

PSALMS

Family Devotional (7/19/20)

Key Point: God blesses His children so they can bless others.

Today, we want our kids to learn that Psalm 67 is a prayer for blessing to all peoples. God's children can ask God to bless them so that they can bless others. God's blessing on His children should overflow in a way that brings glory to God.

What we want the kids to know and do:

- God's children can use the blessings God gives them to bless others.
- The most important way God's children can bless others is by sharing the gospel with them.
- God wants all nations to glorify Him: to show, honor, and enjoy God as most valuable.
- We want them to experience the power of the gospel, praise God for His saving power, and share it with others.

Text for Study: Psalm 67 (67:1-3)

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

Create discipleship time: As a family, listen to the sermon, read through the elementary portion above, and talk about God's Word.

1. What does it mean for God to bless us?
God shows His children grace: He gives them good gifts that they don't deserve.
2. What is the biggest blessing a sinner could ever receive? What is the best thing for us (v1)?
For God to "make His face to shine upon us". God is what is best for us and having the ability to be in His presence through Jesus is the biggest blessing a sinner could receive.
3. What are some other blessings (gifts we don't deserve) that God could give His children?
Excess finances; really close friends; the best teacher at school; a big house; talents like music, soccer, crafting, etc; a family that loves Jesus; etc.
4. Read verse 2. Why does David want God to bless him?
So God's way, His saving power, can be known on earth.
5. What does God's saving power mean? What is David referring to?
The gospel. Sinners cannot save themselves, so God made a way for them to be saved. He sent Jesus to take the punishment sinners deserve so that God could save them from their sins. Only God has the power to save sinners and the good news is that He has!
6. If this is such good news, what should God's children do with it?
Praise God for His saving power, share it with anyone who will listen, and bless others.
7. In verse 2 David says he wants God's saving power to be known among all nations. Do you think this is a difficult goal?

8. There are whole groups of people across the world who have never heard of Jesus and don't have a Bible in their language. What do we call a person who moves to another country to tell people about Jesus? [A missionary.](#)
9. You can go tell people in other countries about Jesus too, but are there any good gifts God has blessed you with that you can use to bless others while you are here at home?
[EX: A big house-](#) we can host people who need a place to stay or to host parties that give us opportunities to share the gospel; [Really close friends-](#) we can use these relationships to talk about God safely and plan ways to serve God and others together; [Excess Finances-](#) we can use the money we have leftover in the budget to feed the homeless, give to the church, or help a family in need; [Crafting-](#) we can craft a card for someone who is hurting; etc.
10. Read verse 3. What does David believe the proper response to that good news should be?
[For all the people to praise God.](#)
11. Does God want all people to praise and glorify Him?
[Yes. God knows that He is what is best for everyone. Therefore, He wants all people to glorify Him: to show, honor, and enjoy Him as most valuable!](#)

****Additional passages for family study:** Genesis 12; Matthew 28:19; Acts 1:8; Matthew 5:16.

Capture discipleship moments: Recap by asking your kids what they learned.

1. What did we learn about God today?
[God blesses His children so they can bless others.](#)
2. What did we learn about ourselves today?
[We can bless others with the blessings God has given us. The most important blessing is God Himself.](#)

Pray together as a family. Ask each member of your family – parents included – to share one thing they would like prayer over. Assign someone to pray for that person's request. Challenge them to pray for that person all week long. Parents, pray a blessing over your children as you close.

This Month's Memory Verse

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations. **Psalms 67:1-2**