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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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Puppet Intro and Curiosity Questions

Leader: You may remember our friend Tac, the curious cat. He's always asking questions. He has a question for you. Are you ready?

Tac the Cat: Hi, kids! I'm curious about the Bible today.

Leader: What about the Bible?

Tac the Cat: Where did it come from? It's a big book!

Leader: It's a book, but it's not just any regular book. The Bible is God's Word. It's God's big story. Lots of different people wrote it, and God gave them the words. There are actually 66 different books in the Bible!

Tac the Cat: 66 different books?! That's a lot!

Leader: Yes, it is. There are different types of books in the Bible. Some are history, some are poems, and some are letters.

Tac the Cat: So what's it all about?

Leader: There are lots of important things in the Bible. The Bible tells us all about who He is and how much He loves His people.

Tac the Cat: So we should read the Bible?

Leader: Yes, we should read the Bible (or let people read it to us). We read the Bible because it helps us know who God is. Today we're going to hear about a part of God's big story from the book of Psalms. The Psalms are song poems. We're going to learn how they help us know who God is.

Tac the Cat: How do the Psalms help us know who God is? I'm curious!

Leader: We'll find out when we hear God's big story today!

Tac the Cat: That sounds great! Well I'm going to go read the Bible now.

Have you ever wondered why God gave us the Bible? What parts of God's big story are you curious about? Allow the kids to respond. **What story or part of the Bible is your favorite?** Allow the kids to respond. **The Bible is God's Word; it's His big story. We'll learn about how the Bible helps us today.**

Today's Wonder Truth is GOD GIVES US THE BIBLE TO KNOW WHO HE IS. Today we'll discover God gives us the Bible to know who He is!

Word of Wonder

SUPPLIES: Bible, flashlights

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.*)

Craft: Lanterns

SUPPLIES: disposable water bottles (1 per kid), stickers, glow sticks (1 per kid), glue or tape (optional)

Hand out a water bottle to each kid. Put out a wide variety of stickers for kids to use to decorate their water bottles.



We're learning from Psalm 119 that God gives us the Bible to help us know who God is and what He's like! This psalm tells us how wonderful it is to follow God. God's Word lasts forever. The Bible teaches us that God never changes.

We're going to make our own lanterns. A lantern is like a fancy flashlight. To begin, you can take some of these stickers and decorate your water bottle. Give kids time to decorate their water bottles with stickers.

After kids have had time to decorate their bottles with stickers, give each kid a glow stick and show the group how to crack the glow stick to make it glow. Help each kid remove the lid from their water bottle, put the glowstick inside, and replace the lid.

To prevent accidental spills, place some glue under the lid of the bottle or place some tape over the lid.

Once everyone has finished their lanterns, turn off the lights and let the kids admire their new lanterns. **In God's big story today, we learned how Psalm 119 says God's Word is like a light for us to follow. Now you can take your light home to remind you to follow God's Word!**

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

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: upbeat songs

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. 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.