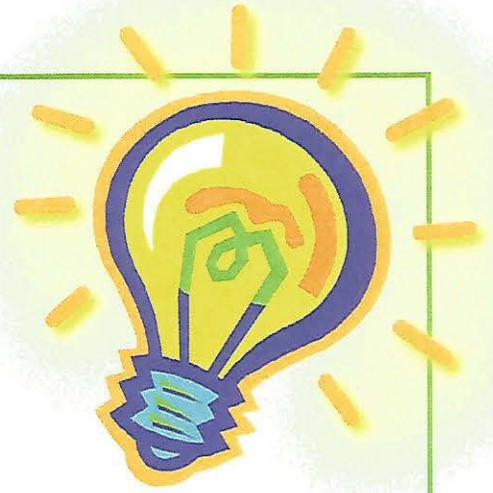


# Lighting the Way



## Lesson 1

### Psalms about Right and Wrong

**Theme:** Faith — Drawing strength from God’s Word

#### Memory Verse

“Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing. Know that the Lord Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, And His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him; bless His name. For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting, And His faithfulness to all generations.”  
Psalm 100

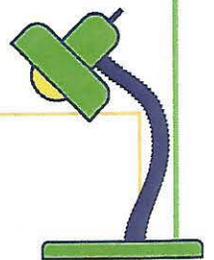
#### Daily Bible Readings

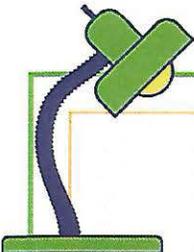
Thursday	Psalm 1
Friday	Psalm 37:1-11
Saturday	Psalm 37:23-34
Monday	Psalm 112
Tuesday	Psalm 128

**P**salms are poems or songs. The Old Testament book of Psalms includes different types of psalms, such as psalms of praise and psalms of sorrow. Some psalms are teaching psalms that are often called “Wisdom Psalms.” These psalms describe life in terms of bad guys and good guys. Good guys do what is right, and bad guys do what is wrong. Each way has its consequences. Wisdom psalms help us be wise and choose the right way.

**Psalm 1**  
What is chaff?

How is a wicked person like chaff?





### Psalm 37:1-11

We can look at people who do evil and be tempted to do evil ourselves.

What choices should we make?

- To do evil with them
- To trust the Lord and do good
- To wonder why we can't do evil
- Be happy to obey God

Wisdom psalms tell us a person is foolish if he or she chooses not to follow God. For our part, we must be careful about calling someone a "Fool" or saying someone is "Dumb." But God knows all about everyone; he knows who does right and wrong. He knows who is wise and who is foolish.

### A Person Who Does Right is Like a Strong Tree - Psalm 1

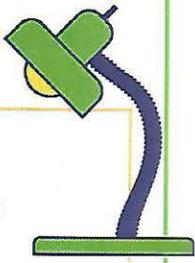
Imagine you are a tree. Would you want to live in the desert or beside a river? The desert is hot and dry, and there wouldn't be much water. In the desert, you would have trouble growing strong and bearing fruit because of the lack of water. Living beside a river would be much different. Your roots would have plenty of water; you would grow and be strong and bear good fruit. The book of Psalms opens with a picture of a person who is like a tree growing by water.

Psalm 1 is a poem about a man who stays away from evil. He tries hard to stay away from people and places that may turn him from God. Instead, he reads God's Word and thinks about it day and night. This person is like a strong tree growing beside water and bearing good fruit. We will be the best we can be only when we walk in God's way.

The psalmist says that the person who chooses to follow evil is like chaff which the wind drives

### Right and Wrong

Every person must choose the way he or she will go. God's way is always right, and a wise person chooses this way. The right way is not always the easiest way. Sometimes it is hard. But choosing the right way will always bring the best results in the end. To be wise, we must always try to do what is right.



### Psalm 37:23-34

In all the years the psalmist lived, what had he never seen happen to people who do what is right?

People who do wrong may seem to make it okay in life, but what will finally happen to them?

- They will be cut off from the Lord.
- They will be tortured to death.
- They will go to heaven.



### Psalm 112

What are some things that will happen to a person who chooses to do what is right?

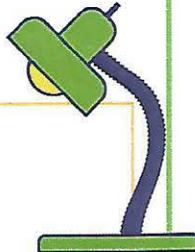
*Circle the dot of any wrong answer.*

- He and his family will have what they need to live in the world.
- He will be sad and angry most of the time.
- He will be kind to other people and help them.
- He will not be afraid of what may happen because he trusts God.

away. Chaff is the part of the grain that cannot be eaten and is thrown away. Walking in the wrong way often looks good. People will say it is “fun” or “cool.” But when you look closely and think about it, walking the wrong way really gets you nowhere because it takes you away from God.

Everyone has to decide the way he or she will live. Many people choose

ways that are wrong and evil. They seem fun and exciting at the moment. But wise people think about where each way leads sooner or later. Be wise, and choose the right way.

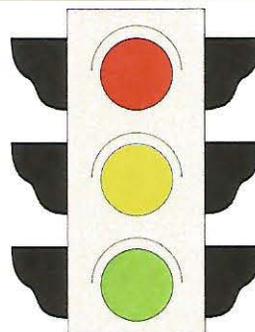


### Psalm 128

What does it mean to “fear the Lord”?

- To be scared of Him
- To walk in His way
- To have children and grandchildren

I show respect for God.

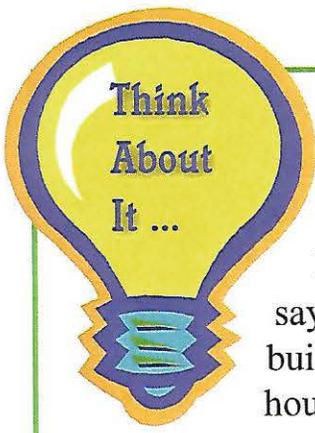


Put an X in the light that best describes you.

**Red** — usually not

**Yellow** — sometimes

**Green** — all the time



When someone builds a house, they have a set of plans or blueprints to know where to put the rooms, doors, windows, and other parts of the house. What do you suppose happens if they try to build the house without looking at the blueprints? In Psalm 127, the psalmist says we are “laboring in vain” or working for nothing unless the Lord builds our house. What do you think it means to let the Lord “build our house”?

## Shine a Light on the Bible Facts



How many books are in the Old Testament?

Find one of your parents right now and recite to them the books of the Bible from memory. Next, see if they can recite them to you!

On a map inside the back cover, place a small ✓ on Egypt, the Red Sea and Mount Sinai.