

# PSALMS

## Family Devotional (7/26/20)

**Key Point:** God is glorious, He shows His greatness and His worth

*Today, we want our kids to learn about God's character. This Psalm tells of his glory, his love, his mercy and his justice.*

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

- God is glorious, He shows His greatness and His worth
- God's word tells us who He is. It is the primary way He reveals Himself to us.
- We want kids to confess what is true about who God is and who they are.
- We want you as a family to select a portion of this Psalm to memorize.

### Text for Study: Psalm 145

**Create discipleship time:** As a family, listen to the sermon. There is a "Glorious" attribute coloring sheet you can download and have kids color. When the time is right (right after the sermon, that evening or the next day) read through the Psalm in the portions listed below pausing to ask the comprehension and application questions.

1. **Read verses 1-3 and discuss:**
  - a. David, who is a king, is praising God (the word extol means praise). In these verses what is he saying about who God is? **God is King, God is worthy (only God deserves praise), God is great, God is unsearchable (too big to understand).**
  - b. Why do you think God's word describes Him so much? **Because the bible is about Him and He wants us to know Him!**
  - c. Praises to God can be sung or said. We can praise God by telling Him who we know Him to be; just like David did in this Psalm! What is something you can say to God right now that describes His glory? **Have a grown up go first to lead by example.**
2. **Read verses 4-7 and discuss:**
  - a. What do you think it means for one generation to commend God's works and mighty deeds to the next generation?
  - b. Have people older than you (teachers, church leaders, parents, grandparents) told you about things that God has done throughout history?
  - c. What are some mighty acts and wondrous works you have been taught about?
  - d. What do you think it means to meditate on those things? **To think about what God has done often and know what those acts tell us about who God is. Meditating on what God has done helps us not to forget who he is and what he can do.**
3. **Read verses 8-9 and discuss:**
  - a. What are words in these verses that are used to describe God? **Gracious, merciful, slow to anger, abounding in love, good to all, ("He has made" tells us He is creator). See definitions below for some of these attributes.**
4. **Read verses 10-13 and discuss:**

- a. Can you find all the verbs (or action words) in this text that are things we should do if we know God? Let's list them out: **give thanks, bless, speak, tell, make known.**
5. **Go around your family and take turns reading the next 8 verses. Once finished a grown up can pray a prayer of blessing and thanksgiving to close out your family devotional.**

**Attributes that are highlighted throughout this Psalm and some helpful definitions:**

- God is glorious, He shows His greatness and His worth
- God is worthy, only He deserves all glory
- God is patient, slow to anger
- God is loving, He does what is best
- God is attentive, He hears and responds to the prayers of His children
- God is provider, He meets the needs of His children
- God is refuge, He is a place of safety and protection for His children
- God is faithful, He does what He says He will do
- God is just, He is right to punish sin
- God is merciful, He does not give the punishment that His children deserve

**This Month's Memory Verse**

May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
that your way may be known on earth,  
your saving power among all nations. **Psalm 67:1-2**