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Impact Kids Spring 2026 Older Kids Leader Guide January 21, 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 21- 2 Kings 22-23- God's Word is true forever.

Memory Verse: Psalm 119:105



At a Glance



The Code



Gospel Page



**Psalm 119- Leader
Devos**

Memory Verse Mania

We'll focus on one key Bible verse connected to what we're learning in Impact Kids. Kids will have a chance to memorize it, live, and share it.

Memory Verses:

Psalm 119:105, 1 Corinthians 12:4-5,

John 15:5, Ephesians 6:13

Bonus: Eph 6:10, Psalm 23:1, Matt 6:9-13, Psalm 100:2, Favorite Verse and extra bonus

Wednesday Group Schedule

Leaders Arrive: 6:15 PM

Family Dinner: 6:30 PM – 6:50 PM

K-3rd Outside Play: 6:50 PM- 7:20 PM

4th & 5th Small Group: 6:50 PM- 7:30 PM

K-3rd Small Group: 7:25 PM- 8:00 PM

4th & 5th Outside Play: 7:30 PM- 8:00 PM

Dismiss: 8:00 PM- 8:05 PM



Opening Game:

Supplies:

- Bible
- poster from Jan 14
- markers

Easy Prep

- Make sure the open book poster from last week is still hanging.

Welcome

- Thank kids for coming.
- Introduce new kids.

Introduce the Lesson

Say: We're learning a chapter of the Bible called Psalm 119. Psalm 119 is a song, but we don't know the tune. It's all about how awesome God's Word is!

Today's part of Psalm 119 tells us that God's Word is true forever. It's hard to imagine that things that applied to people's lives before electricity and phones apply to us today, but they do! Let's draw circles to help us remember "forever." Circles have no clear beginning or end!

- Have each child draw a circle on the right-hand page of the open book.
- You'll continue to add to the poster next week, so leave it hanging.

Share

- Tell kids about something you wish would last forever.
- Have kids form pairs. Ask kids to share about what they wish would last forever.
- After partners have shared, ask two or three kids to share with the whole group.

Summarize

Open a Bible to Psalm 119, and say: It would be nice if those things lasted forever. But we know one thing that's forever: God's Word is true forever. God's Word is also called the Bible, and it's a special book full of God's true words to us. We can also talk with God in prayer! Let's do that now.

Pray, thanking God for his true Word, the Bible.

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
- butcher paper or poster board and markers

Make a List

- Make a two-column chart on a butcher paper or poster board. Title one column "Now" and the second column "Timeless."

Say: The Bible was written a long time ago, about people who lived a long time ago. There are a lot of things we have now that didn't exist when the Bible was written!

Ask: • What are some things we have now that people in the Bible didn't have? Write kids' answers on the board in the "Now" column. Examples include cars, phones, electricity, and video games.

Say: Hmm. Looking at this list, it seems like we don't have a lot in common with people in the Bible. Our world today has all these new things they didn't even have! So how could such an old book matter to our lives today? Let's dig in to that.

Make Another List

Say: Let's start by thinking about what things we might have in common with people who lived a long time ago. For example, I bet they worried sometimes, just like we do. Write "worry" in the second column. Then write kids' ideas of other timeless things humans face. Give kids ample opportunity to think, but if they're really stuck, you may prompt them with things like sickness, family problems, being too busy, having hopes, and making tough decisions.

Say: Wow! Turns out we have more in common with people from Bible times than we thought! And even though the Bible may not talk about cars or cellphones, it does talk about a lot of things that apply to us today...because they're timeless issues! Let's find out what the Bible says about some of the things on our list.

Deeper Bible: cont

Dig Deeper

This section is more open-ended than usual because it will depend on what kids wrote on your list. First, show kids that the Bible does say things that could apply to some of the things on the first list! Assign kids the following verses, skipping any that don't show up on your list. Ask kids to read their verses and consider how these verses could apply to that topic.

- Cars: Deuteronomy 6:7
- Electricity: Matthew 5:14
- Screens (phones, TVs, computers, and so on): Matthew 6:22-23
- Grades in school: James 1:5

After kids have time to read their verses and consider how they apply, have them share what they discovered with the whole group.

Repeat the same type of experience with the following list, assigning each one that appears on your list to a child or group of kids. Don't feel like you need to cover them all; this is specifically to show kids that the Bible says a lot about the things they listed!

- Anger: Ephesians 4:26
- Busyness: Matthew 11:28
- Church: Hebrews 10:25
- Clothes: Matthew 6:28-30
- Dying: 1 Corinthians 15:57
- Eating: 1 Corinthians 10:31
- Families: Ephesians 6:1
- Fighting: Romans 12:18
- Friends: Proverbs 17:17
- Hair: Matthew 10:30
- Happiness: 1 Thessalonians 5:16
- Hopes: Romans 8:25
- Loving God: Deuteronomy 6:5
- Money: Matthew 6:24
- Not knowing the future: Jeremiah 29:11
- Praying: 1 Thessalonians 5:17
- Sadness: Matthew 5:4
- Sickness: James 5:14-15
- Sleep: Psalm 4:8
- Temptation: 1 Corinthians 10:13
- Tough Choices: James 1:5
- Worrying: Matthew 6:34

After kids have looked up their verses, have everyone share what they discovered.

Ask: • Based on what you've read and what we've discussed, how do you think the Bible could matter for your life today?

Say: Technology and culture may have changed, but people are people. And we face a lot of the same things people in the Bible did! That's why God's Word matters to us—because God's Word is true forever.

Memory Verse Mania:

Supplies:

- Leader Tracking Sheets (1 set per group in leader folder)
- Memory Verse Mania Instruction Page (1 per leader in leader folder)
- Memory Verse Posters (1 copy for each kid)
- paper (20 sheets per group)

Explain Memory Verse Mania

Say: This Spring Impact Kids groups will be taking a Memory Verse Challenge called Memory Verse Mania. In this challenge, each week we will practice the verse. If you think you have it memorized before we practice, leaders will take time during Family Table to listen to you and mark on their Leader Tracking Sheets. Then on Feb 4, Mar 4, Mar 11, and April 29 you will get the chance to win a prize in our drawing. On May 6, we will celebrate everyone who memorized all the verses. If you can do it, we will share other verses from our lessons in the Fall to add to your memory banks. Storing God's Word in our hearts, helps us in the future. Are you ready to take the challenge? Here is your chance to practice the verse for this week. (*Send Posters home with kids*)

**“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:

Older Kids: Color a Coloring Page

Supplies Needed: Coloring Page, pencils, 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! Let's see what you can find in the Temple. Distribute the activity pages and pencils. Kids will find the hidden pictures.

Ask: • How important was it to you to find all the things in this puzzle?
• Why was it important to find God's Word in the Temple?

Say: God's Word is true forever. No matter how long it was missing, that didn't change how true it is! Let's make sure we know where our Bibles are—and read them!

ANSWER KEY:

