

FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 27, 2018



BIBLE STORY:

Psalms 139

BIBLE VERSE:

Psalms 139:14

BABIES—PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

God made people and loves them.

YOUNGER KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

God created me and has a plan for my life.

OLDER KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

God created me and has a purpose for my life.

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

2 Corinthians 12:7b-10; 13:2-8

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

2 Corinthians 12:9

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *2 Corinthians 12:11-13*

MONDAY: *2 Corinthians 12:14-18*

TUESDAY: *2 Corinthians 12:19-21*

WEDNESDAY: *2 Corinthians 13:1-4*

THURSDAY: *2 Corinthians 13:5-13*

FRIDAY: *2 Samuel 1:1-10*

SATURDAY: *2 Samuel 1:11-16*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study Psalms and 2 Corinthians together as a family:



- **My God knows me!** David, as he wrote Psalm 139, stood in awe of God. David was at a loss for words as he penned this psalm wrestling with the fact that the God Who created the universe had a distinct interest in him, one of God's creations. Psalm 139 is a beautiful description of how much God loves the creation He made. God knows intimate details of each and every aspect of His creation. Why?—because He made it!
- **God's plan.** In addition to the fact that God has intimate knowledge of our lives is the fact that He also has a specific plan for each of His creations. David said that God's plans were in place before God even created us. David ended his psalm by asking God to search his heart and reveal any wrong thoughts or desires that were against God. Likewise, we should also desire to have God reveal our sin so we can approach Him in humility asking for forgiveness.
- **The weak become strong.** God's knowledge of intimate details of His creation is not limited to the good things we experience; God also knows when we struggle and are weak. In 2 Corinthians 12, Paul spoke openly about the weakness he had and told the Corinthians that he prayed often that God would remove what Paul called a "thorn in the flesh." We are not certain what Paul struggled with, but we know he desperately desired God to remove this struggle from him. Paul rejoiced that through his struggle and reliance on God, God made him stronger.
- **Examination.** Your kids likely will wince at the word *examination*, but Paul encouraged the Corinthians to examine their lives daily and ensure they were living lives that honored God. When we live faithful to God's revelation of Himself, and worship the God who knows us intimately, we can do as David did and ask God to reveal to us those parts of our lives that need His healing and our attention.