

GOD'S BIG STORY



EVERYTHING GOD CREATED WAS GOOD.



ADAM & EVE SINNED, AND SIN PASSED TO ALL PEOPLE, EVEN YOU AND ME.



THOUGH ALL OF US ARE SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US.



JESUS WILL COME AGAIN.

FIND IT IN THE BIBLE:

* PSALMS *

This week's story comes from the book of Psalms. The psalms are a great place to find ideas when we don't have words to pray or praise. We can pray the words of the psalmist to connect to God through worship and prayer.

OT-NT CONNECTION

God's mighty works can be seen in the Old Testament, New Testament and all around us today! In the New Testament, Jesus forever changed the life of a paralyzed man. **Let's read about it in Luke 5:21-26.**

- What did the people do after they saw Jesus forgive the paralyzed man's sins and make him able to walk again?
- What has God done in your life that you can praise Him for?

SHOULD I PRAISE GOD FOR THINGS HE HAS DONE IN THE PAST? *

Yes! This week's verse says all God's works give thanks to Him. There is no time limit on how long we can praise God for the great things He does. Thank Him for creating the world and all its wonders. Praise Him for the death and resurrection of Jesus from the dead, which makes it possible for us to go to heaven.

SHOULD I PRAISE GOD FOR THINGS I CAN'T EVEN SEE?

Yes, you should! 1 Peter talks about the living hope we have in Jesus. We are to praise Him for that and praise God during trials because we know our final destination — heaven. Just like in Luke when Jesus first forgave the blind man's sins, some works God does in our life may be evident to us but not immediately to others. Thank Him for working in your life and consider sharing how He is working in you with others.

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Psalm 145:8-9 talks about God's character. We learn God is gracious, merciful, slow to anger, full of love and good to all. Take a moment to look up each of those words in a dictionary. Write down what they mean and something you learned about our God Who deserves all our praise.

READ



Plan a time of praise and worship! This can be for your immediate family or include friends!

Pick out several psalms of praise and worship songs. Have people take turns reading the psalms of praise and, between readings, praise God with music. Finish the time with prayer.

Pick out or make a snack that everyone can eat afterward and spend time together reflecting on God's great works!