



Pathway Kids Spring 2026

Leader Guide

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Psalm 119- God's Word is like a light that helps us see the right way to go. When we read the Bible, it shows us how to make good choices and follow God's path. Psalm 119:105
Bible- **Jan 12-** *Daniel 5-* God's Word helps me delight in right living.



At a Glance



The Code



Gospel Page



**Psalm 119- Leader
Devos**

Group Schedule

Leaders Arrive: 6:15 PM
Snack: 6:30 PM – 6:45 PM
Outside Play: 6:45 PM- 7:15 PM
Small Group: 7:20 PM- 8:00 PM
Dismiss: 8:00 PM- 8:05 PM



Opening Game:

Supplies:

- Bible
- sticky notes
- crayons

Easy Prep

- Open the Bible, and prop it up where kids can reach it. You will leave this in place through all 3 lessons on Psalm 119. Draw a smiley face on a sticky note.

Welcome

- Thank kids for coming.
- Introduce new kids.

Introduce the Lesson

Say: Today we'll find out God's Word helps us live right. Hold up the smiley face. Living right makes us happy, and it makes God happy! Let's add smiley faces to this Bible, which is God's Word. The smiley faces will remind us that the Bible helps us live right. And living right is the best way to live! Give kids a big smile.

Have each child draw a smiley face on a sticky note and stick it to the Bible.

Share

Say: Living right means we make good choices. Let's talk about some good choices we've made today. Share something you did today that followed what the Bible says about living right and making good choices. You might say you said kind words to someone because the Bible tells you to be kind, or you might say you helped an elderly person struggling with the heavy church door because the Bible says to take care of those in need.

Have kids share about good choices they made today. They might say they obeyed Mom or Dad, or they might say they shared with a sibling.

After small groups have discussed, have adult or teen helpers share with the whole group what they talked about in their small groups.

Summarize

Open a Bible, and say: Great job making good choices, friends! Today we'll find out God's Word, or the Bible, helps us live right. I'm excited to find out more about that today.

Pray, thanking God for his Word, which helps us live right.

Talk About Video:

Discuss and Watch “The Right Choice”

Say: God’s Word helps us live right. How? Let’s look at some practical examples of God’s Word helping a girl make the right choice.

Watch “The Right Choice.”

Ask: • When have you been in situations like the ones in the video?

Share your own answer first.

• How did you know what to do?

• What other examples can you think of to show that God’s Word helps us live right?

Say: Wow! In this girl’s life, no matter what happened she had a Bible verse that helped her make the right choice. When we don’t know the right thing to do, we can always turn to the Bible, because God’s Word helps us live right.

Deeper Bible:

Supplies

- Bible
- 48-piece puzzles (1 per group)
- gallon-size resealable plastic bags (1 per puzzle)

Easy Prep

- Put each puzzle in a resealable plastic bag, and label the bags so you can identify which puzzle is in each one. Set aside the puzzle boxes.

Tip

- If you have younger preschoolers, consider using simpler puzzles, but make sure they will still be difficult for kids to do without the pictures.

Get Help With Puzzles

- Say: We don’t always know the right thing to do, and sometimes we need a guide or helper. Let’s use some puzzles to see what that’s like.
- Form as many groups as you have adult or teen helpers, dividing kids evenly among the groups. Give each group a puzzle.
- Encourage kids to assemble the puzzles on their own, without the pictures or help from the leaders.
- After a few minutes, say: It’s really hard to put together a puzzle without something to guide us. Maybe these will help.
- Give each group its puzzle box, and encourage leaders to help kids assemble the puzzles.

Talk About Help From God

- After all the puzzles are assembled, say: When we put together a puzzle, it helps to have something that shows us where the pieces go. We need help knowing what right choices to make in our lives, too.
- Share about a time you needed help knowing what to do. Maybe you needed help knowing how to cook a new food, how to work your new computer, or how to fix your car.

Ask: • Tell about a time you needed help knowing what to do. Kids may say they needed help knowing which class to go to at church, what TV shows to watch, or how to build a house with blocks.

Say: Like the puzzle box shows us what to do, God gave us the Bible to help us know what’s right. Listen to this. Read aloud Psalm 119:11. God’s Word helps us live right and make good choices. Lead kids to pray and thank God for helping them make good choices.

Memory Verse:

“Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and
light for my path.” Psalm 119:105

Follow Action Cues

Say: In today's Bible story, Daniel explained the mysterious words God wrote on a wall. He said the king wasn't honoring God or living right and his time as king was over. God's Word helps us live right, so let's learn a Bible verse that can help us do the opposite of the king.

The Bible was written by people who wrote just what God wanted them to say. We can do what the Bible tells us to, knowing it leads us to live the way God says is right.

Psalm 119:105 says, “Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.” Lead kids in repeating the verse together a few times.

Ask: • Tell about a time you tried to walk around in the dark. How did that go?

Say: Lights are helpful to stay on the right or safe path! They can help us spot cues and clues about where to go and what to do. Let's practice following some cues in a game to do the right action.

- Lead kids in the classic game of “Simon Says,” but tell everyone you'll replace “Simon” with your name.
- Kids will need to listen for “[your name] Says” as the clue for doing the action you say.
- For some of the tasks, include “[your name] Says, say ‘Your word is a lamp to guide my feet’ ” or “[your name] Says, say, ‘and a light to guide my path.’ ”

Talk About It

Ask: • How did you know what to do in this game? When did you get tricked?

• How does the Bible help you know what to do?

Say: The words in the Bible are like a light that show us how to stay on God's path—the path to live right. And while I may have tried to trick you in our game, God's Word doesn't trick us! God's Word helps us live right.

Activity Page with a Point:

Younger Kids: Color a Coloring/Activity Page

Supplies Needed: Coloring Page, pencils, crayons.

Distribute the coloring pages and crayons. **Say:** Psalm 119 is about how amazing God's Word, the Bible, is. God's Word helps us live right. And God even wrote words on a king's wall one time to help the king know how he needed to change to do the right thing. Let's color that message on the wall. Allow time for kids to color and to trace the dotted letters.