



Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for November 14, 2010
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"God Is Forever"

Lesson Text: Psalm 90:1-12

Background Scripture: Psalm 90

Memory Verse: "...from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God" (Psalm 90:2).

Psalm 90:1-12

- 1** Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.
- 2** Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.
- 3** Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.
- 4** For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.
- 5** Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which growth up.
- 6** In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.
- 7** For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.
- 8** Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.
- 9** For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.
- 10** The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
- 11** Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.
- 12** So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

TEACHER'S NOTES

The concept of something being eternal or everlasting may be a new one to your students. Even though their minds may be incapable of grasping it completely, God's eternal nature is an important attribute that we need to introduce to them early.

God is God eternally. He was there before the mountains or any part of the earth was made. He is not limited to time as we know it. Our own lives are very short in comparison to His eternal being. Not only are our lives short, but God is angry with us because of our sin throughout our lives, apart from His forgiveness through His Son.

The psalmist concluded with a prayer that God would help us realize the shortness of our lives so that we might use them wisely in ways that honor Him.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW:

To teach children that our lives are short but that God lives forever.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

1. God is eternal, existing even before our world was created.
2. Our own lives are very short compared to eternity.
3. We should pray that God will give us wisdom to live our lives well in ways that please Him.

PLANNING VISUAL AIDS

For Beginning the Lesson, prepare a circle shape.

For Helping to Remember, bring construction paper, pencils, and safety scissors (blunt tip) for each student. Cut several circle patterns that the children can use for tracing.

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

BEGINNING THE LESSON

(Teacher, show the circle shape.) There is a song that talks about a circle.

God's love is like a circle,
a circle big and round,
For when you see a circle,
No ending can be found,
And so the love of Jesus
Goes on eternally
Forever and forever
I know that He loves me"
—*unknown*

TELLING THE LESSON

It is not only God's love that has no ending. God Himself has no beginning and no ending. He has always been exactly who He is, and He will always be just the same. He is God, forever and ever.

Some of us had parents and grand-parents and great-grandparents who loved God. From the beginning, there have always been people who loved God.

Even if we go back to the very beginning, to the first man and the first woman, God was before that. He was God when there were no people at all.

When we see mountains, they seem big and strong. They look like something that must have been there forever, but they were not. God made those mountains, and God was already living long before that. God was already living even before there was an earth or anything else at all. The Bible says He has lived from everlasting to everlasting. He is eternal.

Our wonderful God never had a beginning. He always was. He will never have an ending. He always will be. He will never change, and He will never die.

A thousand years seems like a very long time to us. No one has ever lived to be a thousand years old. But even a thousand years seems like nothing to God. Time means nothing to Him because He will never run out of time. He will never stop living.

Our lives seem long when we are young, but they are not long at all. The psalmist said our lives are like grass, which grows for a while and then dies. They do not last long—not nearly as long as God lasts!

Some people live to be in their seventies or eighties. Even if we are strong and live longer, it is still not long compared to God. He lives forever. He will never die.

When the psalm writer thought about God, he prayed that God would teach us to use our lives wisely. We use our lives wisely when we love and honor God and when we tell others about Him.

TELLING HOW TO LIVE

Every day of our lives is a gift from the eternal God. Every day of our lives we can give Him praise, learn His Word, and tell others about His love.

This coming week God is going to give you a gift of seven days. How will you use those days to honor Him? Right now He is giving you the gift of this very hour. How can you use it wisely? (Let the children make suggestions: by listening or paying attention, by thinking about God, by being kind to the other children, by obeying, or by really joining in when we pray.)

HELPING TO REMEMBER

Let the children trace and cut circles from your patterns to remind them that God has no beginning and no end. They may sing "God's Love Is like a Circle" (above in Beginning The Lesson) to help them understand that God lives and loves forever!

EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE

"From everlasting to everlasting, thou art God" (Psalm 90:2).

God is everlasting, or eternal. He has always been God, and He will always be God. He has no beginning. He has always been alive. He has no ending. He will live forever. He did not begin as something else and then become God. He has always been God.

He will not turn into something else someday. He will always be God. He will live forever. He is eternal. Everyone and everything else changes, but God remains the same. He is perfect and does not need to change in any way.

The psalmist was talking to God. This is a prayer of praise to God, who always was and always will be. What a wonderful God we serve! When you think about how God lives forever, do you feel like praising Him too?

CONCLUSION

We must not get the idea that our God is always angry. He is angry against sin. He is all-powerful and therefore can protect us. He does this by giving us wisdom if we ask Him for it. The eternal God loves mankind, whose days are short compared to His eternity.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for being the Creator and Sustainer of our lives! Help us to live for You, praise You, and tell others of Your goodness, in Jesus' name. Amen

THOUGHT TO REMEMBER

Guide children to grasp the truth that God created not only the earth but them also. Help them to begin to realize His power.

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON

In next week's lesson, "God Delivers and Proects," God answers those who ask Him to protect them. Study Psalm 91:1-16.

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WORD SEARCH

"God Is Awesome" (Psalm 90:1-12)

Find each of the following keywords from the lesson:

ANGER
EARTH
GENERATIONS
GROW
MOUNTAINS
SORROW
YEARS

CHILDREN
FLOOD
GOD
HEARTS
POWER
TEACH

DAYS
FLY
GRASS
LORD
SLEEP
WISDOM

S K H Z Q L V Q P A X A D W A
O N E E W X N T E B N V K K Q
V K O M A H K K E O F G M Y W
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D K D S T N T N S L I A G R E
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F S I U H H I S T E L S T C G
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C P O W E R D S R A E Y U S T
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Z E R F N S D J Y I W P X O D

19 words were placed into the puzzle.

SOLUTION TO WORD SEARCH

"God Is Awesome" (Psalm 90:1-12)

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  O A       A E S           S
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G    L D       E   A   I E D
      L F   W   N R       A A O
        I           I S T E L   T C G
      H W O R G S H Y O G   N H
C P O W E R D S R A E Y U
          Y O D           D   O
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(Over, Down, Direction)

ANGER (10, 1, SE)
CHILDREN (1, 12, NE)
DAYS (11, 13, NW)
EARTH (12, 7, SW)
FLOOD (5, 9, NW)
FLY (4, 15, NE)
GENERATIONS (11, 11, NW)
GOD (15, 10, N)
GRASS (1, 8, NE)
GROW (6, 11, W)
HEARTS (3, 1, SE)
LORD (11, 10, SW)
MOUNTAINS (13, 14, N)
POWER (2, 12, E)
SLEEP (9, 5, N)
SORROW (4, 7, E)
TEACH (14, 7, S)
WISDOM (7, 9, S)
YEARS (12, 12, W)