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SERIES OVERVIEW

Personal connection comes through honesty. The psalmists understood this better than anyone. From the pages of the book of Psalms leap lament and joy, anger and mercy—honest cries to the God who hears us and knows us. During this series, you and the kids you lead will discover more from the Psalms about the unchanging character of God—the loving, caring, faithful shepherd—and your identity as His kids, wonderfully and purposefully created. Together you'll come to God like the psalmists of old, singing, shouting, and crying out your prayers and praises to the one who is worthy!

WONDERFULLY MADE ELEMENTARY SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

Lesson Title	Scripture	Wonder Truth	Word of Wonder
I Am Fearfully and Wonderfully Made	Psalms 139	God Made Me on Purpose, for a Purpose	You created the deepest parts of my being. You put me together inside my mother's body. How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well. —Psalm 139:13–14 (NIRV)
The Lord Is My Shepherd	Psalms 23	God Cares for Us	
God's Word Is a Lamp to My Feet	Psalms 119	God Gives Us the Bible to Know Who He Is	
God's Love Endures Forever	Psalms 103; 136	God's Love Is Faithful	
I Can Praise God with a Joyful Heart	Psalms 63; 108	God Is Worthy of Praise	

SERIES INVITATION

I despised poetry.

When I was a student, poetry meant endless dithering over the nuance of words, the rhythm of verse, or the subtleties of expression. It did not come easily to me!

Yet the older I get, the more I appreciate poetic conciseness. When praying the Psalms, I find that I bring my honest self before God. A psalm can catch me off-guard with a direct request to God: “Help!” Or perhaps the writer will say with self-assurance, “I know you’ve got my back!”

The Psalms have an outsized role in early Christian worship, yet this may be the first time you teach them to children or youth. You will find in psalms a large spectrum of emotion: joy, despair, triumph, sorrow, even doubt. Do you imagine that God is pleased by our open and honest prayers?

Early Christians had Psalms on their lips. Even Jesus, when he was suffering excruciating loss, called out the words of a psalm (See Matt 27:46 and Ps 22:1). If Jesus prayed the Psalms, they are worthy of our attention.

And what a treasure they are! No matter your state of mind, there is a psalm which can give voice to your feelings and help you to pray. As you prepare to study God’s character through poetry, maybe it’s time that you give poetry another chance. Is there an emotion you have struggled to express to God? Could this present an opportunity to find your voice?

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