



Week 2 Preschool 8:30/11:00

INVITATION

We invite you to pause, listen, and shift your gaze toward the Father ...

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: God Gives Us the Bible to Know Who He Is

SCRIPTURE: [Psalm 119](#)

WORD OF WONDER: [From Psalm 139:14](#)

Only recently, walking became a priority to my family. Because of our schedules, most family walks happen in the evening around dusk. Quickly, I realized that without a light, not only were we vulnerable to cars, but we would stub our toes on the uneven gaps of the ground. I had to find the perfect flashlight: not too heavy, not a battery hog, not blinding.

In [Psalm 119:105](#), the psalmist compares God's speech to a light, which illumines a path. God speaks through Scripture, and God is able to reveal a way forward.

Yet in the metaphor, God's words are not themselves the path. We expect Scripture to contain directions and answers, but the analogy is slightly different. Scripture helps us but not by solving all our difficulties or always telling us precisely what to do. Scripture is more like the flashlight you carry. It provides illumination that you may see. And, with God's help, you may walk boldly through the otherwise shadowy world.

I invite you to set aside time to read from [Psalm 119](#) as you prepare to teach. Perhaps you could light a candle to represent the light of God's Word. As you read verses [97–105](#) to yourself, expect God to show you something new. What paths has God set before you? How is God preparing you?

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Play Stations

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: [God's Word Is a Lamp to My Feet Coloring Sheet](#) (1 per kid)

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Set up: Print one copy per kid of the [coloring sheet](#) and set out the coloring utensils.

Play: Let the kids color. The kids can also turn the sheet over and draw a picture using highlighters. Encourage kids to draw pictures of lights, candles, or other things that light up and glow.

Word of Wonder

SUPPLIES: Bible, flashlights (1 per kid)

WORD OF WONDER

How God made me is amazing and wonderful.

—from Psalm 139:14

Our Word of Wonder for the Wonderfully Made series is from Psalm 139:14. Let's practice saying the Word of Wonder together. Open a Bible to Psalm 139:14 and practice the verse with the kids.



Hand out flashlights or battery tealights to kids. You can either give each kid her own light to use or have them take turns. **We're learning today from Psalm 119 that God's Word is a light for us. Psalm 119:105 says, "Your word is like a lamp that shows me the way." That means God's Word is like a bright light that helps us see where to go. The Bible helps us know what God is like. God wants us to be able to recognize His way which is why He gives us the Bible—to know who He is.**

Leader Tip: Remind kids not to shine flashlights in each other's eyes. Lights should always be pointed at the ground until you say otherwise.

One of the things that the Bible tells us is how God made you and me. That reminds me of our Word of Wonder. Let's say it together a few times.

Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the verse with you.

- **HOW GOD**—Point up with both hands.
- **MADE ME**—Point to yourself with two thumbs.
- **IS AMAZING**—Put one arm out to your side for each word.
- **AND WONDERFUL.**—Burst both arms up and out to the sides at the same time.
- **FROM PSALM 139:14**—Hold your hands open in front of you, as if holding a book.

Let's do an activity using light to help us practice our verse. I'm going to name something in the room, and you can use your flashlight (or tealight) to shine light on whatever I say. Once we have all lit up the object with our lights, we'll say our verse together! Ready? If the kids are using tealights, they can go to the thing you name and put their light near it.

Call out various things around the room (e.g., table, chair, door, ceiling, etc.) and invite the kids to shine their light on each object. Once they have their light focused on the object that you called out, encourage them to repeat the Word of Wonder with you. Repeat as time allows.

Gather kids to discuss these questions:

- **Who made you?** (God)

- **How do you know God made you?** (*The Bible tells us.*)
- **What does this verse say about how God made you?** (*God made us amazing and wonderful; God made us special and on purpose.*)

Circle Time: Spinning Flashlight

SUPPLIES: flashlight

Gather the kids and have them sit in a circle. Turn on a flashlight and place it in the middle of the circle.

It's important for us to know God's Word. When we learn God's Word and do what He says, we become wise and make good choices. God gave us the Bible to know who He is and to help us choose the right way. God's Word helps us obey and follow Him. Psalm 119 says God's Word is sweet, like honey—a yummy treat!

God's Word helps us stay close to Him and choose to do the right things. It shows us the best way to live—full of joy and love. We're going to use this flashlight to help us remember what we learned in God's big story today. I'm going to spin it around, and if the light is shining on you when it stops, you get to answer a question. Ready?

Dim the lights. Spin the flashlight in the middle of the circle. Wherever the flashlight points, ask that kid a question each time it stops.

Leader Tip: Do not shine flashlights in the kid's eyes. Instead, point the flashlight on the ground in front of the kid.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **What's a story you've heard from the Bible? What did you learn from that story?**
- **How does the Bible help us?** (*helps us know God, know how to live, know the right thing to do, helps when we're scared, etc.*)
- **What did the writer of Psalm 119 say that God's Word is like?** (*a lamp and a light*)
- **What's something the Bible teaches us?**
- **What are psalms?** (*song poems*)
- **What makes Psalm 119 special? Is it long or short?** (*long; longest Psalm of the Bible*)
- **When and how do you read or hear about the Bible?**

God gives us the Bible to help us know who He is. The Bible helps us know we can talk to God when we're happy or sad—just like the writers of the Psalms. Let's talk to God now in prayer!

Invite kids to share prayer requests and praises and to pray for each other. Some kids may not be comfortable praying out loud. That's OK! Encourage them to pray silently and thank God for giving us His Word. God hears all our prayers!

Game: Footprint Fun

SUPPLIES: colored paper (red, green, yellow, blue; optional)

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: [Footprint Sheets](#) (1 set per kid)

Ahead of time, print copies of the Footprint Sheets. You'll need enough to have one Footprint Sheet set per kid (all four colors per kid). Spread the footprints around on the floor in a large, open space. Alternatively, you could put different colored sheets of paper down on the floor rather than printing the Footprint Sheet.



The Bible is like a light on a path because the Bible is God's Word. When we do what the Bible says, we get to know God and can have joy in our heart. When we're sad, scared, or don't know what to do, reading the Bible will help us know what to do. The Bible is the true story of God's big love for His people. The footprints on the floor remind us of our path—where we go and what we do. We can follow God each day and walk with Him. And God will lead us.

I'm going to call out different colors, and then you'll run and stand on a set of footprints that matches the color that I call out. So, if I say, "red," what color are you going to run to? Allow kids to respond. Right, red! OK, let's play!

Call out one of the following colors: red, green, yellow, or blue. Once kids have each found a set of footprints to stand on, say: **The Bible tells us that Jesus loves us! On the count of three, let's say, "Jesus loves me!" One, two, three ... Jesus loves me!**

Repeat with different colors and the following statements:

The Bible tells us that God knows us! On the count of three, let's say, "God knows me!" One, two, three ... God knows me!

The Bible tells us that the Holy Spirit leads us! On the count of three, let's say, "The Holy Spirit leads me!" One, two, three ... The Holy Spirit leads me!

The Bible tells us that we're children of God! On the count of three, let's say, "I am a child of God!" One, two, three ... I am a child of God!

Prayer and Blessing

After the kids finish their activity, pray with them, thanking God for giving us the Bible to help us know Him.

When I say, “Bible,” hold your hands open like a book. Let’s pray and talk to God.

God, thank You for giving us the Bible (hold hands open like a book) to help us know who You are. Thank You for giving us the Bible (hold hands open like a book) to remind us how much You love us! We love You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands are open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

Blessing: God knows you and wants you to know Him too! And He loves you and wants you to love Him as well! May you always know God and remember that He loves you!

Closing Game: Flashlight Freeze

SUPPLIES: flashlight

Gather the kids together in a large open space. **Today we learned that God’s Word is a lamp to light our path. The Bible teaches us about God and helps us know how to live. Let’s play a game about lights showing us what to do. I’m going to dim all the lights. When I do, you can dance around and be as silly as you want. But whenever I turn on the flashlight, you need to freeze! If you move when the flashlight is on, you’ll shout out today’s Wonder Truth: **GOD GIVES US THE BIBLE TO KNOW WHO HE IS!****

Dim the lights and invite the kids to dance around. You could play some upbeat music. Occasionally, turn your flashlight on and encourage all the kids to freeze. Shine the flashlight at each kid (making sure not to shine it in their eyes). If they move, they need to shout out today’s Wonder Truth: God gives us the Bible to know who He is!

Continue playing as time allows.