

FBC FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP: WEEK 2

Main Point: God is everywhere, all the time.
Implication: I am never alone. God is always with me.

Bible Reading: Psalm 139:7-12

PREPARE BEFOREHAND: 1. Use a good study Bible and read the passage. 2. Ask God for wisdom and insight. 3. Review Lesson plan and tips. 4. Write down additional thoughts on page 3. 5. Provide Overview to WASABI/ROCK students for independent study. 6. Prepare a fun dessert	MATERIALS NEEDED: • “Hot and Cold” icebreaker-item to hide, timer. • Kids bring their Bibles to read along. • Application activity materials (See below) • A Bible in book form <i>Optional MUSIC RESOURCE:</i> <i>"Fearfully and Wonderfully Made (Psalm 139:13-14)" by Seeds Family Worship on Spotify, iTunes, etc.</i>
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Unit Memory Verse:

"For you formed my inward parts. You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."-Psalm 139:13-14 (ESV)

Optional Bible Memory Challenge - Week 2: Psalm 139:1-12

New International Version

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.
²You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
³You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
⁴Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.
⁵You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.
⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.

⁷Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
⁸If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
⁹If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
¹⁰even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.
¹¹If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,”
¹²even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

English Standard Version

O Lord, you have searched me and known me!
²You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
³You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
⁴Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.
⁵You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.

⁷Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?
⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
⁹If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.
¹¹If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light about me be night,”
¹²even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is bright as the day,
for darkness is as light with you.

- ✓ Keep memory work sessions short and fun. Review daily when children are rested and fresh.
- ✓ If memorizing the whole section is too much, feel free to pick out 1 or 2 verses per week. You will still memorize 4-8 verses in a month.
- ✓ Refer to Week 1 for Scripture memory ideas.

SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

Memory Verse Review (3 minutes):

If your family is working on memory verses, you can review what you've memorized so far. Begin your family devotions with a brief prayer.

"ICE-BREAKER" GAMES (15 minutes):

1. "Hide and Seek" - Play a few rounds until everyone has a chance to be "it."
 2. "Sardines" - Like "Hide and Seek," but in reverse. One person hides and the others search for him. Once someone finds him, they hide together in the same spot.
 3. "Hot and Cold" - The "seeker" leaves the room while the "hider" hides the chosen item somewhere in the room. Everyone else in the room knows where the item is but cannot tell the "seeker" or give any hints. The "seeker" returns to the room and looks for the item. The "hider" may give hints by saying "Cold" when the "seeker" is far from the object, "Warm" when getting closer, and "Hot" when very near. The "timer" times how long it takes the "seeker" to find the object. Take turns until everyone has had a chance to be the "seeker". The person who finds the object in the shortest amount of time wins.
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TRANSITION and PRAYER (3 minutes):

"Which of the five senses (sight, hearing, touch, taste, smell), is most important when playing 'Hide and Seek?' Do you think this game would be easier or harder to hide in the dark? Today, we're going to continue reading Psalm 139. At the end of the passage, I want you to tell me if you think God would be good at playing 'Hide and Seek.'

Open in prayer: *But first, let's pray that God will give us wisdom and insight as we look into His Word...*

BIBLE READING AND DISCUSSION (15 minutes):

(Discovering God 4 Kids <http://dg4kids.com/bible-time/day-one-god-is-everywhere/index.html>)

Read PSALM 139:7-12

LEARNING TIME:

- **Take a vote:** Who thinks God would be good at "Hide and Seek?" Who doesn't? Why? (He is everywhere; He sees everything in the dark as if it were in the day.)

*Last week, we learned that God knows everything. He is the only one who possesses all the knowledge in the universe and beyond. This quality of God is called **omniscience**. Being all-knowing is one of the qualities that only God possesses.*

Today's verses tell us that God is everywhere. He always sees us and nothing escapes His notice. There is another big word that also only pertains to God. It describes God as being everywhere all at once. We call this "**omnipresence**."

(For older children) This is a hard concept to understand. How can God be here in (your hometown) and all around the world at the same time? John 4:24 says, "God is spirit..." This means that God does not have a physical body, and therefore, is not limited by time or space. His presence over the whole earth is kind of like the air in this room. We cannot see it, but we know that it exists because it sustains us. This is the same with God. Although we cannot see God, we can receive guidance and comfort from Him. He is always present .

➤ Re-read the verses, pausing to ask the following questions.

Let's go over the Bible verses again. I have a few questions for you, so listen carefully.

1. (Read vv. 7-8)

Q: Is there any place you can think of where God is not there? (No!)

✓ {Note: Some may say "hell." Hell is the one place where God says He removes His presence. He maintains it by His power but He does not live there.}

2. (Read vv. 9-10)

Q: These verses give two reasons that God's constant presence is a good thing. What do you think they are? (Because He's always with us, He will **guide us** and **give us comfort and strength** for any situation.)

3. (Read vv. 11-12)

Q: Can you think of some reasons why a person would want to hide from God? [They want to do something they know is wrong; they want to rule their life rather than allowing God to rule it; they're mad at him, they are ashamed of the bad things they think and do (sin)]

Q: Why is it good that God sees us all the time, even when we are in darkness/sin? (God has the power to help us when we are weak; God sees our imperfection, but still loves us; even when we feel alone, God is always there for us- We can trust him with our lives.)

Parents- Before Family Devotions: Write closing thoughts or questions for discussion here.

What are the main points that you want your children to learn from today's passage?

1.

2.

CLOSING and PRAYER (5 minutes):

Gather up everyone again to pray together as a family. Let children share what they learned. Make sure that they know the main point of this lesson time.

Ask about what's on their hearts; lift these up to the Lord in prayer. Thank the Lord that He never leaves us or forsakes us. (Heb. 13:5)

APPLICATION ACTIVITIES:

1. Family Rock Memorial

Materials: colored permanent markers or acrylic paint & brushes; washed, flat rocks (one for each person)

Think about a time that God was with you or helped you. Write down a few words on your rock. (ex. "First Homerun," "Found {name of missing pet}," "dance recital," "close call with bike," etc.) Include the date if possible. Then, decorate your rock, stack them together, or keep them on display in a basket. Add more rocks as you see God working in your family. This becomes a visual reminder of God's faithfulness to your family.

2. "As Far as the Eye Can See"

(source: <http://dg4kids.com/experience/experience-god-is-everywhere/index.html>)

Materials: A few blankets

Go outside on a clear night to lie under the stars. Talk about how God is everywhere, far beyond what we can see with our eyes.