



# FAMILY STUDY

## Worship in Every Area of Life

The horizontal reality and the vertical reality intersect in the book of Psalms. The horizontal reality includes good, bad and mediocre times; all things done in your life and your relations with other humans. The vertical reality is all about our relationship with God; worship, prayer and faith. When you read through the Psalms you find that the authors don't deny human experience, pain and suffering. However, they view them through the lens of faith, God, worship--fully dependent upon God through every one of life's circumstances.

## Test Your Smarts (continued)...

<b>Objectives:</b>	Get comfortable with your Bible and looking up answers. Get confidence in your knowledge of the Psalms/God's word. Gain insight into our own faith. Have fun with your family.
<b>Number of Players:</b>	at least 3
<b>Length:</b>	15 - 30 minutes
<b>Set up:</b>	Choose Mom or Dad to be the expert. Choose one person (must be able to read) to be the host. Divide the rest of the family into two teams. Make sure you have at least one person on each team who can look up verses and read them. Each team sits with their team mates and slightly separate from the other team and the parent expert. Props: Each team should have a bible (preferably New King James). The parent expert (Mom or Dad) has to play without a Bible. 3 dice to be used in the case of a tie breaker. A large white board or paper to keep score where everyone can see what the score is.



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## The Play:

Begin by having the host explain the rules:

Each team and parent expert is eligible to answer every question. However, someone from your team must raise their hand in order to be eligible to answer. Once they have been called on by the host, they have 3 seconds to give their answer. Each team may use their Bible to find the answer, but they should not raise their hand until they are ready to answer. If you raise your hand, are called on by the host and you give the correct answer, your team earns 10 points. If you give the wrong answer or no answer at all after you raise your hand and have been called on, you will lose 5 points. These rules also apply to the parent expert. However, the parent expert can not use a Bible to look up their answers. When consulting with your team remember to whisper so the other team and/or the parent expert cannot hear you and steal your answer. The host should pay close attention so they can call on the person who raised their hand first. In the case of a hand-raising tie, the host should have the participants each roll the dice. Whoever has the highest roll, gets to answer. If a wrong answer is given, the other teams and/or parent expert can still answer the question and win the points, they just need to raise their had to indicate they want to answer. The host will read the Psalm number and the phrase, saying “blank” where there is underlined/light grey text. (no one else should look at the host’s list as the answers are in light grey print.) The host will repeat the psalm and the phrase. Participants can ask the host to re-read the Psalm and phrase numerous times until someone raises their hand to answer. After each answer, the host will determine the points earned or lost and document them where everyone can see. At the end of play, the host will declare the winner.

Psalm 73: Truly God is good to Israel, To such as are \_\_\_\_\_ (*pure in heart*) \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalm 73: For I was \_(envious)\_ of the boastful, When I saw the \_(prosperity)\_ of the wicked.

Psalm 73: Until I went to the \_(sanctuary)\_ of God; Then I \_(understood)\_ their end.

Psalm 84: How \_(lovely)\_ is Your tabernacle, O \_(Lord)\_ of hosts.

Psalm 84: My soul longs, yes, even \_(faints)\_ for the courts of the Lord.

Psalm 84: My \_(heart)\_ and my \_(flesh)\_ cry out for the living God.

Psalm 84: \_(Blessed)\_ are those who dwell in Your house.

Psalm 84: For a day in Your \_(courts)\_ is better than a \_(thousand)\_.

Psalm 84: I would rather be a \_(doorkeeper)\_ in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of \_(wickedness)\_.

Psalm 90: Lord, You have been our \_(dwelling place)\_ in all generations.

Psalm 90: For a \_(thousand)\_ years in Your sight are like \_(yesterday)\_ when it is past, and like a watch in the night.



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Psalm 90: You have set our (iniquities) before You, Our (secret sins) in the light of Your countenance.

Psalm 90: We finish our years like a (sigh).

Psalm 90: So teach us to (number) our days that we may gain a heart of (wisdom).

Psalm 119: How can a young man cleanse his way? By (taking heed) according to Your (word).

Psalm 119: Open my eyes, that I may see (wondrous) things from Your (law).

Psalm 119: Before I was (afflicted) I went astray, but now I (keep) Your word.

Psalm 119: It is good for me that I have been (afflicted); that I may learn your (statutes).

Psalm 119: Your word is a (lamp) to my (feet) and a (light) to my (path).

Psalm 139: O Lord, You have (searched) me and (known) me.

Psalm 139: You know my (sitting) down and my (rising) up.

Psalm 139: You (comprehend) my path and my lying down, and are (acquainted) with all my ways.

Psalm 139: You laid Your (hand) upon me.

Psalm 139: Where can I go from Your (Spirit)?

Psalm 139: Or where can I flee from Your (presence)?

Psalm 139: If I make my bed in (hell), behold, You are there.

Psalm 139: For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my (mother's womb).

Psalm 139: Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your (book) they all were (written), the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were (none) of them.

Psalm 139: How (precious) also are Your (thoughts) to me, O God!

Psalm 139: How many thoughts does God have to you? (more in number than the sand)

Psalm 150: (Praise) the Lord.

Psalm 150: Praise God in His (sanctuary).

Psalm 150: Praise Him in His mighty (firmament)!

Psalm 150: Praise Him with the (lute) and (harp)! Praise Him with the (timbrel) and (dance).

Psalm 150: Let everything that has (breath) praise the (Lord).

**Discussion:** Discuss with your family the ways that the Psalms add value to life; bring up the point that society is constantly changing and is often disapproving of God's word - but God's word has value beyond anything that society can offer.

How have you observed this to be true in your own life? Share these thoughts with your family and offer encouragement to them to stay in God's word.



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**Prayer:** Close in prayer thanking God for His provision, His unchanging and uncompromising word and for all that you have learned and the fun you had with your family. Bless His holy name!