Easy Peasy All-in-One Homeschool

<u>Bible — Poetry</u>

Bible — Year 3

L - 1st through 4th

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Course Description: Students will be reading through the book of Luke and the poetical books of the Old Testament. Students will also be using *Operation World*'s site to read about countries from a Christian perspective and to use their country prayer guides.

Note to parents: the Ls are reading NIrV and the Ms are reading NIV. I don't use the NIV, but I chose these as the most accessible for them. If you want your child to read another version, just click on the link provided and have your child choose your version from the menu above the reading. If you want to learn more about my Bible background and beliefs, go here.

*If you are looking for more copywork, you could have your child choose a verse to write out each day.

Day 1

- 1. This year we will be reading the gospel of Luke. The beginning of Luke you are probably really familiar with. Do you know what story is in the beginning? (answer: the Christmas story)
- 2. Read Luke 1:1-38.

3. This was a big deal. Joseph was going to divorce Mary for being pregnant with a baby that was not his child. Mary's whole life could have been "ruined." But she does not argue or complain, she submits to God's plan for her life. This will never happen to you, but if God chooses something hard for your life, do you think you could submit to it cheerfully? The fact is, all Christians will face struggles. God allows them in our lives for His greater purpose. It can be hard to submit cheerfully and trust Him to bring about good from it.

Day 2

- 1. This year we're going to be reading the poetry books of the Bible. One of them is Psalms, a collection of songs. There are many songs in the Bible. Two are in chapter 1 of Luke.
- 2. Read Luke 1:39-80.
- 3. What do Mary and Zechariah sing about? (answer: They sing praises to God and they both prophesy a little, tell what is to come.)
- 4. What does Zechariah's song say about John the Baptist? (answer: He will teach people how to have their sins forgiven to make the way for Jesus to come.)

- 1. Read <u>Luke 2:1-20</u>.
- 2. What do you think the shepherds thought for the next 30 years before Jesus started to doing ministry?
- 3. Do you think they recognized who Jesus was when He became famous? Do you think they ever saw Jesus again?
- 4. You can see on this <u>map</u> the Bethlehem is close to Jerusalem. (Over on the left near "administered through Rome.")
- 5. Why do you think angels appeared to shepherds and not rich and powerful people?

6. What do you think is the most remarkable part of the story of Jesus' birth?

Day 4

- 1. Read Luke 2:21-52.
- 2. Simeon is one of my favorite parts. Here's a song about Simeon.
- 3. What do you think Mary and Joseph are thinking after what Simeon and Anna said?
- 4. I've heard people say that they can't understand how Jesus got separated from his parents coming home from Jerusalem. When I was living in Macedonia, I remember being in a Roma (Gypsy) village and my friend losing her two-year old. It turns out a neighbor/relative had invited her to tag along to the store. Jesus' family was with a large caravan. They all knew each other. They were all together. It wouldn't have been unusual for the kids to move freely amongst the group. Plus, Jesus was the oldest of Mary and Joseph's children. They had at least seven. Mary's attention wasn't on making sure Jesus was close by. He wasn't the kind of kid you needed to worry about. He was trustworthy. They didn't have any concern of him wandering off and causing mischief. I think it was a huge shock to them that it seemed like Jesus had done something wrong. Jesus somehow knew that He needed to be in the temple. He thought they must have known too, but they didn't have the same Spirit connection to the Father.
- 5. What's your favorite part of the story of Jesus being born and growing up?

Day 5

- 1. Read Luke 3:1-20.
- 2. Starting with verse 10, the crowd asks John the Baptist about what they should do. I find it interesting that his answers all relate to money. What are his three answers? (hint: verses 11, 13–14)

- 1. Read <u>Luke 4:1-13</u>.
- 2. What did Jesus use to defeat Satan's temptations? (answer: Bible verses)
- 3. Can you think of something that you are tempted to do wrong and a Bible verse that you can remember to say to help you make the right choice and win? If you are having trouble, ask your parents to help.

- 1. Read Luke 4:31-44.
- 2. What does Jesus have the power over? (answer: sickness and demons)

Day 8

- 1. Read <u>Luke 5:1-16</u>. While you read, try to picture it. These were real people experiencing these things. What did they look like? Sound like? Smell like?
- 2. In verse 5, what do you think Simon was feeling? What do you think he tried again? (answer: I think he must have been frustrated that they hadn't caught anything, but there must have been something about the way Jesus looked at him that gave him the feeling he better listen and try again.)
- 3. When they caught fish, Peter confesses that he's a sinner.

 Why? (answer: Maybe he realized that Jesus performed a miracle and must be a holy man of God.)

Day 9

- 1. Read Luke 5:17-26.
- 2. How are our sins forgiven? (hint : verse 20) (answer: by faith)

Day 11

- 1. Read Luke 6:1-16.
- 2. Tell the story to someone.
- 3. How many of the twelve disciples can you name?
- 4. One of the disciples is Judas, the traitor. Jesus knew who was going to betray Him. But we know that He loved Judas just like the others. When Jesus announced that one of them would betray Him, they didn't say, "It must be Judas." They had no idea who it was. They couldn't tell by how Jesus had treated Judas.

Day 12

- 1. Read Luke 6:17-36.
- 2. What do you think is the hardest part of this Scripture to obey?
- 1. Read Luke 6:17-36.
- 2. The blessings and woes are exact opposites of each other. When you look at the poor, do you think they are blessed? When you look at the rich, do you think "woe?" What do you think of God separating the rich and poor this way? James 2:5 Matthew 19:24

Day 13

- 1. Read Luke 6: 37-49.
- 2. What is the description of a wise person? (hint: verse 47) (answer: They listen to Jesus and obey.)
- 3. What is the description of a foolish person? (hint: verse 49) (answer: They may call Jesus, "Lord," but they don't obey Him; they aren't really following Him.)

4. Are you wise or foolish?

Day 14

- 1. Read Luke 7:1-17.
- 2. What did the centurion understand about Jesus? (answer: He had authority, the power to command and demand.)
- 3. Lots of people must have died during the years that Jesus ministered. Why did He raise this young man from the dead? (answer: He saw her and felt compassion. Her son was all she had to support her and to take care of her.)

Day 15

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Day 16

- 1. Read Luke 7:36-50.
- 2. Why did the woman love Jesus so much? (answer: She had many sins forgiven.)
- 3. We should all love as much as this woman (or be as grateful) because we were all forgiven as much as this woman; we were forgiven everything.

Day 17

- 1. Read Luke 8:1-15.
- 2. What can try to steal away faith? (answer: unbelief, hard times-when bad things happen, worry, the love of money)
- 3. What kind of heart holds onto faith? (answer: good and honest)

- 1. Read Luke 8:40-56.
- 2. Remember that these are real people. That father had to trust Jesus and believe when he was being told that his daughter was dead. How do you think he was feeling?
- 3. Why was Jesus looking for who touched Him even when lots of people were pushing up against Him, crowding around? (answer: He felt power leave Him.)
- 4. Lots of people were touching Jesus, but only one felt His power. Why do you think she did? (answer:Jesus tells her that her faith healed her. She believed she would be healed if she touched Him.)
- 5. Do you know why she was afraid to admit to touching Him? A person who is bleeding is "unclean." Anyone that person touched would become "unclean." Was Jesus upset that she touched Him? (answer:No, He knew that whether someone was clean or unclean came from the heart.)

Day 19

- 1. Read Luke 9:1-17.
- 2. Jesus sent the disciples out. There were places that didn't welcome the disciples. What did the people in those places miss out on? (answer: learning about salvation, getting healed)
- 3. Which do you think is the bigger miracle: the disciples going with no money or provisions and having all they needed for their journey or the five thousand being fed at once? (answer: I just asked what you thought; there is no wrong answer. Either one shows God's love and ability to care for His children.)

Day 21

- 1. Read Luke 9:18-36.
- 2. What does Peter answer about who Jesus is? (answer: the Christ of God)
- 3. Christ means anointed one. Do you remember how Samuel poured oil over David's head, anointing him to become king? Jesus is God's chosen king. Anointing didn't exclusively happen only for kings, but it did only happen when someone was chosen to fulfill a specific role.
- 4. How does Jesus show that He is the Christ, in the second story? (answer: He shows that He was sent by God by transforming into His heavenly body and speaking with long, physically dead prophets. Jesus transformed to their world to speak to them.)

Day 22

- 1. Read Luke 9:37-62.
- 2. What are some ways that the disciples show that they just don't get it! (answer: Jesus sends out to heal and cast out demons, but they can't. They fight about who is the greatest when Jesus' example is to be a servant to others. They ask Jesus if they should call down fire from heaven on a people Jesus loves.)

Day 23

- 1. Read Luke 10:1-24.
- 2. The disciples are given great authority, but what are they supposed to rejoice about? (answer: that they are saved)
- 3. What did many prophets and kings wish for? (answer: to see the Messiah and His miracles and to hear His teachings)

- 1. Read Luke 10:25-42.
- 2. Why do you think that the priest and the Levite, upstanding religious men, wouldn't help the hurt man? (answer: Maybe in their selfishness, they cared more about staying "clean" than helping.)
- 3. Do you know why it is surprising in the story that a Samaritan helped the man? (answer: Samaritans and the Jews didn't like each other.)
- 4. What does Martha accuse Jesus of? (answer: not caring!)
- 5. What's the better thing? (answer: stopping and listening to Jesus)

Day 25

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Day 26

- 1. Read Luke 11:1-13.
- 2. Based on these verses teach a lesson on prayer.

Day 27

- 1. Read <u>Luke 11:37-54</u>.
- 2. What are the Pharisees doing wrong? (answer: They are proud, love feeling important. They follow the law strictly on the outside, but ignore it on the inside, showing no love or compassion.)

- 1. Read Luke 12:1-12.
- 2. What do you think is the most surprising or most hard-to-swallow thing about this teaching from Jesus?
- 3. How does verse six help us not be afraid? (answer: God sees us, knows what's happening to us, cares for us, loves us. He hasn't forgotten us.)

- 1. Read Luke 12:13-34.
- 2. What is the moral of the first parable? (answer: There is a treasure on earth that can end up being worthless. And no matter it's worth, your treasure can't buy you faith and salvation.)
- 3. What's the moral of the second lesson? (answer: Don't worry.)
- 4. How can looking at flowers and birds help us not to worry? (answer: God cares for them and yet we are much more valuable.)

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Day 31

- 1. Read <u>Luke 12:35-48</u>.
- 2. Tell someone what you think this story is talking about.

- 1. Read Luke 13:10-30.
- 2. Why were those opposed to Jesus ashamed? (answer: because they knew Jesus was right They would help an animal and not a person. It reminds

me of the law in some cities where it is legal to feed the squirrels in the park but not a homeless person. Do you think that is shameful?)

Day 33

- 1. Read Luke 14:1-14.
- 2. What are the lessons from the two sections of this Scripture? (answer: Be humble not proud; don't think of yourself as better than others. Reach out to the poor; give to those who can't give back; do things for unselfish reasons.)
- 3. What ideas can you think of to put them into practice?

Day 34

- 1. Read Luke 15:1-24.
- 2. What is this chapter about? (answer: how God rejoices and the heavens celebrate when one person repents and comes home to the Father)

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Day 36

- 1. Read <u>Luke 16:1-15</u>.
- 2. Tell the story and explain what the lesson is.

Day 37

1. Read <u>Luke 17:3-19</u>.

- 2. Do you act like the servant who knows he's just doing his job or do you expect something in return for your service?
- 3. Are you like the leper who returned? Do you thank and praise God for all He's done for you?

- 1. Read Luke 18:1-14.
- 2. What was the difference between the tax collector and the Pharisee? (answer: One knew he was a sinner and confessed to God seeking forgiveness. The other didn't admit his sin because of his pride.)

Day 39

- 1. Read Luke 18:15-43.
- 2. What does a rich man have to do to enter the kingdom of heaven? (answer: They don't have to sell everything and give everything away. Later we meet Zaccheus and he's not told to sell everything. He, by the grace of God, decides to give back all that he had "earned" wrongfully and then some. A rich person (which includes you and me) needs to not cling to our possessions. We own them by the grace of God and we need to offer them to Him to use as He desires. If you feel convicted to sell something in order to give the money to someone in need, then you need to obey the prompting of the Spirit an not feel like it's yours and you deserve it.)

Day 40

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Day 41

- 1. Read Luke 19:28-48.
- 2. How would you describe Jesus? Think of all the ways possible. God is love. What else do we see about Him in today's reading?

- 1. Read Luke 20:1-19.
- 2. What does Jesus do to silence the elders and teachers of the law? (answer: He asks them a question they are afraid to answer.)
- 3. Can you figure out what the parable of the renters is talking about? (hint: When the owner of the vineyard sends his son, the son is Jesus.) (answer: God is the owner of the vineyard. The farmers, His people, were the Jews. The servants are the prophets that God sent time and again to His people, but they were rejected and killed. Finally God sent Jesus. In the parable the son is killed and the owner gives the vineyard, the Kingdom of God, to others. We know that Jesus was killed by the Jewish leaders, and God opens the way to Him to the Gentiles.)

Day 43

- 1. Read Luke 21:1-28.
- 2. Why does God see the widow's "penny" as more than mounds of gold? (answer: He sees the heart. She is making a huge sacrifice in giving. She is giving all she has. The rich were still keeping much for themselves. The widow, in giving everything, is also showing trust in God to provide.)
- 3. There was a time, not too long after Jesus' resurrection, when armies surrounded Jerusalem and the temple was destroyed. How do we know that wasn't the full fulfillment of this prophecy? (answer: It says at that time you will see Jesus coming in the clouds.)

- 1. Read Luke 22:1-30.
- 2. Do you have to worry about Satan entering you like he did Judas? (answer: No, if you belong to God, then you are full of the Holy Spirit. If you are "full," then there is no room for him.)
- 3. How did Peter and John know where to set up the Passover meal? (answer: Jesus told them exactly who they would meet and what they should say.)
- 4. Remember: The Passover was the celebration of how death passed over the Israelites. They sacrificed a lamb and spread its blood on their doorframes and death passed over those homes. That's why Jesus is called the Lamb of God. He was the sacrifical lamb and because of His blood death can pass over us, and we can have eternal life.

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- 1. Read Luke 22:31-62.
- 2. What did Jesus not want to do? (answer: Go through with what he knew was coming, the cross and everything it included)
- 3. What did Jesus want to do? (answer: Obey His Father)
- 4. There is a really confusing part of this story. Jesus reminds the disciples how He sent them out with nothing and they were fine. Now He says to buy a sword because the prophecy says that He'll be among criminals. This only has to do with when they come to arrest Jesus. This doesn't mean that from then on, He wanted to them to have swords and to be prepared to fight. How do we know? Several verses later, one of the

disciples gets rebuked for using a sword. Later, we never read of them ever using or even having swords.

Day 47

- 1. Read <u>Luke 23:1-25</u>.
- 2. In what verse does Jesus say that He is a king? (answer: verse 3)
- 3. It looks like Jesus was almost set free. Why isn't Jesus upset and defending Himself even though He is innocent? (answer: He "fought," struggled in prayer the night before. He knows His Father is in control and He knew this was His choice for His glory. It was God's will, and Jesus had surrendered Himself to doing God's will.)

Day 48

- 1. Read Luke 23:32-56.
- 2. The Jewish leaders and many who had gathered totally missed who Jesus was. Who realized it? (answer: one of the criminals being crucified as well)
- 3. Who realized that Jesus was innocent? (answer: one of the Roman soldier)

- 1. Read Luke 24:1-35.
- 2. Here are two examples of how believers don't believe what the Bible says. Can you find them? (answer:Jesus told them plainly repeatedly that He was going to die and resurrect. They didn't want to hear it. On the road to Emmaus, the two men were walking with Jesus and Jesus points out how the Scriptures told all these things would happen, but they didn't see it or understand it or believe it. They also missed the fact that Jesus was right there in front of them talking to them.)
- 3. Are you missing something right in front of you? When you read the Bible, ask God to help you really see, hear and understand. Believe what it says.

So often Christians don't actually read and follow the Scriptures. They just believe what they hear without seeking God in His Word.

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Day 51

- 1. Read Luke 24:36-53.
- 2. This is the last part of the book of Luke.
- 3. What are some characteristics of Jesus' resurrected body? (answer: He can just appear in a room. He says he has flesh and bones and he can eat normal food.)
- 4. This is an idea of what it will be like for us when we are given our new spiritual bodies.

Day 52

- 1. Read Job 1. (It is pronounced Jobe.)
- 2. Tell the story to someone.
- 3. What are some things we can learn about Satan from this? (answer: He has to ask permission before attacking a godly man. He obeys God. God put limits on what Satan could do with His word only. He roams the earth.)

Day 53

- 1. Read Job 2.
- 2. Tell someone what happens in this chapter.

- 3. What does Job's wife suggest? (answer: cursing God for doing this to him and being punished with death for cursing God)
- 4. What is Job's response? (answer: We should accept the good and the bad.)
- 5. Who comes to visit? (answer: three friends)
- 6. How did the friends comfort him? (answer: They could only cry with him and stay with him.)
- 7. Did God allow this to happen to Job because of Job's great sin? (answer: No, God calls him blameless and upright.)

- 1. Now the three friends and Job have long, poetic conversations.
- 2. Read Job 5:8-26, where one of the friends is talking to Job.
- 3. What does he think is the cause of Job's problems? (hint: verse 17) (answer: He thinks Job must have sinned and he's being disciplined.)

Day 55

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Day 56

- 1. Read Job 6:10-30.
- 2. Have Job's friends been helpful? (hint: verse 21) (answer: no)
- 3. Does Job think his friend is right, that he has sinned? (answer: no)
- 4. This conversation goes back and forth and on and on. Read these <u>final</u> <u>words</u> of the conversation. Does Job ever change his mind about his innocence?

- 1. Read Job 32.
- 2. Job and the three friends argue back and forth. When they are done, one man, Elihu, speaks.
- 3. Why did he wait to speak? (answer: He is the youngest.)
- 4. What has him angry? (answer: Job is self righteous and the others are accusing of wrong doing without proof.)

- 1. Read Job 38.
- 2. Orion and Pleiades are constellations.
- 3. God speaks. What does he say? What's His point? (answer: I am God and you aren't.)

Day 59

- 1. Read Job 39. God is still speaking to Job.
- 2. He's telling Job he doesn't know everything. Job was right that he hadn't committed some sin that he was being punished for, but he was being self-righteous, right and wise in his own eyes. God is reminding him who Job is next to God.
- 3. What can you learn about ostriches from this?

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Day 61

1. Read Job 40.

- 2. In verse 5 we can see an example of why this is called poetry. Can you see the repetition?
- 3. Job knew that he had done right and had been justifying himself. What has Job accused God of? (hint:verse 8) (answer: of not being fair He's saying that God let this happen to him even though he never did anything wrong.)
- 4. What is God accusing Job of? (answer: self-righteousness, Job is right in his own eyes.)
- 5. Isaiah teaches us that "all our righteous acts are like filthy rags." Our righteousness, our goodness, is nothing compare to the holiness of God. That's why we need a Savior in Jesus to come. He saves us from our sins by allowing us forgiveness through His death and by giving us His Spirit, His life through His resurrection, which allows us to live in His righteousness, puts His goodness in us?
- 6. Job was good by human standards, but he didn't realize before this time that his righteousness, his good works, would never match God's perfect holiness.

- 1. Read the end of the story, <u>Job 42</u>.
- 2. What do you think of how the story ends?
- 3. What can you learn from Job's story?

Day 63

- 1. Read <u>Ecclesiates 1</u>. This is a different kind of book. It is written by Solomon, the wise king, remember him? He is searching for meaning in life.
- 2. What does he find is meaningless? (answer: everything)
- 3. That doesn't mean you shouldn't work or shouldn't do school. It means that the pursuit of those things doesn't create meaning in your life. At the

end of your life there would have been no point if that's all that you had done.

Day 64

- 1. Read Ecclesiastes 2:1-11.
- 2. What are some things he tried to find purpose and to make himself happy? (answer: getting things that he thought would bring him pleasure, wine, women, houses...)
- 3. What was his conclusion? (answer: pointless, it had no meaning)
- 4. Studies have shown that depression is highest in the wealthiest countries. Having more doesn't make you happy. I bet your parents have told you that in one way or another. They were right.

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- 1. Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.
- 2. These are famous lines. What do they say? (answer: There is a time for everything.)
- 3. Read Ecclesiastes 5:1-12.
- 4. What wisdom does he share in this section? (answer: Respect God by being careful with what you say. Riches bring worry not pleasure.)

Day 67

1. We're going to skip to the end of Ecclesiastes. Read <u>chapter 12 verses 9-14</u>.

2. What is his final conclusion? (answer: Respect God and obey His commandments.)

Day 68

- 1. Read <u>Song of Songs</u> (or Song of Solomon) chapter 1 verses 1–4 and chapter 4:1–7.
- 2. What is this book about? (answer: the love in a marriage)

Day 69

- 1. Read Proverbs 1:1-19.
- 2. What does verse 3 say the proverbs are for? (answer: to teach you to live right, to make wise choices)
- 3. What's the first step to gaining knowledge? (hint: verse 7) (answer: fear the Lord)
- 4. Act out verse 10.

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Day 71

- 1. Read <u>Proverbs 2:1–15</u>.
- 2. Who gives wisdom? (answer: the Lord)
- 3. How does wisdom benefit you? (answer: show you what is right, protect you, guard you against evil)

- 1. Read Proverbs 3:1-12.
- 2. What do verses 6, 8 and 10 say will happen if you do verses 5, 7 and 9? How can you do those things?

- 1. Read Proverbs 4:1-15.
- 2. What will keep you safe? (answers: wisdom, parents' teaching)

Day 74

- 1. Read Proverbs 5:1-14.
- 2. Sin can look enticing and appealing when it's tempting you, but it ends up making you its prisoner and destroying you.

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- 1. Read Proverbs 6:6-23.
- 2. Instead of being lazy, who should you be like? Why? (answer: the ant They are diligent workers. They are always working to prepare what they need and no one even has to tell them to do it.)
- 3. What's in the list of the things the Lord hates? (answer: verses 17-19)

Day 77

1. Read <u>Proverbs 9:10-18</u>.

2. What's the first step to becoming wise? (answer: fearing God, "having respect for the Lord")

Day 78

- 1. Read Proverbs 10:1-9.
- 2. Share a piece of wisdom you learned.

Day 79

- 1. Read Proverbs 11:12-28.
- 2. What can help you gain respect? (hint: verses 16-17) (answer: Be kind.)
- 3. What do people who can be trusted do? (hint: verse 13) (answer: keep things to themselves, don't gossip and talk about others)

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Day 81

- 1. Read <u>Proverbs 12:15–28</u>.
- 2. What do you think is the best piece of wisdom in this chapter?

Day 82

- 1. Read Proverbs 13.
- 2. Which ones will help you do better with your school work? See if you can find at least four.

- 1. Read Proverbs 14:7-23.
- 2. If the way looks right, how can you avoid the wrong path described in verse 12? (answer: wisdom!)
- 3. How can working hard at your school work pay off? (verse 23)

Day 84

- 1. Read Proverbs 15:16-33.
- 2. What do you think is the best piece of wisdom in today's reading?

Day 85

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Day 86

- 1. Read Proverbs 16.
- 2. What do you think is the best piece of wisdom in today's reading?

Day 87

- 1. Read Proverbs 17.
- 2. Do you agree with verse 1?
- 3. Verse 9 is really important. Talking about sin, talking about what someone did wrong, can ruin your friendships, even in your family. It's always important to forgive and then to forget it.
- 4. Are your parents joyful? (verse 21)

- 1. Read Proverbs 18.
- 2. What do you think is the best wisdom you can learn from today's reading?
- 3. What do you think verse 10 means?

Day 89

- 1. Read Proverbs 19.
- 2. What did you learn from today's reading?

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Day 91

- 1. Read Proverbs 20:1-15.
- 2. What are some ways that alcohol can cause problems? (verse 1)
- 3. What do your actions say about you? (verse 11)

Day 92

- 1. Read <u>Proverbs 21:1-13</u>.
- 2. Do you think you can substitute the word president for "king" in the first verse?
- 3. (verse 13) God loves the poor. What can you do to show love to the poor?

- 1. Read Proverbs 22:1-16.
- 2. If you want anyone to be wanting to be your friend, what should you do? (hint: verse 11) (answer: be loving and kind)

Day 94

- 1. Read Proverbs 23:15-28.
- 2. Read Proverbs 23:13-14 in a different translation.
- 3. How can being disciplined and punished save you from death?

Day 95

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Day 96

- 1. Read Proverbs 24:23-34.
- 2. What's a piece of wisdom you learned from this chapter?

Day 97

- 1. Read Proverbs 25:13-28.
- 2. How should you treat your enemies? (hint: verse 21) (answer: You still show kindness.)
- 3. Do you know what it means to nag? Verse 24 is about a wife, but you can drive your parents just as crazy. You don't want them to think it would be better to not live in the house with you, do you?

- 1. Read Proverbs 27:1-12.
- 2. What do you think is good wisdom in these verses?
- 3. Talk with your parents about some "dangers" you might see coming. Going to your parents and telling them of it is probably the best way to stay safe.

Day 99

- 1. Read Proverbs 28:1-14.
- 2. Do you agree with verse 6?
- 3. I think verse 13 is the most important. How is this verse related to <u>1 John</u> <u>1:9</u>? What happens when we don't confess our sin?

Day 100

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Day 101

- 1. Read Proverbs 29:6-22.
- 2. What does verse 17 say?
- 3. What does verse 22 say? Do you get angry? Ask God to help you control your temper.
- 4. What wisdom do you think you should learn from today's reading?

- 1. Read Proverbs 30:24-33.
- 2. What makes the animals wise?
- 3. If you think you are better than someone else (maybe you just won at something), why should you put your hand over your mouth? (hint: verse 33) (answer: You may stir up a fight.)

- 1. Read <u>Proverbs 31:10-31</u>.
- 2. This is what we call, "The Proverbs 31 woman."
- 3. What kind of woman should be praised? (hint: verse 30)
- 4. What kinds of things does she do? (answer: She helps her husband, she makes things with her hands for her family, she does business (trading), she is wise, takes care of the family...)

Day 104

- 1. We're starting a new book today, the book of Psalms, or the book of songs.
- 2. Since they were meant to be sung, I thought maybe it would be nice to listen to them.
- 3. I will link to it in your same version to read, or if you prefer, you can listen to it in the New King James Version.
- 4. Read Psalm 1 or listen.
- 5. What's the difference between the tree in verse 3 and the straw in verse 4? (He's talking about people. Think about what's happening to the straw and what the tree's roots do.) (answer: The tree can't be moved. It's being fed by the steam. It's growing. The straw is dead.)
- 6. Who is the tree? (answer: a righteous person)
- 7. Who is the straw? (answer: Those who choose to sin.)

Day 106

- 1. Read Psalm 2 or listen.
- 2. Why is the Lord laughing? (answer: He knows the rulers of nations are making plans but He's the One really deciding what happens.)

Day 107

- 1. Read <u>Psalm 3</u> or <u>listen</u>. This explains that David wrote this while he was fleeing Absalom, his son who rose up to try to take over the kingdom.
- 2. Something to notice in the Pslams is that they will often start with David telling his troubles, but then often end with him praising God. This is an example for us of how to pray. We can tell God our troubles, our needs, but we should then recognize that He is able and willing, that He loves us and is for us, and praise and thank Him.

Day 108

- 1. Read Psalm 4 or listen.
- 2. Why can he sleep peacefully? (hint: verse 8) (answer: He can sleep because God keeps him safe.)

Day 109

- 1. Read Psalm 5 or listen.
- 2. Choose a favorite verse from this chapter. Why is it your favorite?

Day 111

- 1. Read Psalm 6 or listen.
- 2. David is in the middle of some trouble. He asks the Lord to not rebuke or discipline him, so maybe he has sinned and that has brought on the troubles. He asks the Lord, "How long?" What does he want to know? (answer: how long until his troubles are over)

Day 112

- 1. Read Psalm 7 or listen.
- 2. If you are listening, iniquity means sin.
- 3. David is asking God to act with justice. God is a just God which means that He makes decisions by what is right and fair.

Day 113

- 1. Read Psalm 8 or listen.
- 2. What is David thinking and feeling when he says verse 4? (answer: He sees that the world and universe are immense and he's so small in it and can't believe that he is someone God pays attention to, let alone cares for.)

Day 114

- 1. Read Psalm 9 or listen.
- 2. What is something David praises God for?

Day 115

Day 116

- 1. Read Psalm 10 or listen.
- 2. What is one thing wrong David sees happening? (answer: He gives lots of examples of evil that people are doing.)
- 3. What does he *know* God will do? (hint: verses 17–18) (answer: He knows that God will hear and see and make sure justice comes to the orphans and the poor who are oppressed.)

Day 117

- 1. Read Psalm 11 or listen.
- 2. Read verse 4. What does the Lord see when he studies you?

Day 118

- 1. Read Psalm 12 or listen.
- 2. You need to remember that this poetry. It sounds more beautiful in Hebrew. These were songs. They come across differently in English.
- 3. How about listen to one in <u>Hebrew</u>. You can listen for the repeating sounds of poetry. You can listen for "<u>Adonai</u>," a name of God meaning Lord.

Day 119

1. Read Psalm 13 or listen.

2. David again changes the way he speaks from the beginning to the end of the Psalm. How David feels now (sad heart) doesn't change who God is ("so good to me").

Day 120

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Day 121

- 1. Read Psalm 14 or listen.
- 2. Verse three says that everyone is evil and no one does good. What does the New Testament have to say about that?

Day 122

- 1. Read Psalm 15 or listen.
- 2. Who can go to heaven according to this Psalm?
- 3. The only one who can be perfect, holy, enough to be in God's presence is the one whom God has forgiven and cleansed from sin and who has been given the perfect Holy Spirit.

Day 123

- 1. Read Psalm 16 or listen.
- 2. Use some of the words or feelings expressed in this song to praise God. You could even turn them into a song yourself.

- 1. Read Psalm 17 or listen.
- 2. Here's a different translation of verse 8. "Keep me as the <u>apple of Your eye</u>; Hide me under the <u>shadow of Your wings</u>."
- 3. Look at the links. What does verse eight mean? What is David asking? Do you want to pray this as well?

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Day 126

- 1. Read Psalm 18 or listen.
- 2. Here is a worship song based on this chapter.
- 3. While you are listening, you can look at this? Look familiar?

Day 127

- 1. Read Psalm 19 or listen.
- 2. What is David talking about? What is more valuable than gold and sweeter than honey? Why is it so great? (hint: verses 7–10) (answer: God's laws because they bring wisdom and joy. If you can't see how God's law could be so great, this would be a good table time discussion.)
- 3. What brings reward? (hint: verse 11) (answer: obeying God's commands)
- 4. Verse 14, the last verse is a good prayer to pray. You might want to pray that now and you might want to memorize it!

Day 128

1. Read Psalm 20 or listen.

2. <u>Verse 7</u> says that people are trusting in horses and chariots to win battles instead of the Lord. What are ways people today trust in things other than the Lord? To start, think about ways people "battle" today. What are things people struggle with?

Day 129

- 1. Read <u>Psalm 21</u> or <u>listen</u>.
- 2. It says we'll sing and praise his power. Here's a praise song, <u>Lord You're Mighty</u>. (The audio didn't work for me. Here it is on <u>godtube</u> as well.)

Day 130

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Day 131

- 1. Read Psalm 22 or listen.
- 2. There are several parts of this Psalm which are prophecies about Jesus, specifically, about when He was killed. Can you find some of those places? (hint: verses 1, 16, 18) Here are some more.

Day 132

- 1. Read Psalm 23 or listen.
- 2. This is one to memorize if you haven't already.

Day 133

1. Read <u>Psalm 24</u> or <u>listen</u>.

- 2. Who can be in God's presence and receive his blessing? (vs. 3,
 - 5) (hint: verse 4) (answer: someone with clean hands and a pure heart, meaning someone whose sins are washed away and who is filled with the Holy Spirit by faith in Jesus and through His sacrifice for us)
- 3. The Psalm asks, "Who Is the King of glory?"

- 1. Read <u>Psalm 25</u> or <u>listen</u>.
- 2. What verse of this psalm do you like best? Why?

Day 135

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Day 136

- 1. Read Psalm 26 or listen.
- 2. Do what verse 7 says, tell someone about the wonderful things God has done, at the very least tell God to say thanks and praise Him.

Day 137

- 1. Read Psalm 27 or listen.
- 2. What is the answer to David's questions in verse 1? (answer: This is a rhetorical question. It's not answered. He is implying that there is nothing and no one to be afraid of because He has the Lord.)

- 1. Read Psalm 28 or listen.
- 2. Picture God as your shield (verse 7).
- 3. What does it mean to your life that you can have God as your shield? (answer: One thing it doesn't mean is that nothing bad will ever happen. To need a shield means that you are in battle. You are being attacked. Dangerous, hurtful things are being hurled at you. But God is there to keep them from destroying you and can even say that he's using those things to work out for your good!)
- 4. If you have God as your shield, rejoice and sing like the psalm says.

- 1. Read <u>Psalm 29</u> or <u>listen</u>.
- 2. How powerful is the "voice of the LORD?" (Think about Genesis 1.)

Day 140

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Day 141

- 1. Read Psalm 30 or listen.
- 2. How can verse five encourage you?

Day 142

- 1. Read <u>Psalm 31</u> or <u>listen</u>.
- 2. What does verse 22 say? What did David think? Does he really think that? Was it true? (answer: David is having all sorts of troubles and says, without thinking, "God has forgotten me." God hadn't forgotten him. God heard

his prayers. David obviously doesn't believe it either because he reminds us all to have hope and that God will help them.)

Day 143

- 1. Read Psalm 32 or listen.
- 2. You read on Day 114 about David "wasting away" because of his sin. He talks about again in verse 3.
- 3. What was happening to David? (hint: verse 4) (answer: He was being punished. There are bad consequences to sin. God also wants to show you how bad sin is so that you will repent, so that you'll stop sinning!)
- 4. Does it work? What happens in verse 5? (answer: Yes, David confessed his sin and was forgiven.)

Day 144

- 1. Read <u>Psalm 33</u> or <u>listen</u>.
- 2. There are so many good things in here! What verse means the most to you? That He spoke the whole world into being? That He can stop countries from doing evil plans? That we are saved by Him and don't need money and power? That He watches over us? Choose a verse that means the most to you. Share it and tell why.

Day 145

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Day 146

1. Read <u>Psalm 34</u> or <u>listen</u>.

- 2. This Psalm was written after this <u>event</u>, where David pretends to be mad so he wouldn't be killed for being an Israelite.
- 3. Does David praise his cleverness for escaping?
- 4. Hold your tongue and read the first part of verse 13 and then hold your lips and read the second part. :)

- 1. Read <u>Psalm 35:17-28</u> or <u>listen</u>.
- 2. People are lying about David and fighting against him. Is David planning how he's going to get revenge? (answer: No, he's asking God to give them what they deserve.)

Day 148

- 1. Read Psalm 36 or listen.
- 2. The Bible says the the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Read verse one. How would fearing the Lord help the unwise person described in the beginning of this Psalm?

Day 149

- 1. Read Psalm 37 or listen.
- 2. Does verse 4 mean you can be greedy and get anything you want? What will you get? (hint: He will give you what you delight in and you are told to delight in the Lord.)

Day 150

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- 1. Read Psalm 38 or listen.
- 2. Why is David in such bad shape? (hint: verses 3 and 5) (answer: David has sinned and is being disciplined. He's feeling God's heavy hand of punishment on him.)

Day 152

- 1. Read Psalm 40 or listen.
- 2. What did David have to do? (hint: verse 1) (answer: Wait! God often requires us to wait before He answers. Will we have faith and keep loving Him and trusting Him or do we just what want we want and only care about ourselves?)
- 3. Here is a <u>song</u> based on this Psalm.

Day 153

- 1. Read Psalm 42 or listen.
- 2. Sometimes you might feel sad. What is something you can do to feel better? (hint: verse 5) (answer:Keep hope in God that He is taking care of you and everything else and will make it all okay somehow, and we can praise Him that He has saved us. That's always a reason to rejoice and be thankful.)
- 3. Here's a <u>song</u> based on this Psalm. (Remember that Psalm means song. That's why there are so many songs written with the words of Psalms.)

Day 154

- 1. Read Psalm 43 or listen.
- 2. What verse in this Psalm reiterates a lesson from Psalm 42? (answer: verse 5)

3. Here's a song about it.:)

Day 155

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Day 156

- 1. Read Psalm 46 or listen.
- 2. Look at verses 2 and 3. If those things were happening, would you be afraid? How can we trust when awful things are happening? (hint: verse 1) (answer: God is there! He hasn't abandoned us. He is with us through the trouble.)

Day 157

- 1. Read <u>Psalm 47</u> or <u>listen</u>.
- 2. Clap for God!

Day 158

- 1. Read <u>Psalm 49</u> or <u>listen</u>.
- 2. What happens to the rich man? (answer: He dies and can't take his wealth with him.)

Day 159

- 1. Read Psalm 50 or listen.
- 2. What belongs to God? (hint: verse 12) (answer: the world and everything in it)

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Day 161

- 1. Read Psalm 51 or listen.
- 2. David had sinned. He repented and is asking God to forgive him and not give up on him.
- 3. Here's a <u>song</u> from this Psalm. It's from verse 10 where David asks God to make his heart clean and pure.

Day 162

- 1. Read Psalm 54 or listen.
- 2. Why is he praising God? (hint: verse 7) (answer: God saved him from all of his troubles.)

- 1. Read <u>Psalm 56</u> or <u>listen</u>.
- 2. The Psalm repeats the phrase, "I will not be afraid." In the one version is says, "I will not fear." But David also says, "When I am afraid, I will trust in you." David feels afraid some times, but then he remembers all that God has done and can do and reminds himself he doesn't have to be afraid. My family sings a song that quotes, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid, What is it that man can do to me?" Then we all yell, "Nothing." We like to sing it over and over and put in different words for "man" for all the things we shouldn't be afraid of.

- 1. Read Psalm 61 or listen.
- 2. Can you picture what it would look like to be safe high up on a rock? What would be happening that that would be a safe place?

Day 165

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Day 166

- 1. Read Psalm 62 or listen.
- 2. What's one lesson from this Psalm?

Day 167

- 1. Read Psalm 63 or listen.
- 2. Do you thirst for God? Is He as important to you as water?
- 3. We're supposed to <u>hunger and thirst for righteousness</u>. Is it that important to you?

Day 168

- 1. Read <u>Psalm 65</u> or <u>listen</u>.
- 2. According to the Psalm, what's one of the amazing things that God has done?

Day 169

- 1. Read Psalm 66 or listen.
- 2. In verse 10 it says that God tests us (let's us go through hard things) to make us like silver. In other verses it says like gold. Precious metals are refined by fire. They are melted and impurities, little tiny itty bits that aren't gold or silver are removed. God tests us to make our faith stronger and our lives purer.

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Day 171

- 1. Read Psalm 67 or listen.
- 2. What happens when a nation praises God? (hint: verse 6) (answer: the nation is prosperous)

Day 172

- 1. Read Psalm 68:1-11 or listen.
- 2. Why is God worthy to be praised? What does this Psalm say? (answer: some answers...he takes care of the poor, the orphan, the widow, the lonely)

Day 173

- 1. Read <u>Psalm 70</u> or <u>listen</u>.
- 2. David has specific ideas of what should happen to his enemies. He doesn't take matters into his own hands though. He gives them to God for Him to bring about justice. It's not our job. We should not take revenge, get even, pay back. We should let God judge the situation and take care of it.

- 1. Read Psalm 72:1-14 or listen.
- 2. What are some of the things a good ruler would do (with God's help)?

Day 175

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Day 176

- 1. Read Psalm 73 or listen.
- 2. Who is the author feeling jealous of? (answer: David sees people sinning, getting rich and seemingly having a great life.)
- 3. When does he stop feeling jealous? (answer: He's feeling jealous until he enters the temple and worships God. He remembers that God is in control and will bring about justice and will save David in the end.)

Day 177

- 1. Read <u>Psalm 75</u> or <u>listen</u>.
- 2. This Psalm describes God as what? (answer: judge)

Day 178

- 1. Read <u>Psalm 77</u> or <u>listen</u>.
- 2. What does David do when he's feeling like God has stopped loving them and not kept his promise? (God hadn't stopped loving him and hadn't broken a promise, but it felt that way while David waited for God's

- help.) (hint: verses 11-12) (answer: God remembers who God is and what He has done for him and Israel in the past.)
- 3. What are some things God has done to take care of you and your family in the past that you can remember now and thank Him for to encourage you to remember He will keep loving you and taking care of you.

- 1. Read <u>Psalm 148</u> or <u>listen</u>.
- 2. Have you ever thought of lightening, snow and stormy winds praising God? Next time you hear the "stormy winds" remember that they are obeying God!
- 3. Here's a song, *Indescribable*. One line is about God telling each lightening bolt where to go.

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- 2. Read Psalm 150 or listen.
- 3. Here is a picture of a <u>lyre</u>. Some translations say lute. A lyre is a lute where the strings are attached to a yoke.
- 4. Make an instrument and play it to praise God. (You can just drum on something. That counts!)