



Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for October 3, 2010
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"God's is Majestic"

Lesson Text: Psalm 8:1-9

Background Scripture: Psalm 8:1-10

Memory Verse: "O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth"
(Psalm 8:1).

Psalm 8:1-8

1 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

TEACHER'S NOTES

In this week's lesson we think about God's majesty. "Majesty," or "majestic," means having to do with royalty, with splendor or glory. The Scripture lesson text speaks of God's kingly splendor as He rules over all His creation. David marveled at how the exalted Ruler of the universe would take interest in lowly humanity.

This passage also foreshadows the incarnation of the Son of God (cf. Heb. 2:6-8). In His Son, God visited our planet and its fallen inhabitants. Jesus, who was King of angels, the One whose every word was obeyed by angels and whom angels worshiped from the day they were made—this One, when He came to earth, was made a little lower than the angels. Yet in this humiliation, God crowned Him with glory and honor. The Son's dominion in His humanity was that which He, the Creator, had originally given to man—dominion over the earth.

This passage acknowledges how easily children understand God as Creator. While God's enemies seek to put Him down, children freely and easily acknowledge the truth of His glory.

God's creation points to Him—to His power, majesty, and care. As we look at God's amazing creation, may we be inspired anew with His majesty and always give Him the glory due His name.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW:

Teach that the things God made show His majesty.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

1. The beautiful things God made show His majesty.
2. It is awesome that such a great God still thinks of us, His creatures.
3. It is awesome that such a great God sent His Son to become a human being.

PLANNING VISUAL AIDS

For Beginning the Lesson, bring many pictures of beautiful scenery and colorful animals. You will use the pictures in Helping to Remember.

For Helping to Remember, bring a roll of paper, glue, and markers.

For the lesson activity, make a copy of the Word Search for each student.

BEGINNING THE LESSON

Today I have brought some beautiful pictures. (Teacher, show some of the pictures. Let the children tell what they see. Take a few moments to let each child tell which are his favorites and why.) These are many different things, but all of them are beautiful.

Something else is true of all these things. Our great God made all of them. There is not a single thing in these pictures that I could make, but God made all of them. God is so amazing!

TELLING THE LESSON

Long ago, men who loved God wrote songs of praise to Him because He is so awesome. These songs became the book of Psalm in our Bible. For the next two months we will be learning from these songs of praise called psalms.

One of the songwriters was King David. When David looked at the amazing things God had made, he knew God must be even more amazing. He said, "Oh Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!" (Ps. 8:1). God's creation is wonderful—excellent, we might say. So we know that the One who made it must be even more amazing.

There are those who do not love God. They are His enemies. But even little children can see how great God is when they see all He has created.

When the songwriter looked up, he saw the moon and the stars that God made—hanging up in space on nothing. David felt very small in comparison to the stars that fill the sky and seem to go on and on. Yet he realized that God still cared about Him. That was an amazing thought. God is great, and God is good to us.

Why did God make people so special in His creation? We are small; yet He made us very special—just a little lower than the angels. God put us in charge over all the animals of His creation—all the animals on the land, in the air, and in the seas. He put us in charge over all the earth He had made.

One day God would send His Son into His world in a body like ours. His Son would come to be our Saviour. When King David, the songwriter, thought of all this, he was so amazed he could not help saying it again: "O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!" (Ps. 8:9).

TELLING HOW TO LIVE

What is the most amazing part of God's creation that you have seen? (Let the children respond briefly. They might mention something they saw on a vacation, a favorite spot in the area, a pet, or another animal.)

When you see the amazing things God made, do you give Him glory? Do you praise Him because He is so wonderful?

The next time you see a beautiful sunset or a bright flower or an interesting fish, let it remind you that our God is amazing and wonderful. Stop for a moment to praise God for being so awesome.

HELPING TO REMEMBER

Let the children choose some of their favorite pictures of God's creation and glue them on the roll of paper. Let each child write a word from today's memory verse, in a color of his choice, above the pictures.

EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE

"O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!" (Psalm 8:1).

God is the Lord, the Ruler of everything. He is our Lord. He loves us and wants to walk in friendship with us. The songwriter talked to God in a prayer or song of praise. He said that he was amazed at how excellent God's name was. In all the earth, all His creation shows His glory. We too should give Him praise as the Bible songwriter did. Praise our wonderful Lord!

PRAYER

"O LORD God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you" (Psalm 89:8). Father, let us become less busy so that we might meditate on what You have done. We pray this in the excellent name of Your Son Jesus, amen.

THOUGHT TO REMEMBER

Guide children to think about the kind of power it must have taken to create and sustain the universe.

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON

Next week's lesson is "God's Law Is Good." God's laws are so good that they change us and make us wise and happy. In preparation, study Psalm 19:1-14.

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WORD SEARCH

"God Is Majestic" (Psalm 8:1-9)

Find each of the following keywords from the lesson:

ANGELS

CROWNED

ENEMY

FINGERS

HEAVENS

MAN

NAME

AVENGER

DOMINION

EXCELLENT

FISH

LORD

MOON

SEA

BEASTS

EARTH

FEET

GLORY

LOWER

MOUTH

STARS

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Y F A S D E N W O R C N M G P
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21 words were placed into the puzzle.

WORD SEARCH SOLUTION

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(Over, Down, Direction)

ANGELS (15, 6, NW)
AVENGER (2, 7, SE)
BEASTS (1, 6, N)
CROWNED (11, 14, W)
DOMINION (8, 12, E)
EARTH (11, 7, W)
ENEMY (11, 10, E)
EXCELLENT (1, 9, NE)
FEET (10, 8, NE)
FINGERS (7, 1, SW)
FISH (9, 13, E)
GLORY (11, 1, SW)
HEAVENS (4, 8, S)
LORD (8, 1, SE)
LOWER (15, 1, S)
MAN (9, 4, S)
MOON (3, 13, N)
MOUTH (2, 5, NE)
NAME (4, 15, NW)
SEA (7, 9, SW)
STARS (4, 5, SE)

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