



**Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for October 3, 2010
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"God's Law Is Good"

Lesson Text: Psalm 19:7-14

Background Scripture: Psalm 19:1-14

Memory Verse: "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple" (Psalm 19:7).

Psalm 19:7-14

7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

12 Who can understand his errors? Cleanse thou me from secret faults.

13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW:

Teach that God's Word is good and right because He is good and everything about Him is right.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

1. God's Word is good.
2. God's Word is helpful to us.
3. We will have better lives if we love and obey God's Word.

PLANNING LESSON AIDS:

For Beginning the Lesson, have your open Bible on your lap.

For Helping to Remember, bring paper and crayons.

For the lesson activity, make a copy of the Word Search (located at the end of this lesson) for each student.

TEACHER'S NOTES:

The title of this week's lesson seems simple, but it is most profound. God's law is good!

Sometimes we think of His law as something we are obliged to follow. This lesson holds up God's law as good, perfect, helpful, and desirable. It is right because it comes from God. Following His law brings the best to us because God's Word works for our highest good and His highest glory. He is right and the measure of all that is right.

All the subjects in Psalm 19:7-9 are synonyms for God's Word except for "fear" (respect), which describes our appropriate response to His Word.

God's Word, if understood rightly, is highly desirable. It is helpful and useful and makes our lives better. God's Word warns us when we are leaving His approved way. We should allow His Word to warn us. When we keep God's Word, we receive great reward.

It is hard for us to understand the error of our thinking and our ways, but God's Word is able to cleanse us even from secret sin. God's Word is able to cleanse our language, our thinking, and our desires.

God's law is the perfect standard of divine holiness that convicts the sinner that he or she is guilty of sin and in desperate need of salvation. No mere human can ever hope to keep it! So let us learn to obey by His grace.

BEGINNING THE LESSON:

Karen was going to make a cake. She put the cake mix and the water in a bowl. She got two eggs out of the refrigerator. When she broke them into the bowl, she noticed a bad smell. She noticed that the egg yolks looked greenish.

"Oh, no! Those eggs are bad," Mother said. "Do not make a cake with those. The whole cake will be bad. Here, these are good eggs. We will start over using these."

Karen's cake was delicious, and everyone enjoyed it. "Good eggs make a good cake," she said, winking at her mother.

There are many ideas in the world that are like rotten eggs. They will ruin our lives if we follow them. God's Word is always good and right.

Do you remember which book of the Bible is really a songbook? (Teacher, have your Bible on your lap throughout the lesson. Raise it now to call attention to it.) Yes, it is the book of Psalm. "Psalms" means "songs." Many of the psalms are songs of praise to God. The book of Psalm is just about in the middle of our Bibles.

TELLING THE LESSON:

Psalm 19 is a song about God's Word. King David, the songwriter, called God's Word by many different names. He called it "the law of the Lord" (v. 7)

because in it, God gives *us* His rules for living. He called it "the testimony of the Lord" because it tells what He had seen and heard. No one but God was there in the beginning when God created the earth. He can give a true testimony because He was there.

The songwriter called God's Word His "statutes" and "commandment" (Ps. 19:8). These are other words for God's rules. Only the One who made us knows what rules will help us in our living every day. King David also called God's Word His "judgments" (v. 9). They are to be feared, or respected. God's judgment does not mean His punishment in this case. It means what God has decided about something. God has decided that it is right and good, or He has decided that it is wrong and hurtful.

The Word of God is perfect. God cannot make a mistake. It is sure. Whatever God says has to happen just the way He said. It is right. God cannot be wrong or mistaken about anything. His Word is pure. It has nothing bad mixed in with it. It is clean. There is nothing dirty about God. His Word is true and righteous. Everything God says is good and right.

The Word of God is able to help us in so many ways! Our hearts are sinful, loving what is wrong. God's Word is able to convert, or change, us from the inside out. God's Word can make us wise, able to do the right thing. It can encourage us and make our hearts glad.

Sometimes we do not see clearly what we should do. Other books may give us advice, but that advice may change. God's Word never changes.

We should want God's Word more than we want things. When we obey His Word, it seems sweet to us. His Word is of great value!

God's Word is able to warn us when we are starting to do wrong. When we do what His Word says, He rewards us. King David, the Bible songwriter, prayed that his words and even his thoughts would be pleasing to God. He knew this was possible through listening to God's Word.

TELLING HOW TO LIVE:

It is important to listen to God's Word often and to do what He tells us in His Word. When you listen to teaching from God's Word or to someone reading God's Word, do you listen with an open heart?

HELPING TO REMEMBER:

Let the children draw and color pictures of a Bible. They can then draw smiley faces on or around their Bibles to show that they are happy to have God's Word.

EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE:

"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple" (Psalm 19:7).

God's Word cannot be mistaken. His Word is able to change our hearts. When God says something, it must happen just as He said. God is able to give us wisdom so that we can do right.

CONCLUSION:

We can be thankful that God has given us the Bible, for through it we know about Him and what He expects of us. The Bible is the only true source of right living on earth. Nothing else even comes close!

PRAYER:

Dear God, thank You for Your Word that is good and right. Help us to obey Your Word so that we are wise and happy, in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON:

Next week's lesson is "God Provides Safety" and encourages us that God provides safety for His people even though troubles and dangers may surround us. Study Psalm 46:1-7.

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WORD SEARCH

"God's Law Is Good" (Psalm 19:7-14)

Find each of the following keywords from the lesson:

WISE	CHANGE	RIGHT	HEART
GOOD	COMMANDMENTS	LAW	RULES
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