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"Let my TEACHING fall like RAIN...like SHOWERS on YOUNG PLANTS." (Deuteronomy 32:2)



Story: David's Psalms

Supplies Needed

You will need the following:

11 Sheets of Cardstock (8.5" x 11")
11 3 mil Laminating Film

Directions

- Print pages 2-23 two-sided on cardstock. Laminate the pages.
- Hold up the pictures while you read the story.

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Hold up picture:

Can you remember back to when Saul was king…what did David do for Saul? *(He played the harp/lyre)* And what about when the Ark of the Covenant was brought to Jerusalem? *(He jumped and danced with joy while the Levites sang and played music).* Do you think music was important to David? *(Yes)* David might be well known for killing Goliath and for being king, but he was also a talented musician and songwriter. 2 Samuel 23:1 calls David the "sweet psalmist of Israel."

THE PSALMS

BOOK ONE

The Way of the Righteous and the Wicked

1 Blessed is the man[1]
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
2 but his delight is in the law[2] of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.
3 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.
4 The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
6 for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

The Reign of the LORD's Anointed

2 Why do the nations rage[3]
and the peoples plot in vain?
2 The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,
3 "Let us burst their bonds
9 You shall break[4] them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
11 Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
12 Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Save Me, O My God

3 A PSALM OF DAVID, WHEN HE FLED FROM ABSALOM HIS SON.

1 O LORD, how many are my foes!
Many are rising against me;
2 many are saying of my soul,
"There is no salvation for him in God."
Selah[5]
3 But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,
my glory, and the lifter of my head.
4 I cried aloud to the LORD,
and he answered me from his holy hill.
Selah
5 I lay down and slept;
I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.
6 I will not be afraid of many thousands of people
who have set

Hold up picture:

The book of Psalms looks a little different than the book of 2 Samuel. Psalms is actually the words to hymns that were sung. Over the years, we've lost the tunes to these hymns, but we still have the beautiful words to read. There are 150 hymns in Psalms. Some of the psalms say who wrote them. We know that David wrote 73 psalms (that's almost half of them). David's son, Solomon, wrote two psalms (Psalms 72 and 127), Moses wrote one (Psalm 90), and the rest were written by some other men.

Psalms can be written and sung for different reasons. Sometimes David was sad and asking God for forgiveness. Other times, David was frightened – like when Saul was chasing him – and he was asking God for help. In other psalms, David was just praising and thanking God. Let's look at a couple of Psalms written by David.



Hold up picture:

Psalm 8 is a hymn praising God's majesty and His creation. It says:

1 Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory in the heavens.

3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet:

7 all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,

8 the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

9 Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

David is praising God for all the wonderful things He created. Do you ever thank God for creating this beautiful world for us to live in?



Hold up picture:

When David was younger, he cared for his father's sheep. He wrote Psalm 23 about how God cared for him like a shepherd cares for his sheep. We've been working on memorizing this one, so hopefully you know this one.

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

3 He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

David is saying that God provides us with everything we need…we shouldn't want anything else.



Hold up picture:

Psalm 23 continues:

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

David is saying that God is with us, guarding and guiding us even through the hardest times, just like a shepherd guides his sheep with his staff.



Hold up picture:

David also wrote some songs which are prayers of forgiveness When David sinned with Bathsheba, he wrote Psalm 51. Do you remember what it said?

1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness

3 For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

4 Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight—

7 Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God…

David is showing great repentance and sorrow. He asks for God to forgive him and to wipe the sin away.



Hold up picture:

In Psalm 70, David is singing a prayer for help and rescue. He says:

1 Hasten, O God, to save me; come quickly, Lord, to help me.

2 May those who want to take my life be put to shame and confusion;
may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace.

3 May those who say to me, “Aha! Aha!” turn back because of their shame.

4 But may all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You;
may those who long for Your saving help always say, “The Lord is great!”

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God.
You are my help and my Deliverer; Lord, do not delay.



Hold up picture:

Psalm 119 is the longest hymn in the book. It's author is unknown, but many believe it was written by David. This psalm teaches about the importance of obeying God. Psalm 119:9-11 says:

9 How can a young man stay on the path of purity?
By living according to Your word.

10 I seek You with all my heart; do not let me stray from Your commands.

11 I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You.

When we memorize Bible verses, we are hiding God's word in our hearts to help keep us from sinning.



Hold up picture:

Psalm 119 continues:

97 Oh, how I love Your law! I meditate on it all day long.
101 I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey Your word.
102 I have not departed from Your laws, for You Yourself have taught me.
103 How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
104 I gain understanding from Your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.
105 Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light to my path.

God's word is sweeter than honey, and His Word is like a flashlight leading us through a dark and sinful world.



Hold up picture:

Psalm 19 is another psalm by David that speaks of the importance of God's Law. Psalm 19 says:

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul;
The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;
8 The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;
9 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;
The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold;
They are sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
11 Moreover by them Your servant is warned,
And in keeping them there is great reward.

David says there is a great reward for keeping God's Law. What is that great reward? *(Heaven)*



Hold up picture:

David wrote and sang many songs of praise and thanksgiving to God. We can do the same every day. You can sing to God whenever you want. Some of my favorite times to sing praises to God are when I'm cleaning or cooking, or sometimes when I'm in the car or getting a shower. Let's try to spend more time singing praises to God this week. Like David said in Psalm 9:

1 I will praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart;
I will tell of all Your marvelous works.
2 I will be glad and rejoice in You;
I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.