



PSALMS OF WISDOM

BIBLE PASSAGE: Psalm 19

FOCUS VERSES: Romans 1:20; 2 Timothy 3:16;
Matthew 4:4; Hebrews 4:12

Summary: Psalm 19 is a wisdom psalm. These psalms guide us in how God wants us to live. David celebrates how God reveals Himself through both nature and His Word. When we consider God's glory and the beauty of His Word, David says we can search our hearts and seek to please Him.



MONTHLY *Memory Verse*

*The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is
over all that He has made.*

(PSALM 145:9)



God is good.



HOW DOES GOD MAKE HIMSELF KNOWN?

God reveals His goodness
through His amazing creation
and through His Word.



HOW CAN READING THE BIBLE HELP US?

The Bible can show us what
God is teaching us about
Himself and His goodness,
wisdom in how He wants us to
live and what we can
do differently.



HOW IS GOD INVITING ME TO RESPOND?

Kids will be given the
opportunity to reflect on the
truth they learned about God
and respond accordingly.

Leader TRAINING

LEADER TRAINING TOPIC: BE CREATIVE

Kids who are neurodivergent may respond to the environment around them differently than typical kids. They also may be more sensitive to sensory input. Being creative and open to making modifications will enable us to better meet the needs of every kid.

- **Explore options.** Consider how you may give options during various activities that will accommodate various learning styles. At the beginning of the hour or during free time, offer several activity options to engage a variety of developmental abilities.
- **Be flexible.** Kids may participate in a totally different way than leaders had planned. Be flexible, as they may be modifying the activity to better suit their abilities and interests. Be open to changes.
- **Provide visual schedules.** All kids, especially those who are visual learners or have processing differences, benefit from a visual schedule. For kids with limited verbal communication, picture schedules help them anticipate what is coming, which helps them feel more safe and comfortable.

NAVIGATING A BROKEN WORLD: FACT VS. FICTION

Kids begin to recognize the difference between reality and fiction somewhere between three and five years old.* Your kids likely already practice discernment on a daily basis through pretend play, telling jokes and even through all of the information they take in through books and subjects at school. Today as we discuss that God gives us the Bible, allow kids to ask questions that will help them explore the difference between some of the fictitious things they learn and play, and the truth of the Bible. Remind them that the Bible is a way of understanding who God is and the best way we have of getting to know Him. The Bible tells us truths about God and it is unlike any other book. This subject will be brought up in today's lesson.

ELEMENTARY GLOSSARY

Good: worthy of approval, right

Wisdom: understanding a situation and knowing what to do

*For more resources on this topic, check out: britecurriculum.com/resources.

Large Group ROADMAP

1**WELCOME****(8 MINUTES)**

SUPPLIES: Video player, Intro Video, teaching slides, 6 ping-pong balls, 2 bowls, blindfold

2**FIND IT IN
THE BIBLE****(2 MINUTES)**

SUPPLIES: Bibles, teaching slides

3**BIBLE
TEACHING****(10 MINUTES)****PSALMS OF WISDOM
(PSALM 19)**

SUPPLIES: Bible, teaching slides, butcher paper, 6 old books, permanent marker

4**REVIEW****(8 MINUTES)**

SUPPLIES: Video player, Bible Review Video, teaching slides, table, 6 prepared books from large group teaching

5**LARGE GROUP
WRAP-UP****(5 MINUTES)**

SUPPLIES: Video player, Memory Verse Video, teaching slides

Welcome



Say: I'm so glad you're here today! I need a player and two coaches for our first game.

Pick one kid to be blindfolded. Pick two others to be coaches. Once the first player is blindfolded, secretly assign one of the coaches to be trustworthy and the other to be misleading. Coaches are not allowed to touch the player or the bowls.

Say: (to the blindfolded player) I'll spin you around a few times. You will have a trustworthy coach and a misleading coach, but you don't know which is which. Your trustworthy coach will give you directions trying to get you to dump the ping-pong balls into the bowl. Your misleading coach will give you directions trying to get you to dump them on the ground, away from the bowl. You must decide who to listen to and follow their instructions.

Spin the player around several times. Then allow the coaches to give instructions as you play the game.

Say: In life, we also have to choose who to listen to for truth. There's only one person who is 100 percent good and wise—God!

SUPPLIES:

Video player, Intro Video, teaching slides, 6 ping-pong balls, 2 bowls, blindfold

PREP:

Place the six ping-pong balls in one of the bowls and place both bowls on the table at the front of your space.

LEADER TIP:

Choose animated, energetic kids to be coaches!



INTRO VIDEO

Play Intro Video then transition into discussion.

Say: It seems like Wes broke every single rule at the pool! I'm really glad he didn't get hurt.

Discuss: What are some rules that you have to follow every day?

Say: Leaders make rules to help and protect us. God gave us His law because He loves us and wants us to know Him. Today's Brite Idea is: God is good.

Show teaching slide: Brite Idea

Show teaching slide: He/We/Me Questions

TODAY WE WILL ANSWER THESE TWO QUESTIONS:



How does God make Himself known?



How can reading the Bible help us?

AT THE END OF OUR TIME TODAY, THE QUESTION YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ANSWER IS:



How is God inviting me to respond?

FIND IT
IN THE

Bible

WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

Say: The Bible is real and true. God gave us the Bible so we could know Him. The Bible is filled with many books and stories, but they are all a part of one BIG story — God’s story.

WHAT IS GOD’S BIGGER STORY?

Show teaching slide: God’s Big Story

Review each part of God’s Big Story. Consider discussing each description or asking kids to explain them.

Creation: God is the one true God and He has always existed. He is the Creator of all things, including you and me. He is good, He loves us, and we are made in His image.

Fall: Adam and Eve sinned and disobeyed God. Sin broke the world, and people were separated from God. People could not fix their sin problem on their own.

Redemption: God sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross, to take the punishment for our sins, and to rise from the dead to conquer death. When we trust in Jesus as our Savior, our relationship with God is made right again through His grace, and He gives us new life.

Restoration: When we walk with Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit and learn God’s Word, He renews us. One day, Jesus will return to renew all things.

WHERE IS TODAY’S BIBLE STORY?

Show teaching slide: Books of the Bible

Say: This week’s story comes from the book of Psalms. Psalms is the 19th book of the Bible and found in the Old Testament.

Show teaching slide: Find It in the Bible Timeline

Say: This story can be found in the book of Psalms. The book of Psalms is a collection of songs, hymns and prayers that were written during different times within the Old Testament period.

Say: This month we are focusing on the truth that God is good. Last week we learned about James and how God helps us love others. This week we will learn that God provides wisdom.

LET’S FIND IT IN OUR BIBLES!

Open your Bible and show the kids the title page for the book of Psalms. Help kids turn in their Bibles to today’s Bible passage (Psalm 19:1–14).

Say: Let’s find the book of Psalms together. Remember, the front of your Bible has a Table of Contents if you need that. Next, we will find the chapter. Find the big number 19. The verses are the little numbers. Find the little number 1.

Bible TEACHING

PSALMS OF WISDOM

PSALM 19



PRAY: God, You are good and we need Your good wisdom every day. Teach us today to love Your perfect Word and to let Your truth be our guide in life. Amen.

Say: There are a lot of books you can read that can teach you something, but only one has the perfect, 100 percent true and holy wisdom of God—the Bible! Today we will play a game with books while we talk about God’s wisdom from the most important book, the Word of God.

Say: As I tell you about an important psalm, I want you to listen for three words: **declare, trustworthy and Redeemer**. When I say one of those words, the person on your team closest to the books with the correct word on it should grab the book with that title and begin passing it to the rest of the team. The team that can pass it to every team member and then hand it to me in the front wins the round.

Say: If you turn to the middle of the Bible, you will likely open up to the book of Psalms. A psalm is a song, prayer or poem used in worshiping God. Many of the psalms collected in this book were written by King David. There are different types of psalms. Wisdom psalms celebrate God and His wisdom, and they also show us how He wants us to live.

Read Psalm 19:1 directly from the Bible: *The heavens **declare** the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.*

*When you say “**declare**,” both teams should race to pass the book to you. Pause the story while they race.*

Say: The daytime and nighttime skies show us different facts about who God is. They aren’t words you can hear, but they send a message to everything God has created about His goodness.

SUPPLIES:

Bible, teaching slides, butcher paper, 6 old books, permanent marker

PREP:

Cover six older books in butcher paper. Write the word **declare** on the cover of two books, **trustworthy** on the cover of two books and **Redeemer** on the cover of the last two. (See the Bible Teaching Review section for what will be written on the back of each book.) Divide the books into two stacks and place the stacks in the back of the room. Divide the group down the middle into two teams.

LEADER TIP:

Use older books that can be handled roughly. Make sure the books aren’t too heavy for younger kids.



Bible TEACHING CONTINUED

Show teaching illustration: Sunrise

Say: David wrote that the sun makes its entrance every day like a young man who runs a race with joy. The sun rises and sets as it heats the whole world.

Say: David explains that the law of the Lord is perfect—it gives us life! God's words are true and **trustworthy**.

*When you say "**trustworthy**," both teams should race to pass the book to you. Pause the story while they race.*

Read Psalm 19:7 directly from the Bible: *The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.*

Say: God's words make us wise. His commandments are for our good, to help us learn and grow. The Word of the Lord is so pure that it could never age or end. It will endure forever. The rules of the Lord are true, perfect and righteous.

Show teaching illustration: God's Word

Say: God's words are more precious than gold, even the best gold. They are sweeter than honey. God's words give us instructions that keep us from danger. When we keep God's instructions, we receive rewards that are better than gold. Who could ever know when they are doing something wrong without God's help?

Say: David ended by praying: "God, please purify me from the bad things I do in secret. Don't let any of my sins have power over me. Then I will be blameless and innocent. Let everything that I speak and everything that I think or feel in my heart be pleasing to You, O Lord, my rock and **Redeemer**."

*When you say "**Redeemer**," both teams should race to pass the book to you.*

Say: Psalm 19 shows us the goodness of God. Nature declares His goodness. He is trustworthy, and He is our redeemer. In His goodness, He shares His wisdom with us.

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Bible TEACHING CONTINUED

Say: You delivered the books to me so fast! God delivers His wisdom to us through His life-giving and perfect Word. Sure, these books you passed to me might be worth reading, but nothing instructs us, keeps us from danger and helps us learn and grow like God's wisdom. We can praise God for His goodness and the goodness of His Word.

Show teaching slide: Point to Jesus

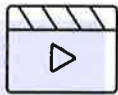


POINT TO JESUS

Say: God's law truly is perfect, and thankfully, God gave us His law to show us how to live. While the law of the Lord is perfect, unfortunately we are not. All of us have sinned, and because of our sin, our relationship with God is broken. But because God is so good, that's not the end of the story. Since the beginning, God had a plan to send His Son, Jesus. Jesus, who is God Himself, came as a man and lived a perfect life so He could be the perfect sacrifice for us. He died on the cross, rose again, and through His victory over sin and death, we can now have a restored relationship with God and live out the purpose He created us for.



Review



BIBLE REVIEW VIDEO

Play Bible Review Video. Play the game below using teaching slides: Review Game

SUPPLIES:

Video player, Bible Review Video, teaching slides, table, 6 prepared books from large group teaching

PREP:

On the back cover of the books, write one answer per book: *Worshiping God, Glory of God, Honey, Sin, Creation and His Word, Teaching and Wisdom.*

INSTRUCTIONS: Bring two kids to the front of your space. Place all the books on the table, answers facing up. Players will try to grab the book that shows the correct answer after the question is read. Bring up two new kids to compete for each question.

- 1. A psalm is a song, prayer or poem used in ...**

Worshiping God

- 2. King David wrote, "The heavens declare the ..."**

Glory of God

- 3. David believed that God's words were more precious than gold and sweeter than ...**

Honey

- 4. What did David not want to have power over him? (Hint: It's anything you think, say, or do that displeases God.)**

Sin

- 5. How does God make Himself known?**

Creation and His Word. God reveals His goodness through His amazing creation and through His Word.

- 6. How can reading the Bible help us?**

Teaching and Wisdom. The Bible can show us what God is teaching us about Himself and His goodness, wisdom in how He wants us to live and what we can do differently.



Wrap – Up

Show teaching slide: Brite Idea



SUPPLIES:

Video player, Memory Verse Video, teaching slides

PREP:

None

Show teaching slide: He Question and Answer

HE

How does God make Himself known?

God reveals His goodness through His amazing creation and through His Word.



MONTHLY Memory Verse

Choose an older kid to look up the verse and read it aloud to the group. Have the whole group repeat it together.

Show teaching slide: Memory Verse

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Show teaching slide: We Question and Answer

WE

How can reading the Bible help us?

The Bible can show us what God is teaching us about Himself and His goodness, wisdom in how He wants us to live, and what we can do differently.



VERSE VIDEO

Play Memory Verse Video after the verse is read.



PRAY: God, thank You for Your incredible goodness. You give us wisdom to know You and Your ways. May we read Your Word this week and allow it to change the way we live. Amen.