditate on it in their hearts (memorize, think about, and obey it).
9. Can sinners obey God's true Word on their own?
No. Sinners must love and trust Jesus. Only then do they become God's children and are given a new heart that will be in process to become more like God's heart.
10. Do God's children still need help to obey?
Yes! God's children still sin, but God gives His Holy Spirit to them as a gift to help them do what is right. When they disobey they can confess and turn away from sin knowing that God still loves them and wants to help them. Just like David did in v.14, we can ask God to make our words and thoughts acceptable, or pleasing, to Him.

****Additional passages for family study:** Rom 1:19-20; 2 Tim 3:16-17; Psalm 119:105; Luke 11:28.

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

1. What did we learn about God today?
God reveals Himself and His ways to the world through creation and His true Word.
2. What did we learn about ourselves today?
We can ask God for help to know and obey His true Word.

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**