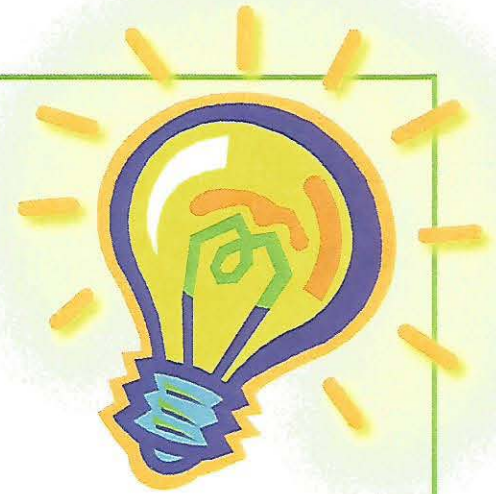


# Lighting the Way



## Lesson 5

### Psalms About Jesus

**Theme:** Inspired Scripture – Describing the coming Messiah in Psalms

#### Memory Verse

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3:5-6

#### Daily Bible Readings

Thursday	Psalm 2
Friday	Psalm 8
Saturday	Psalm 72:1-11
Monday	Psalm 72:12-20
Tuesday	Psalm 110

**W**hen a man becomes a king, he is usually king for his whole life, whether his people like him or not. When the king dies, one of his sons often becomes king.

If a king is unselfish, wise, and kind, his people are happy and content. If a king is selfish and cruel, people in his kingdom suffer.

God gave kings to His people. He wanted Israel’s kings to lead the nation in God’s way. He wanted the kings to lead people’s hearts to God. A few kings did this, but most did not. Several psalms describe the king as “God’s man” who leads the nation in God’s way. These psalms were

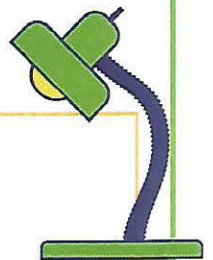
#### Psalm 2

At the beginning of the psalm, the psalmist says that the nations are ...

- with God.
- against God.

God is still in charge. To show this, God ...

- put a king in Zion.
- killed all His enemies.
- gave the Bible.





## Psalm 8

“How majestic is Your name in all the earth.” “Majestic” means ...

- small and lowly.
- great and powerful.
- meek and mild.

People are small compared to God, but God made people “a little \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_.”

God told His people He would send them someone who would save them and lead them in the right way.

## Jesus the King

Over time, God’s people sinned more and more. God tried to get people to change, but they didn’t want to change. Finally, God removed Israel’s king from his throne and the people from their land. But God still wanted His people to follow Him.

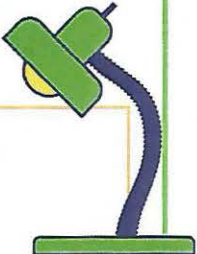
As Israel’s kings failed, God began speaking of One who would come to save and lead true believers. When the time was right, God sent His own Son into the world. People began to realize that He was the coming King the psalms and prophets told about. Writers of the New Testament understood Jesus is the King of all kings. He will lead people to God. He will save people from sin.

Winning battles and wars is, at times, important. But we have a bigger war to fight — the war against sin. God knows people need a leader to save them from sin. He sent His Son to win over sin. Jesus did this by dying on the cross, then God raised Him from the dead. This showed Jesus

written to teach and encourage men to be the right kind of leaders for God’s people.

One psalmist prayed this way for Israel’s king: “Give the king Your judgments, O God, And Your righteousness to the king’s son. May he judge your people with righteousness And your afflicted with justice.” (Psalm 72:1-2)

Most kings failed to lead Israel in God’s way. Because of this, God’s people, along with some of their kings, were taken prisoners to foreign lands. The nation suffered because kings did not lead them in God’s way.



## Psalm 72:1-11

*Circle the dots of all correct answers.*

The psalmist prays that the king will:

- build a huge palace.
- treat people in a fair way.
- be handsome and polite.
- win over his enemies.



### Psalm 72:12-20

The psalmist prays that the king will do what is right and will take care of people.

But in the end, who does he say is in charge and is to be praised?

is King of kings and Lord of lords (1 Timothy 6:15).

For a good king to lead his nation in God's way, people must follow him. If people refuse to follow the king, they will not enjoy what he provides, and they will be punished. Jesus is the King of kings, and we must follow Him everyday.



### Psalm 110

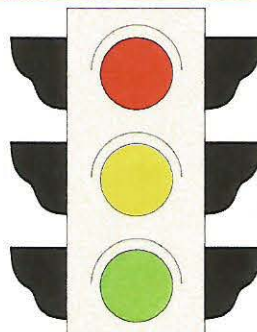
God will make the king's enemies to be a footstool for his feet. This means ...

- his enemies will wash his feet.
- his enemies will serve him.
- his enemies will hold up his feet.

God appointed the coming king to be a king and a ...

- priest.
- prophet.
- judge.

I respect Jesus as the King of my life.



Put an X in the light that best describes you.

**Red** — usually not

**Yellow** — sometimes

**Green** — all the time



Homes, churches, and nations need leaders to help people know God and go His way. Imagine you are a leader. How can you lead people the way God wants you to?

## Shine a Light on the Bible Facts



Which book of the Old Testament is about crossing the Jordan River and taking and dividing the land of Canaan?

Right here, right now, write from memory John 3:16.

On the map of the Divided Kingdom located on the inside back cover of this book, circle the nations of Israel and Judah.