

WEEK OF MAY 14, 2023



GOD *Alone*

PREPARE



BEFORE
YOU BEGIN



TALK TOGETHER

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN FRUSTRATED WITH SOMEONE'S WRONG CHOICES?

Has someone ever broken your toy, told a lie about you or hurt your feelings? When people make wrong choices, it can leave them feeling really yucky inside.

God gave us something called a **conscience**. It helps us know the difference between right and wrong. Our conscience is part of the image of God that's reflected inside of us. It makes us different from everything else God created. But even though we have a conscience, we don't always make the right choices. Because we are all sinners, everyone will sometimes choose to do the wrong thing.

✧ **God is the only One Who is righteous.** This means He is perfect. He always does the right thing, and He is always fair. God always acts righteously. Everything He says and does is perfect. **Let's read about it together in Psalm 71:15-19. Can you find it for me?**

CONT...



TALK TOGETHER

Family conversations with God's Word.



MORE TO EXPLORE

Discover how this conversation fits into God's Big Story.



THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.



COLORING PAGE

Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.



*MY MOUTH WILL TELL OF YOUR RIGHTEOUS ACTS, OF YOUR DEEDS OF SALVATION ALL THE DAY, FOR THEIR NUMBER IS PAST MY KNOWLEDGE. WITH THE MIGHTY DEEDS OF THE LORD GOD I WILL COME; I WILL REMIND THEM OF YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, YOURS ALONE. O GOD, FROM MY YOUTH YOU HAVE TAUGHT ME, AND I STILL PROCLAIM YOUR WONDROUS DEEDS. SO EVEN TO OLD AGE AND GRAY HAIRS, O GOD, DO NOT FORSAKE ME, UNTIL I PROCLAIM YOUR MIGHT TO ANOTHER GENERATION, YOUR POWER TO ALL THOSE TO COME. **YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, O GOD, REACHES THE HIGH HEAVENS.** YOU WHO HAVE DONE GREAT THINGS, O GOD, WHO IS LIKE YOU?*

PSALM 71:15-19

How far does God's righteousness reach? All the way to the heavens! It is endless.

Like the psalmist, you're learning about God's righteousness at a young age. You have your whole life ahead of you to discover the great things God has done throughout history and the great things He will do in YOUR lifetime!

The greatest thing God has already done, however, is give us Jesus. God's righteousness required Jesus' death on the cross in our place. When we put our trust in Jesus, God no longer sees all our wrong choices. Instead, He sees us in the righteousness of Jesus. This is the best news we could ever receive!

It's easy to get frustrated when someone chooses wrong, and we're affected by that choice. But in those moments, remember **no one** is righteous but God. Only God will always make the right choice. **Thank Him for the great things He has done and will do!**



GOD'S BIG STORY

CREATION



EVERYTHING
GOD CREATED
WAS GOOD.

FALL



ADAM & EVE SINNED,
AND SIN PASSED TO
ALL PEOPLE, EVEN
YOU AND ME.

REDEMPTION



THOUGH ALL OF
US ARE SINNERS,
CHRIST DIED
FOR US.

RESTORATION



JESUS WILL
COME AGAIN.

FIND IT IN THE BIBLE: PSALMS

This week's story comes from the book of Psalms. The book of Psalms is in the Old Testament and is a collection of songs, praises and poems speaking to or about God. The Psalms were written throughout the time period of the Old Testament, and many were written by King David.

Many people read the Psalms to find comfort during difficult seasons of life. Psalm 71 was written by David when he was an old man and was meant to be an encouragement to God's people in their final years of life.

JOURNAL

Think of one of your favorite Bible stories that talks about the great things God has done. (Maybe it's how God rescued Paul from prison or how He used a shepherd to defeat a giant.) In your journal, write down three things about the greatness of God the story taught you.

OT-NT CONNECTION

In the New Testament, Paul talks about God's righteousness and how we are made righteous through Christ. Read Romans 3:9-31.

- Who is righteous? Why?
- How do we become righteous?

I KNOW WHAT'S RIGHT, BUT HOW DO I STOP DOING WHAT'S WRONG?

In Romans 8, Paul reminds us there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ. He also encourages us to walk, live and set our minds on things of the Spirit.

How do we do that? By reading God's Word, spending time in prayer, going to church, confessing our sins to one another and asking other believers to hold us accountable to God's standard.

We must remember the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives inside of us (Romans 8:11). We may have to fight against sinful choices our entire life, but we can be confident God will help us do what is right every time we turn to Him.

MY FRIENDS AT SCHOOL HAVE MANY DIFFERENT STANDARDS REGARDING WHAT IS RIGHT AND WHAT IS WRONG. HOW DO I KNOW WHAT'S RIGHT?

We live in a time when everyone does what is right in their own eyes (Judges 17:6). You may have experienced how everyday life can become confusing, contradictory or chaotic without an agreed-upon standard of right and wrong.

Because God is the ONLY One Who is righteous, God always chooses what is right and always does what is fair. His standard is the only one that matters and accurately defines what is right and wrong.

READ



Humanity is the only creation made in God's image, but this can be a difficult concept to understand. Read Genesis 1 with your family. Pay special attention to verses 26-29. Next, read Genesis 2:5-9 and 2:15-25.

What makes Adam and Eve different from the rest of creation (both in form and purpose)? What makes you different from the rest of creation?

★ THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

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♥ MEMORIZE

**YOUR
RIGHTEOUSNESS,
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GOD, WHO IS
LIKE YOU?**

PSALM 71:19

Q: WHO HAS DONE GREAT THINGS?

A: GOD!

SHARE

Tell your child about a time someone's bad choice impacted your plans. How did you feel? Now share why you are thankful God is righteous and always makes the right choice.

FIND

This week's verse is in the book of Psalms. Help your child find the book of Psalms. Is this book in the Old or New Testament? How many chapters are there?

WATCH



Watch this week's Memory Melody video with your kids to memorize this week's verse!

PRAY

GOD, THERE IS NO ONE LIKE YOU! I PRAISE YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE RIGHTEOUS. ALL YOUR WAYS ARE PERFECT. ALL YOUR WORDS ARE TRUE. THANK YOU FOR TEACHING ME WHILE I AM YOUNG. HELP ME TO SERVE YOU ALL MY DAYS AND TELL OTHERS ABOUT THE GREAT THINGS YOU HAVE DONE! AMEN.

TELL

Ask your child to think about two people they know who have done great things. What were those things? Next, ask them to think about something great God has done in their life. Encourage them to share what they thought of with a family member or friend.

INVITE

Invite an older Christian over for dinner. (This could be a grandparent, a great-aunt or uncle, or even an older couple from church.) Ask them to share the story of their faith and how God's righteousness has done great things in their life. Encourage your kids to ask questions. At the conclusion of your evening, ask your guest if they would pray a prayer of blessing over your family.

READ

Check out a book from the library that allows you to choose your own ending. (Preview the book's content ahead of time.) Read the book and make decisions for the story together. Keep in mind that "right" choices keep the story going, and "wrong" choices lead to dead ends.

Remind your kids that God alone is righteous. He is the only one Who always chooses what's right and always does what's fair. When we trust Him and listen to the Holy Spirit, we can learn to make right choices in our life too.

SING



Listen to this playlist throughout the series to praise God and God alone!

**SCAN HERE TO LISTEN
WHEREVER YOU ARE!**



**WHO HAS
DONE GREAT
THINGS?**

GOD!

***YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS,
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(PSALM 71:19)

NAME: _____