

# WEEKLY DISCUSSION GUIDE

WAYSIDE KIDS @ HOME | SEPTEMBER 19 | PSALM 19



## BIBLE SKILLS

Help your child find Psalms in his or her Bible. Talk about where it is located.

- Is Psalms in the Old Testament or New Testament?
- What does Psalm mean?
- What division is Psalms in?
- Who wrote Psalm 19?

## BACKGROUND INFO:

For the past couple of weeks, we have been talking about God's glory. God's glory can be thought of as His greatness. The Bible often uses the picture of a brilliant white light when it comes to God's glory. When Moses came down from Mt. Sinai after spending time with God, his face shone. When Jesus was transfigured, He shone like a brilliant white light. When Paul encountered Jesus on the road to Damascus, he saw a blinding light. But we don't only see God's glory revealed in bright light. In Psalm 19, King David uses creation to speak of God's glory. One of the greatest ways we can know of God's glory is that the Creator who made everything not only made us, too, but He wants to have a relationship with us!

**Bible Skills Answers:** Old Testament | Song | Poetry and Wisdom | King David





## PRAYER:

Before moving on to the next section, pray for the Holy Spirit to teach you as you read and discuss the scriptures. Model prayer for your child, and encourage him or her to pray as well. Your prayer can be as simple as the following:

Dear God, thank You for giving us Your Word in the Bible. Be with us now as we read and talk about Your Word. Help us to understand and to learn more about You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

## BIBLE READING & DISCUSSION:

Over the next week, spend time each day reading and discussing Psalm 19. If your child can read, encourage him or her to read aloud as well. If your child is young, read only parts of the chapter or consider reading from a storybook Bible.

## DAY ONE

**READ:** Psalm 19:1-6

### DISCUSS:

- **How has creation helped you understand more about God?** Discuss times you have felt awe while looking at something in creation (ie: star-gazing or visiting a natural wonder). Talk about specific things you have learned about God from these experiences (ie: God is awesome, majestic, powerful)

**ACTIVITY:** Choose one or two worship songs to sing as a family, praising God for His creation. For ideas, see the [Family Worship](#) link in the Additional Resources section of the Kids @ Home page.

## NEED HELP? HAVE QUESTIONS?

The Wayside Kids Team is available to walk alongside you through this process. If you have any questions, please let us know!

You can email us at [Kids@waysidechapel.org](mailto:Kids@waysidechapel.org).

We'd love to hear about your family's spiritual journey and would love to offer encouragement and guidance as needed.



## DAY TWO

**READ:** Psalm 19:7-11

**DISCUSS:**

- **If creation shows things about God, why do we need the Bible?** Creation can only show us some things about God. Creation can show us God's power, goodness, and beauty, but creation cannot teach us what Jesus did for us and how to begin a relationship with Him.

## DAY THREE

**READ:** Psalm 19:12-14

**DISCUSS:**

- **What is something you have learned about God from the Bible?** Discuss lessons from previous weeks. Ask your kids what they have learned from other stories in the Bible. Share things God has taught you during your personal Bible study time. Encourage your kids to read their Bibles daily and write down or draw pictures to help them remember what they learn as they read God's word.

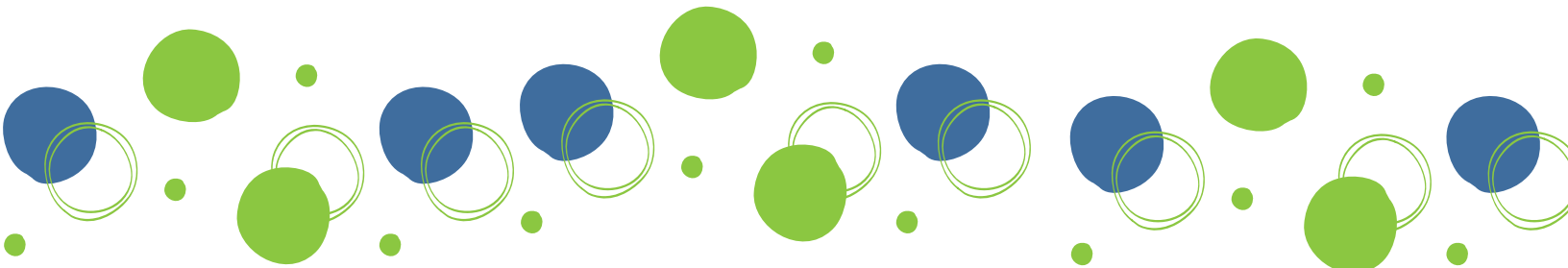
## DAY FOUR

**REVIEW:** Psalm 19

**ACTIVITY:**

Give your child a sheet of dark blue or black construction paper. Use toothpicks or freshly sharpened pencils to poke many small holes into the paper. Roll the paper into a cylinder and tape it together on the inside seam. Dim the lights and use a small, bright flashlight to illuminate the paper cylinder from the inside.

The night sky is beautiful and amazing. Many people in history have written songs or painted pictures of the beautiful stars. Sometimes we use the word heavens to mean the sky above us. What do you think the heavens would tell us if they could speak?





## DAY FIVE

### BIBLE MEMORY

*"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork." Psalm 19:1*

This verse comes from the passage we have studied this week. Psalm 19 teaches us that creation tells us things about God. Even though we can learn true things about God from creation - He is powerful, He is good, He is beautiful - we cannot know God apart from Jesus whom we learn about in the Bible. Creation is enough to show us God is real, but we need the Bible to learn how to have a relationship with Him.

### ACTIVITY:

Use chalk to write the verse on a piece of dark blue or black construction paper. Decorate the paper with stars and other things you see in the heavens.

## WE'D LOVE TO HEAR YOUR STORIES!

The Wayside Kids Team would love to hear how you have been able to utilize this guide with your family. Share your stories, pictures, or videos of your kids doing the activities, reciting the Bible verse, or discussing the lesson with us on [Facebook @wayside.kids](https://www.facebook.com/wayside.kids)