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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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Object Lesson: Flashlight

SUPPLIES: flashlight

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

Welcome to church! Today we're going to have some fun with this flashlight. Let's see what this flashlight does.

Show the kids the flashlight and show them how it turns on and off. Let them take turns shining the flashlight at something in the room. Remind them not to shine the light in each other's eyes and only at what you say.

Let them take turns standing in the light when you shine it on the floor or invite them to walk where you shine the light as you move it around the room.

We're going to hear today about how God's Word is like a light, kind of like this flashlight lights our way in a dark room!

Activity: Catch the Light

SUPPLIES: flashlight

Let's play a game where you try to catch the light! Let's all stand up. I'll turn on the flashlight and shine the light on the floor. Try to step on the light wherever you see it on the floor!

Turn the flashlight on and off, shining it on the floor while the kids try to step on the beam of light.

In God's big story today, we'll learn that the Bible is like a light that helps us know who God is! Our Wonder Truth today is: GOD GIVES US THE BIBLE TO KNOW WHO HE IS.

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

GOD—*Point up.*

GIVES US—*Point to yourself.*

THE BIBLE—*Hold hands open in front of you.*

TO KNOW—*Point to your head.*

WHO HE IS—*Point up.*

Worship

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: songs from the [Wonderfully Made Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

Today we're learning that God gives us the Bible to know who He is. We'll learn in God's big story how God gave us the Bible to learn all about Him. Let's sing a song and thank God.

Play songs from the [Wonderfully Made Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance as they praise God.

God's Big Story

SUPPLIES: Bible, flashlight, tape (prep only)

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: [Toddler Bible Clue Sheets](#) (1 set), [Bible Story Picture](#) (optional)

Ahead of time, print a set of the [Toddler Bible Clue Sheets](#) and hang up each of the pictures around the room using tape.

Our part of God's big story today tells us all about the Bible! Can you say Bible? Invite the kids to say, "Bible." **Let's find out more about the Bible!**

read [Psalm 119:102–105](#) from the Bible, or use the script provided. You can also print the [Bible Story Picture](#) to show the kids a visual depiction of the story.



I need your help with God's big story today! We're going to use this flashlight to look for clues. When you see the light shining on a clue, shout out what you see. Once the kids are all safely seated, turn off the lights and pull out the flashlight.

Let's find our first clue! Shine a light on the picture of the Bible. **What do you see?** Allow kids to respond. **It's a book. This is the Bible! The Bible is God's big story. The Bible helps us know all about God.**

Here's our next clue. Shine the flashlight on the picture of the heart. **It's a heart! The Bible tells us all about God's love. God made us and He loves us.**

Shine the light on the picture of the honey. **The Bible says that God's Word is sweet. That means it's wonderful! We should love it!**

Shine the flashlight on the picture of the lamp and flashlight. **It's a lamp and a flashlight, just like what we're using to find our clues. The Bible tells us God's Word is like a light that will help us. When we're walking in a dark place, we need a light to help us see. The Bible helps us see who God is and what He wants for us.**

Word of Wonder

SUPPLIES: Bible

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. Practice the verse with the kids.

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.*

Prayer and Blessing

Pray with the kids and thank God for giving us the Bible to help us know Him.

When I say, “Bible,” hold your hands open like a book.

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 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!

Activity: Shadow Puppets

SUPPLIES: puppets, flashlight, small animals or toys (optional)

Use a puppet (or small animals or toys) to create shadows. **Let’s look at shadows. We need darkness, and we also need light in order to make them.** Find a blank wall, dim the lights, and shine a flashlight on the wall. Let the kids experiment by putting different objects in front of the light to create shadows on the wall. Encourage them to experiment with putting the objects closer or farther from the light to see how they change sizes. You can also create shadows using your hands. Ask the kids whether they can guess what each object is just by its shadow.

Sometimes it’s hard to know what something is just by its shadow. When we shine a light on the puppet, we can know what it is! God’s Word is like a light that helps us know who He is. We can thank God for giving us the Bible to help us know Him more and know how to live. The Bible is God’s big story.