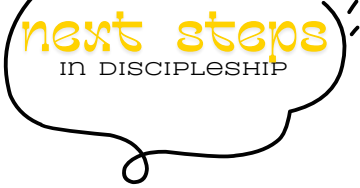


Pathway Kids Spring 2026

Leader Guide

January 19, 2026



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 19-** 2 Kings 22-23- God's Word is true forever.



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

Ensure your Bible is open and sitting where kids can reach it. You will leave this in place through all three lessons on Psalm 119. Draw a circle on a sticky note.

Welcome

- Thank kids for coming.
- Introduce new kids.

Introduce the Lesson

Say: Today we'll find out God's Word is true forever. Hold up the circle, and trace it with your finger. Forever means something never ends...like this circle. Give each child a sticky note, and have kids each draw a circle on theirs.

Allow time for kids to trace the circles with their fingers to show the circles never end.

Say: Let's add circles to this Bible, which is God's Word. The circles will remind us that God's Word is true forever. Have kids stick their circles to the Bible.

Share

Say: Since we're talking about forever today, let's start by talking about something you wish would last forever. Share about something you wish would last forever. It could be an object like an ice cream cone, or it could be an activity like sitting on the beach.

Have kids share something they wish would last forever. Help them think of preschool-friendly ideas, if needed, such as a toy that would never break or run out of battery life or a game they love to play. 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: Those all sound like fun things to last forever.

Today we'll learn about something that is true forever—the Bible. "God's Word is true forever" means the Bible was real years and years ago, before even your great-grandma was born, and it's the same today, too.

Pray, thanking God for his Word, which is true forever.

Talk About Video:

Discuss and Watch 2 Kings 22-23

Today we're learning that God's Word is true forever. But a lot of things in our world do change!

Watch "2 Kings 22-23"

- Ask:**
- What did they find in the ruins of the city?
 - What did Josiah think God's response would be?
 - How do you show you are fully committed to God?

Say: God's Word is true forever. It seems like a rite of passage for kids to believe no one could possibly understand what it's like for them to be kids, because the world has changed so much since their parents were kids. There may be an element of truth to that! But in the midst of a world with ever-changing technology, culture, and communication, there are timeless things we all struggle with that the Bible addresses. When we consider the "then and now" of the Bible, help them see those universal truths that stand forever.

Think About: What's a struggle you had when you were a kid? What's a Bible story or verse that could help in that struggle?

Deeper Bible:

Supplies

- Bibles

Play True or False

Say: Today we're learning that God's Word is true forever. The things God tells us in the Bible are true. Let's play a game and think about what other things are true. I will say something like "The floor is down." If you think that's true, go over to this side of the room. Point to one side of your space. If you think it's not true, go over to that side of the room. Point to the other side. Give kids a moment to move to one side or the other for the statement "The floor is down."

Say: Great job! Now let's keep going.

Say the following statements, encouraging kids to move to one side of the room or the other after each one. Remind kids which side is for true and which is for false as necessary.

- The sky is up.
- Ants are tall.
- Water is wet.
- It is [name a season it currently is not; if you have younger kids, you might say "It is hot outside" instead of naming a season].
- Dogs bark.
- It is [day or night, whichever is not currently true].
- Fish fly.
- God's Word is true forever.

Deeper Bible: cont

Talk About What's True

Say: Some things I said in our game were definitely not true, like “Fish fly.” That’s just silly! Some things were definitely true, like “The sky is up.”

Ask: • What’s something you know is definitely true? If kids have trouble getting started, make some obviously true statements like “The table is hard” or “That is a door.”

Say: Some things may be true sometimes but not all the time. It is [day or night] right now—that’s true. But it won’t be [later or tomorrow morning]. The Bible isn’t like that. God promises that his words will never change. Listen to this!

Read aloud Isaiah 40:8.

Say: The words God put in the Bible are always true. They were true a long time ago, and they will still be true in 100 years! We can always trust that the Bible is true. God’s Word is true forever. Lead kids to pray and thank God for the Bible.

Memory Verse:

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

Follow a Path

Say: In today's Bible story, King Josiah's Temple repair people found God's Word, and Josiah helped people follow it. God's Word is true forever, so we can follow God's Word—the Bible—today as Josiah did thousands of years ago! Let's learn a Bible verse that tells us more about following God's Word. The Bible is one big book that's filled with a bunch of little books.

Today's Bible Memory Verse comes from the book of Psalms, chapter 119, verse 105. It says, “Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.”

Lamps, lights, and paths...what do those have to do with following God's Word? Let's sort out that answer as we follow a marked path.

- Quickly lay a simple, winding path from one end of the room to the other by spacing pieces of paper a few feet apart on the floor.
- Have a couple of older kids try to cross the room with their eyes closed—no peeking! They'll try to step on only the paper path.
- Then have all the kids line up at the beginning of the path and follow the paper step-by-step to the other side of the room, keeping their eyes open.
- As kids make their way along the path, lead everyone in repeating the verse aloud a few times.
- Once everyone is across, change the layout of the paper path and make it a bit more challenging to follow with wider steps between the papers or a zigzag pattern.
- Lead everyone in repeating the verse again as they follow the path a second time across the room.

Talk About It

Ask: • What did you notice when people tried to follow the path in the dark—without looking?

- Why was it important to be able to see where you were going in this activity?
- Now think about the Bible—God's Word. How does the Bible show us what to do?

Say: God's Word is like a lamp or a light that helps us live in a way that keeps us on God's path! Our paper path was a short one, but God's path is for our entire lives. We can do what the Bible tells us, like King Josiah did, because God's Word is true forever!

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 is true forever. Once, God's Word got lost for a long, long time. But King Josiah's people found it when they were fixing up God's Temple. Josiah read it, and it was still true! Back then, the Bible was shorter and was on a rolled-up paper, like this. Point to the image of the scroll at the bottom of the page. Can you find God's Word as you color your picture? And remember, God's Word is true forever! Allow time for kids to complete their coloring pages.