

Experiencing God in the Psalms: Psalm 84

This week we would like to encourage you to join in the online family worship video first before doing the activities in the weekly plan. The video will be available on the Emmanuel You Tube channel on 2nd August. Join in with the game, prayer, worship, and teaching online and then use this plan to further explore the theme together through the suggested activities. Have fun!

Lesson

Our aim this week is to think about how we can worship God.

What you need

- + Your Bible
- + Computer for playing the online family worship video
- + Print-outs of colouring sheet, WORSHIP letters, colouring pens/pencils, scissors
- + Paper & paints
- + Magnets/ blue tac or sticky tabs or tape
- + Bread, food to make sandwiches and decorate e.g. Cheese, ham, grapes, raisins, veg....



1 family worship video

Watch this week's family worship video (August 2nd) on Emmanuel's You Tube channel: <https://bit.ly/32YvheL>

2 memory verse

Better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere. Psalm 84:10

Today's memory verse comes from the chorus of the song 'Better is one day' by Matt Redman. Play the song and learn the chorus:

Better is one day in your courts,
Better is one day in your house,
Better is one day in your courts
than thousands elsewhere.

3 activity ideas

1. Tasty House



Read Psalm 84:10. Ask the children what the writer is talking about when he says 'God's house'.

He's talking about the temple - what we would call church today.

Ask the children why the writer would rather spend one day in God's house than thousands anywhere else. Is it because of all the cool stuff that God has?

Say that the reason God's house is so special is because HE is there.

Make a house out of bread and talk about what God's house is like: Give everyone a slice of bread and cut off the top two corners to make a house shape. Use food you have to create doors, windows, roof tiles, etc. Squeezy cheese spread can be used for detail. Feel free to add in more foodstuffs that would be suitable. (You could even make sandwiches and decorate for your lunch!).

2. Worship

Use the printed outlines of the letters WORSHIP (overleaf). Think about things you can worship God for that begin with each letter. (So you might worship God for **W**ater, **O**ther people, **R**ainbows, **S**chool, **H**ome, **I**ce cream and **P**ets.) Draw each thing on the corresponding letter. If this is too hard, just draw anything to worship God for on any letter.

Cut out each letter (don't worry too much about the insides of the O, R and P). Stick a small piece of magnet on the back of each letter and they can be stuck on a fridge or radiator. If you don't have magnets just use blue tac or tape.

3. From the heavens



Think about the song you sang for the memory verse. Is there one bit or idea from the song that sticks out? Give everyone a piece of paper and paint that idea - it doesn't have to be realistic - just form and colour might be enough. When the paintings are dry, write out Psalm 84:10 on the top or bottom of the picture.

4. Praise game

This is a twist on the old game of port, starboard. It uses things that we might do in our lives as Christians. Introduce the things a couple at a time so the children have a chance to pick it up and not be overwhelmed by too many different actions!

Actions:

- Worship (hands in the air)
- Praise (jump about)
- Pray (drop to your knees)
- Church (go to one side of the room)
- Listen (cup ear)
- Read the Bible (hands make book shape)
- Love each other (hug someone near you)
- Help the poor (mime giving things away)

You can add more, if you like! Play until everyone's had enough!

5. Colouring, Word Search (overleaf)

Psalms 84: 8-12

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A	U	T	A	E	U	A	U	D	L	E
H	S	C	E	O	D	S	R	K	E	G
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COURTS

DAY

DOORKEEPER

EAR

FACE

GIVE

GLORY

GOD

GRACE

HOSTS

HOUSE

LORD

MAN

PRAYER

RATHER

SELAH

SHIELD

SUN

TENTS

THOUSAND

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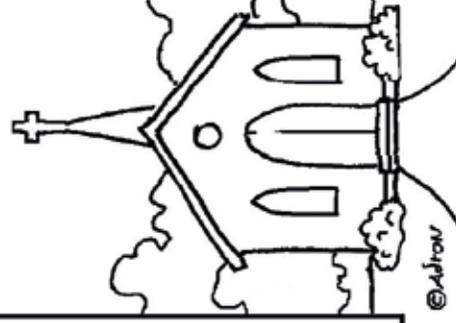
UPRIGHTLY

WALK

WICKEDNESS

Better is one day
in your courts
than a thousand
elsewhere;
I would rather
be a doorkeeper
in the house of
my God than
dwell in the
tents of the
wicked.

Psalm 84:10



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