



God in the Valley (Psalm 23:4, James 1:2-4) - Call of the Wild
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“Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?” **Psalm 139:7**

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You [are] with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.” **Psalms 23:4**

Valleys are a normal part of following God

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“Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial, which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you...” **1 Peter 4:12**

“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.” **1 Cor 10:13**

God is the same in the valley as He is anywhere else

“I will fear no evil; For You are with me...” **Psalm 23:4**

“But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: ‘Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine.’” **Isaiah 43:1**

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you.” **Isaiah 43:2**

Without God, valleys make us bitter

With God, valleys make us better

“Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.” **Psalms 23:4**

“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,” **James 1:2**

“knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.” **James 1:3**

“But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.” **James 1:4**

This Week’s [New Testament + Reading Plan:](#)

1. *Luke 18*
2. *Luke 19*
3. *Luke 20*
4. *Luke 21*
5. *Luke 22*
6. *Isaiah 56*
7. *Prayer & Reflection*

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NURSERY

GOD HELPS US

BATTLE OF JERICO



In this series we'll be learning that God is always ready to help us. We will build and knock down "giant" walls, march and blow our horns, and explore how God helped Joshua defeat Jericho.

Memory Verse: God will help us. Genesis 21:22b (adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: We're Thankful for God's Help.

Parent Connect: Cracker Stacker Snack! Remind your toddler that Joshua marched around the city of Jericho 7 times on the 7th day and then God knocked it down. Count out 7 crackers with your toddler. Show your toddler how to stack the crackers to make a "wall". Then help your kid knock it down before eating the yummy snack.

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IN THE BEGINNING

EARLY STORIES OF THE BIBLE



In this series, kids will learn each day of creation, the beginning when Adam and Eve were in the Garden of Eden, and some of the bad choices and bad consequences. The most important things kids will learn is that God still loves us and God keeps all of his promises!

Memory Verse: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1

Heart of the Lesson: God Keeps His Promises.

Parent Connect: Today we learned that God keeps His promises! God promised Noah that He would never destroy all living things with flood again. God sent a beautiful rainbow as a sign of His promise to Noah! Make a fun rainbow snack with your kid at home and talk about the how God keeps His promises to use!

ELEMENTARY

WHEREVER I GO

LEARNING TO FOLLOW GOD'S LEADING



In this series, we will learn how God leads us in many ways. We will also learn how God equips us to handle temptation and when we are afraid. God's love leads us to His heart so that we can build a relationship with Him!

Memory Verse: "I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence!" - Psalm 139:7

Heart of the Lesson: God Leads Us When We Are Afraid.

Parent Connect: Today we learned how God led His people when they were afraid. God was with His people as they went into battle against enemies, and God wasn't just with them, He leads them! Talk about situations where you may feel afraid, anxious, nervous, worried. Now talk about how God provides confidence, courage and answers!

CALL OF THE WILD



In our journey through life, we all find ourselves in different places in different seasons. Sometimes, God might feel close to us, and it's easy to seek him! Other times, God might feel distant, and it might be hard to choose to follow him. This series, we're looking at different times in our life and how they are like nature. By studying these times, we can find encouragement to follow God and share Him with others in that season!

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Heart of the Lesson: In the Valley

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Walking with Jesus in all of life's seasons



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Memory Verse: "How can I get away from your Spirit? Where can I go to escape from you?" Psalm 139:7

Heart of the Lesson: God Is Still Good in the Valley. (Psalm 23)

Parent Connect:

- What does it feel like to go through a spiritual valley?
- How does God use hard times in life to make us better?
- Which of today's Bible verses might be good for you to memorize to help you walk through dark valleys?
- Who is someone you could share this verse with to bring them hope and comfort in their valley?