

LEADER'S GUIDE

YOUNGER CHILDREN

BIG PICTURE:

PSALMS

BIG IDEA:

YOUR NAME IS HIGHER

BIG POINT:

IN TROUBLED TIMES MY HOPE IS IN GOD

BIG WORD:

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DOCUMENT PURPOSE

This document is the Leader's Guide for BIG Picture PSALMS. It contains an outline to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children.

The BIG 'Psalms, Proverbs, Parables - Wisdom for Life' User Guide document contains all the service element information, including the large group segment of your service.

Make sure you read through and prayerfully study this material prior to your service to be fully prepared to minister to your children.



Learning Outcomes

- At the conclusion of this lesson children will:
- Know that in troubled times we can put our hope and trust in God.
 - Understand that God's name is higher than anything we may face.
 - Discover that king David trusted God when he was under attack.

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KIDS DISCIPLESHIP GROUP (KDG)

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Use this KDG outline to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children.

CONNECT TIME

One at a time, say your name and your favourite animal. Next, see how many names and favourite animals the leader can remember!

THE BIG QUESTION (TO DISCUSS IN YOUR KDG'S)

1. What name is higher than all others?

The name of Jesus is higher than the name of any brand, celebrity or world leader. The name of Jesus is higher than the name of any sickness or problem. Jesus is the name above all names. The Psalms show us that His name is higher than any trouble we face. Psalm 148:13 (GW) "Let them praise the name of the Lord because his name is high above all others. His glory is above heaven and earth."

2. When did David put his hope in God?

David sure had some ups and downs. He wrestled lions, faced giants, was hunted by Saul and went to war as he battled with nearby kingdoms. No matter what David faced, he trusted God. In troubled times his hope was in God.

3. When can you put your hope in God?

We can put our hope in God at all times! God is the source of our hope. Psalm 62:5-8 (NIV) says, "Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honour depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge." When we're worried about school, we can put our hope in God. When we feel lonely, we can hope in God. When someone is sick, we can put our hope in God. In troubled times my hope is in God.

ACTIVITY SHEETS

Children complete the activity sheets in this time.

THE BIG ACTIVITY

Purpose: To remind the children that God's name is higher than any trouble we face.

Directions: Set your small group a challenge to build the highest tower they can using recycled boxes, plastic bottles of various sizes and tape. Play the game time music from the curriculum media as they work together building and creating. Have a competition with other small groups and see whose tower is the highest.

Explanation: No matter what we're facing the name of Jesus is higher. The name of Jesus is greater than the name of sickness, greater than the name of troubles, greater than the name of sadness or disappointment. We can praise God no matter what is happening in our lives. Psalm 148:13 (GW) "Let them praise the name of the Lord because his name is high above all others. His glory is above heaven and earth."

BIG WORD

"Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true wisdom. All who obey his commandments will grow in wisdom. Praise him forever!" Psalm 111:10 (NLT)

Give each child a Big Word bookmark to colour in and decorate as you repeat the verse together a number of times.

GAME

One minute race.

Have all the children stand up and set them the challenge to sit down when they think one minute has passed. Make sure they can't see any clocks in the room, or see their watches. The leader begins the stop watch and lets the players know that the time has begun. Keep an eye out for which player sits down closest to the correct time, that player is the winner. Don't announce the winner until all players are seated.

PRAYER

Dear God,

Your name is higher than any trouble we face. You are high above all. In troubled times our hope is in You.

In Jesus name, Amen

Supplies Needed:

Recycle boxes and plastic bottles of various sizes, tape, game time music supplied with the curriculum media.

Supplies Needed:

Big Word bookmark supplied in the print material files, scissors, coloured pencils or markers.

Supplies Needed:

A clock, watch or a stopwatch timer.