

>>> COMMUNITY KIDS <<< EVERY PERSON MATTERS

Psalm 139



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- **Mornings:** Ask God to show you who needs love and encouragement today. Be on the lookout for people you encounter and how you can show God's love to them. How does showing love to others help them know God? How does loving them remind you of how much God loves you?
- **Evenings:** Praise God for the wonderful way He created you. He knew you before you were born and made plans for your life. Ask Him to help you fulfill the purpose He has for you. How does it feel to know that God made you just the way He wanted you to be? How does this change the way you look at yourself and others?

>>> MAIN IDEAS:

CHRIST CONNECTION

THIS IS THE BIG IDEA OF HOW THIS WEEK'S BIBLE
STORY POINTS TO JESUS:

EVERY PERSON MATTERS. GOD CREATED US AND CARES FOR US. HE SENT HIS SON, JESUS, TO SAVE US FROM OUR SINS. *AS WE LOVE AND FOLLOW GOD, HE CALLS US TO LOVE OTHERS AND SHOW RESPECT TO EVERYONE.*

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

What makes people
special?

People are special because we are made in God's image, as male and female, to know Him.

Dear Families,

From the garden of Eden to the great restoration of the last days, men and women have attempted to hide themselves from God, seeking safety and avoidance of the consequences of sin due to those who think, speak, and act contrary to God's good design.

We first find this in the garden following the initial sin of Adam and Eve. After seeking their own pleasure, satisfaction, and authority, they felt the onset of conviction over their sin. Their solution to this sense of wrongdoing was to hide from the One who made them, loved them, and had given them the instructions they rebelled against. No surprise to us, God knew where they were. He drew them out of their hiding and confronted them in their attempts to hide their sin.

Even in the last days, this effort to hide from God won't be successful. In Revelation 6 as the seals are being opened, verse 15 speaks of kings, nobles, generals, rich, powerful, slaves, and free people hiding in caves and among the rocks as the wrath of God for sin becomes more and more imminent. In an effort to hide from the God, they run for cover hoping they can escape the looming punishment. In the subsequent chapters of this apocalyptic letter, that coming wrath is revealed against the ungodly and their hiding proves to be to no avail.

Reading these accounts of people seeking to hide from God brings to light at least two very important truths. First, we cannot hide from God. There is nowhere we can go in His creation that He will not be aware of. Second, God knows not just where we are, but every other detail of who we are as well.

In light of this, Psalm 139 provides the most freeing of assurances to our failed attempts to hide, giving the reader a beautiful understanding of the sovereignty of God and the value of every human life. Not only is there no where we can go to hide from God, but every other detail of our lives is known to Him, and even determined and directed by Him.

The next time you are tempted to hide from God because of sin, guilt, or shame, remember these central truths. There is nowhere you can go to flee from God. He knows you better than you know yourself. And He wants you to accept that, willingly confess your sin to Him, and trust that He is gracious and merciful to forgive His children because of His Son, Jesus.

***Pray:** Lord, You know everything about us. You love us and care for us all the days of our lives. You created us in a wonderful way for a wonderful purpose, so please help us to know You and to walk in the plan You have for us.*

FAMILY ACTIVITIES<<<

For Fun: Look at photos of each family member when they were babies or young kids. Talk about how they've changed or how some features might still be similar, like hair color or dimples. Read Psalm 139 together. Remind kids of how God has created them in a wonderful way. Tell your child that God has a purpose for their life and wants to have a relationship with them.

To Serve: Parents, start a love challenge for your family next week. Give heart cutouts to kids each time you catch them showing love to others. After they receive a heart, encourage kids to be looking for others showing love and pass the heart on to them. Keep passing out hearts until the challenge is over.



UNIT MEMORY VERSE:

For it was you who created my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I will praise you because I have been remarkably and wondrously made. Your works are wondrous, and I know this very well.
 -Psalm 139:13-14