





HAVE YOU EVER TRIED TO PUT TOGETHER A SET OF BUILDING BRICKS WITHOUT THE INSTRUCTIONS?

Was it easy? Did it turn out like the picture on the box?

Think about how silly it would be to open up a huge, expensive, brand-new box of building bricks and then toss the instruction book in the trash! What if you kept the directions, but put them on a bookshelf and didn't look at them? Would that help you build the set? Without looking at the instructions, I think it'd be very difficult to use all the pieces correctly and build the set, don't you?

Unfortunately, this is how many people choose to live their lives.

The Bible is God's Word — an instruction book that helps us build our lives according to His plan. Some people try to build their lives without His help and ignore the truth of His words. But if we really want to be wise, we must read the Bible and obey it.













TALK TOGETHER

God's Word is precious, sweeter than honey and more costly than gold. The psalmist didn't just read and obey God's Word, he LOVED God's Word. Listen to what he says in Psalm 19:7-9.

THE LAW OF THE LORD IS PERFECT, REVIVING THE SOUL; THE TESTIMONY OF THE LORD IS SURE, MAKING WISE THE SIMPLE; THE PRECEPTS OF THE LORD ARE RIGHT, REJOIGING THE HEART; THE COMMANDMENT OF THE LORD IS PURE, ENLIGHTENING THE EYES: THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS CLEAN, ENDURING FOREVER; THE RULES OF THE LORD ARE TRUE, AND RIGHTEOUS ALTOGETHER.



(PSALM 19:7-9)

OUR GOD IS WORTHY OF WORSHIP. Worship is our response to Him teaching us about Who He is. When we read God's Word, God will teach us about Himself. When we respond to His Word with loving obedience, He is blessed.

Our obedience to God's Word not only blesses God, **but it also blesses us.** Following His instructions in the Bible is the **very best plan** to build our life well. Just like the big box of building bricks, following God's instructions ensures there's nothing missing and nothing forgotten from the life of worship He wants us to live.













GOD'S BIG STORY

CREATION

FALL

REDEMPTION

RESTORATION



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

The book of Psalms was written during the time period of the Old Testament. Many, like the one we are studying this week, were written by King David.

When we don't have words to pray or praise God with, the Psalms are a great place to find ideas. We can use the words of the psalmist to connect to God through worship and prayer.

READ



John 1:1-5 calls Jesus the WORD of God, present from the very beginning and Creator of all things. When Jesus came to Earth in the form of a man, He came to shine a light in our darkness, to teach us and to rescue us from sin.

Read the words of Jesus in Matthew 7:24-27.

- What makes us wise?
- What are the benefits of listening to Jesus' words?
- How should we build our lives?

OT-NT CONNECTION

God's Word is Truth (John 17:17). It is breathed out by God, powerful, alive and useful for many things (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Read 1 Peter 1:22-25, 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and Hebrews 4:12.

- What is God's Word useful for?
- What does it accomplish in us?

HOW DO WE KNOW THE BIBLE IS ACTUALLY GOD'S WORD?

God told us the Bible is His Word.

The Bible was written by 40 different authors who were inspired by God to write His Words down over a period of 1,500 years. For many years, people carefully preserved God's Word by hand. By the 1400s, the printing press was invented, which made copying the Bible much simpler.

In 1946, the Dead Sea Scrolls (ancient copies of many of the books of the Old Testament) were discovered in a cave in Qumran. Inside, archaeologists found hundreds of scrolls that contained very few changes from the Word of God we have today.

WERE GOD'S WORDS WRITTEN IN ENGLISH?

The Bible was originally written in Hebrew and Greek. As Christianity spread through the early church to people who spoke different languages, the need to translate the Scriptures grew. Around A.D. 400, the Bible was translated into Latin, which was the official language of the Roman Empire. It wasn't until 1384 that John Wycliffe completed the first English translation of the Bible.

According to the Wycliffe Global Alliance, there are now 724 language translations of the complete Bible and 1,617 of the New Testament. We can praise God that up to 97% of people on the earth can read and understand some part of God's Word in their language.

JOURNAL



Find a Scripture verse for each person in your family that could help them in an area of spiritual need (It could be a sin issue, anxiety, fear, trust, etc.) and write it in your journal. Over the next week, pray through the Scripture passage for each member of your family.





THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

○ MEMORIZE

THE LAW OF THE LORD IS PERFECT, REVIVING THE SOUL; THE TESTIMONY OF THE LORD IS SURE, MAKING WISE THE SIMPLE.

(PSALM 19:7)

- HOW CAN I **WORSHIP GOD?**
- BY READING AND OBEYING HIS WORD.

BUILD



Purchase a set of building bricks to put together as a family. Reiterate how important it is to read and follow the instructions in order to build the set correctly. As you work together to build the new creation, remind your family of the importance of studying God's Word.

SHARE



Tell your kids about a specific scripture verse or passage that has been meaningful in your life.

- What has it taught you about God?
- What has it taught you about yourself?
- How have you chosen to obey God as a result of understanding this Scripture?

WATCH





Help your child learn their verse by watching this week's Memory Melody video!

PRAY



GOD, THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRECIOUS WORDS. THEY ARE **SWEETER THAN HONEY AND** MORE COSTLY THAN GOLD. HELP ME TO READ AND OBEY THE BIBLE ALL OF MY DAYS. GIVE ME WISDOM TO BUILD MY LIFE ON YOUR WORD. I LOVE YOU. AMEN.

This week's verse comes from the psalms. Look for it in the book of Psalms together. What book comes before it? What book comes after it?

TASTE



Read Psalm 19:7-11 out loud to your children and give each of your children a taste of honey. Explain that God's Word to us is precious, sweet and more costly than gold.

Memorize Psalm 119:103. When you use honey in the future, recite the verse as a family.

CREATE



Encourage each family member to select one verse from Psalm 19:7-11 to incorporate into a piece of art. You may try hand lettering the verse, illustrating it with watercolors or markers, or even writing it onto an appropriate coloring page for younger children. Share your art with each other and explain why the verse you picked is precious to you.

SING



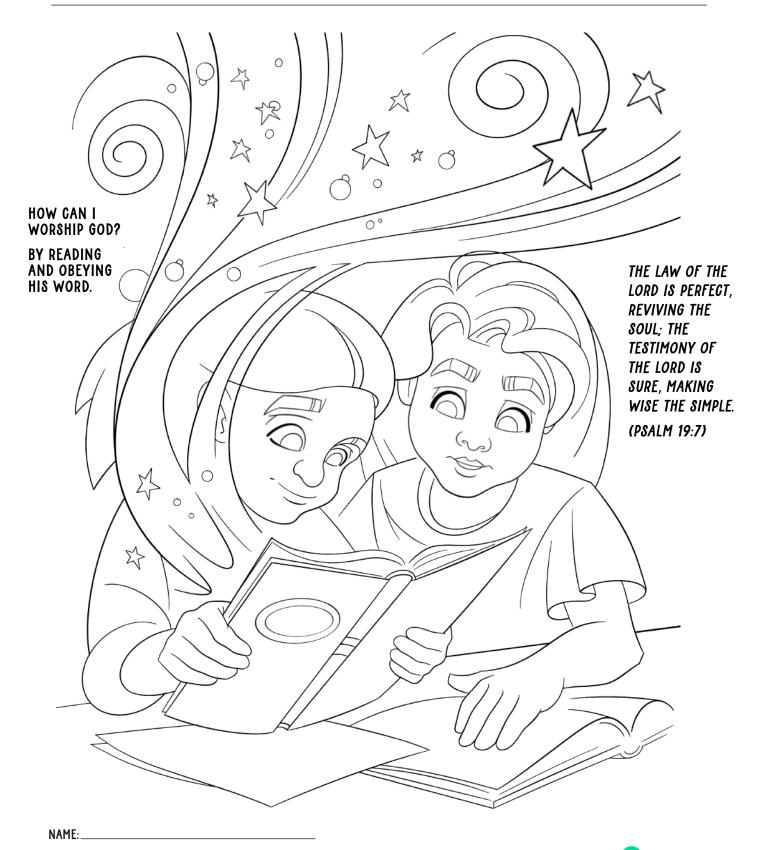


Listen to this playlist throughout the series to praise God and God alone!

SCAN HERE TO LISTEN WHEREVER YOU ARE!



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