



Impact Kids Spring 2026 Older Kids 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 28- Mark 12:28-43- Jesus teaches the most important commandments by using God's Word. We can know what to do from God's Word

Memory Verse: Psalm 119:105



At a Glance



The Code



Gospel Page



Psalm 119- Leader
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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.

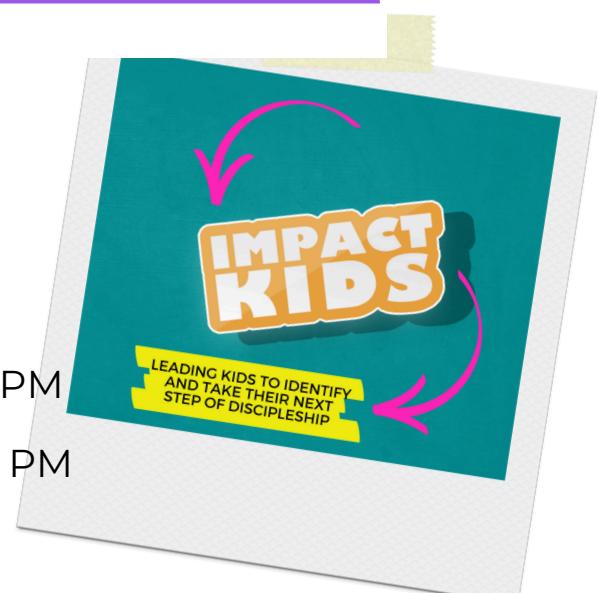
Memory Verses:

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
- construction paper (1 per kid)
- scissors
- tape

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 shows us what to do, just like a light shows us the next steps to take on a dark path. So let's add some steps to our Bible poster!

- Have kids each trace a foot on a piece of construction paper, then cut out the tracing.
- Kids can arrange their footprints on the wall so they appear to be coming out of the Bible and leading somewhere.
- This is the last week you'll use the poster, so you can take it down after class.

Share

- Tell kids about a time you needed instructions to build or make something, such as a bookshelf, a cake, or a model airplane.
- Have kids form pairs. Ask kids to share about what they needed instructions to build or make.
- After partners have shared, ask two or three kids to share with the whole group.

Summarize

Open a Bible to Psalm 119, and say: When we're making something complicated, instructions show us what to do. And you know what? Life can be complicated! That's why it's so great that God's Word shows us what to do. God's Word is a special gift from God, full of his true words to us. And we can also use prayer to talk with God! Let's do that now.

Pray, thanking God for showing us what to do through his Word.

Talk About Video:

Discuss and Watch Mark 12:28-44

We're learning that God's Word shows us what to do. It's kind of like following the directions to build something.

Ask: • Tell about something you wouldn't want to try to make if you didn't have directions. Share your own idea first, like a car, computer, or airplane.

Say: Sounds like you all do a good job following the directions.

Watch "Mark 12:28-44"

Ask: • Why do you think this mentions that Jesus gave a good answer? Do you think the teacher was trying to trick Jesus?

- Why is following the Bible hard sometimes?

- What can go wrong if we don't do what God's Word shows us to do?

Say: God's Word shows us what to do. In a world of instant answers from Google and Siri and advice from friends and YouTube stars, kids are bombarded with messages of what to do, how to live, and how to be cool. Help them see that the best source of guidance for the choices we make is God's Word.

Think About: When has the Bible led you to make a choice or think differently about something?

Deeper Bible:

Supplies

- Bibles
- "Where to Turn" handout (printed double-sided, 1 per child)
- scissors
- staplers

Ask a Question

Distribute Bibles.

Say: We've been learning that God's Word shows us what to do. So let's put it to the test. Think of a choice you need to make. Ask what choice you should make, then open your Bible to a random page, point your finger without looking, and read the verse your finger lands on. Allow time.

Ask: • How well did the verse you picked answer your question?

- What's wrong with relying on this method to find answers in the Bible?

Say: Sometimes God could speak to you through this method of reading the Bible. But generally, that's not how it works. The Bible isn't a Magic 8 Ball or a fortune cookie. It's full of amazing, true wisdom from God. God's Word shows us what to do. But other than opening to a random page, how do we know where to look in our Bibles to find out what to do? After all, the Bible is pretty big! Let's dig in to that.

Deeper Bible: cont

Dig Deeper

Say: The more we read and learn our Bibles, the more we'll get to know what the Bible says. Then God might bring a verse to mind when you have a specific situation. And you can underline or highlight verses that are important to you so as you flip through your Bible later, those verses pop out.

But if you're just getting started, that's okay. There are a ton of Bible tools that can help you know where to look!

For example, some of your Bibles may already have some verses highlighted or written in larger print so they stand out. Show kids this feature in one or two kids' Bibles. You might have an index in the back where you can look up verses by keyword or topic. Show kids what you mean in the kids' Bibles. Kids can also look in their own Bibles if they brought them. You can use a Bible app or website to search for a specific word in the Bible. If you brought a phone with the Bible app, show it to kids.

Say: And there's one more tool you can make right now!

Give each child a "Where to Turn" handout and a pair of scissors. Set out staplers to share. Have kids cut apart the rows on their handouts and then stack their papers and fold them to make booklets. The order of the pages doesn't matter as long as the cover is on the front. When kids have arranged their pages, they can staple the fold to bind their books.

Ask: • Looking through the categories in your "Where to Turn" book, how do you think this tool could be helpful?

Say: This little booklet will help you get started in seeing how God's Word shows us what to do. And as you look up the verses from your booklet in your Bible, remember to highlight, underline, or bookmark ones that really help you!

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)
- construction paper (1 of each color red, green, yellow)

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

Play a Traffic Light Game

Say: In today's Bible story, Jesus gives a helpful guide for obeying all God's commandments. Love God and love others. God's Word shows us what to do—including how to do those two most important things. Let's learn a Bible verse that celebrates how God's Word guides us!

Every part of the Bible is there for a reason, showing us God's loving plan for us and leading us to live in the ways God says are best.

Psalm 119:105 says, “Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.” Lead everyone in repeating the verse once more.

Ask: • What are some other things in our lives that guide us in doing everyday activities—things that keep us safe or help us do something correctly? Share a couple of simple examples, such as recipes that guide us in making food. If no one brings up traffic lights, share that example as well.

Say: Psalm 119:105 says God's Word is like a guiding light. Let's explore how lights can signal what to do in a game!

- Grab the three pieces of colored construction paper, and stand at one end of the room.
- Have kids go as far as they can to the opposite end of the room, while still being able to hear you.
- Explain that kids will follow the cues of the colored paper as they would a traffic light.
- Review the traffic light colors by inviting kids to call out what each color means as you hold up the different pieces of paper.
- Hold the papers behind your back, and bring one at a time forward so kids can start making their way toward you quickly for green, in slow motion for yellow, and then stopping for red.
- When kids are stopped with the red paper, lead everyone in repeating Psalm 119:105 once before moving on to another color of paper.
- Play as many rounds as time allows, leaving time for a quick wrap-up.

Talk About It

Ask: • How well do you think the traffic lights showed you what to do?

• Name some ways following the “lights” in this game is like following what the Bible shows us to do.

Say: Traffic lights signal what to do when we're moving on a path. God's Word shows us what to do as we're trying to stay on God's path by obeying his commandments. It tells us when to go do something good, stop doing something bad, or slow down our anger. God's Word is a light to our paths!

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 is. God's Word shows us what to do, like a flashlight or lantern shows us our next steps on a dark path. Jesus showed us simple steps to live God's way: Love God and love others.

This activity page will show you simple steps to draw a lantern.

Distribute the activity pages and pencils. Kids will draw lanterns by following the steps. Optionally, they can make their lanterns glow using a highlighter.

Ask: • Describe what it took to finish the drawing.

- How did the steps help you in your drawing?
- Jesus gave us just two steps: Love God, and love others. Give an example of how you could follow those steps.

Say: God's Word shows us what to do, just like this page showed you what to do to draw a lantern. It's two simple steps! Love God and love others.