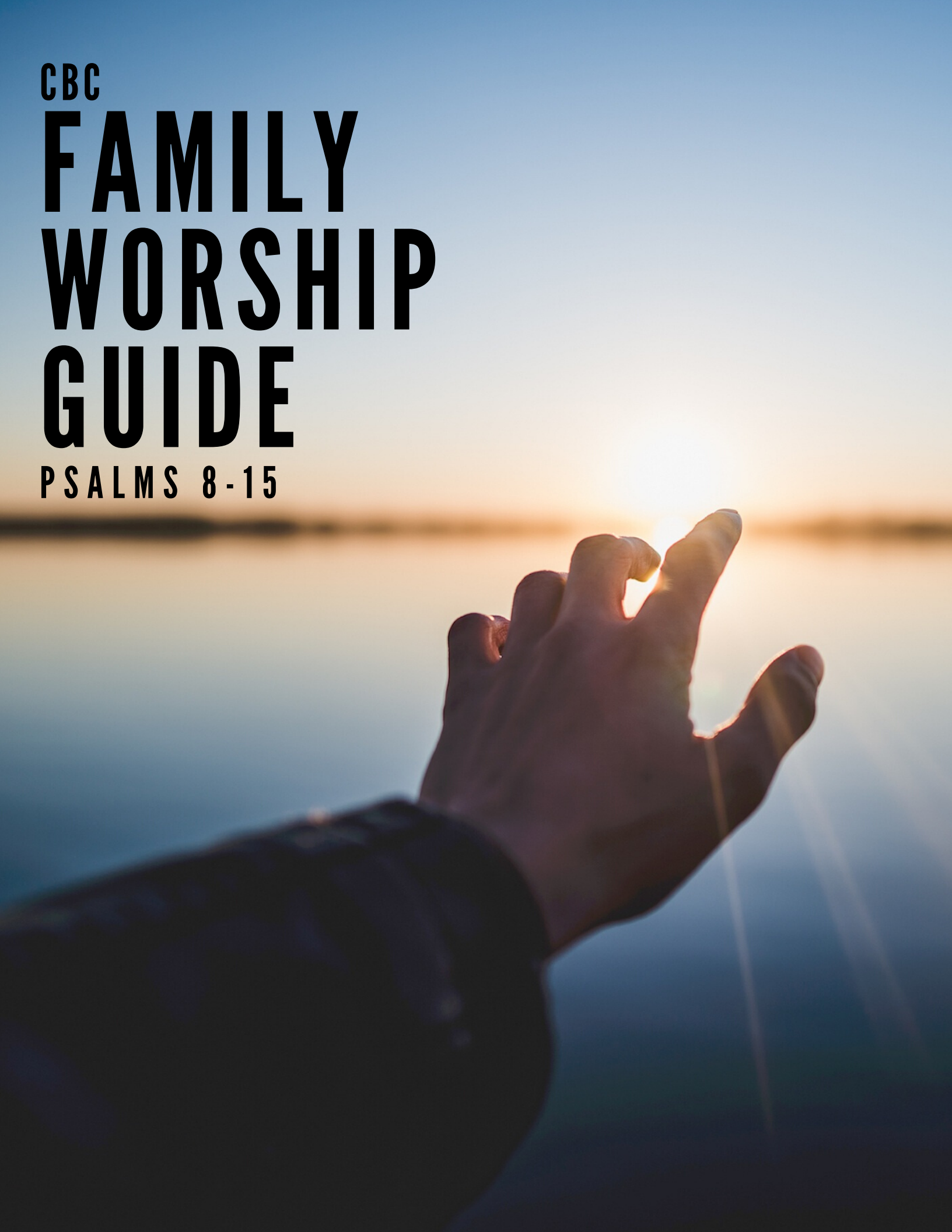


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# **FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE**

**PSALMS 8-15**



# SUNDAY

## HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME

### Read Psalm 8

### Discuss

#### Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What does David refer to when he declares "you have set your glory above the heavens" (verse 1)?
- From clues in this psalm, how does David understand the value of man compared to that of God?
- The author of Hebrews sees an allusion to Christ in this Psalm. Can you find it?
- The refrain in this psalm is "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" What does David mean when he sings of the majesty of the name of the Lord?

*Man is never sufficiently touched and affected by the awareness of his lowly state until he has compared himself with God's majesty. - John Calvin*

#### Kids Discussion Questions

- King David points out God's handiwork in his creation of the skies (v.1,3). When you go outside, look up, and see the skies he has made, what can this tell you about him?
- This psalm repeatedly refers to the name of the Lord as majestic. What does David mean when he uses the word "majestic"?

#### **Sing**

*How Majestic Is Your Name*  
Michael W. Smith

#### **Pray**

For those you know who  
do not yet know the  
majesty of our Lord.

# HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME -MICHAEL W. SMITH

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.  
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, we praise your name.  
O Lord, we magnify your name:  
Prince of Peace, mighty God;  
O Lord God Almighty.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.  
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, we praise your name.  
O Lord, we magnify your name:  
Prince of Peace, mighty God;  
O Lord God Almighty.

# MONDAY

# I WILL GIVE THANKS

## Read Psalm 9

## Discuss

### Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- Recount together as a family some the "wonderful deeds" of the Lord (v.1).
- In verses 7-10, David praises the Lord for his justice. In fact, throughout much of this psalm and many others David does this. We typically praise God more often for his mercy. Why is his judgment against evil praiseworthy? How is his justice displayed at the cross?
- How does David see God's relationship with the poor?

*The servants of the Lord are to sing His praises in this life to the world's end; and in the next life world without end. - John Boys*

### Kids Discussion Questions

- In this psalm, David writes of the "wonderful deeds" of the Lord (v.1). What are some wonderful things he has done?
- Throughout this psalm we see David praise God for the justice he delivers. What do we mean when we say God is just and why is this good?
- What can we learn about God's justice when we think about what Jesus did on the cross?

### **Sing**

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
Robert Robinson

### **Pray**

For the widows and  
widowers of Calvary.

# COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING - ROBERT ROBINSON

1 Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the face of God;  
He, to save my soul from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

2 O to grace how great a debtor, Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter, Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.  
Teach me, Lord, some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above!  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it. Mount of Thy redeeming love.

3 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love:  
Take my heart, oh, take and seal it With Thy Spirit from above.  
Rescued thus from sin and danger, Purchased by the Savior's blood,  
May I walk on earth a stranger, As a son and heir of God.

# TUESDAY

## WHY DO YOU STAND FAR AWAY?

### Read Psalm 10

### Discuss

#### Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What is it that causes the author to ask the Lord why he "stands far away" (v.1)?
- Have you ever felt this?
- How does the gospel help us to understand the justice of the Lord and why he might delay?
- Despite his question in verse 1, the author is sure of the Lord's commitment to help those who have been afflicted (v. 16-18). What is it that he's sure the Lord will do on their behalf?

*To the tearful eye of the sufferer the Lord seemed to stand still, as if he calmly looked on, and did not sympathize with his afflicted one...The presence of God is the joy of his people, but any suspicion of his absence is distracting beyond measure. Let us, then, ever remember that the Lord is nigh us. The refiner is never far from the mouth of the furnace when his gold is in the fire, and the Son of God is always walking in the midst of the flames when his holy children are cast into them. - C.H. Spurgeon on verse 1*

#### Kids Discussion Questions

- In the first verse of this psalm, the author shows that he felt as though the Lord was far away. What would this have felt like?
- Why did he feel this way? (hint: read verse 2-4)
- By the end, the author is reassured that the Lord will respond (that he's not truly far away) (v.16-18). Why is this important to remember?

#### **Sing**

*When I Survey the  
Wondrous Cross*  
Isaac Watts

#### **Pray**

Pick a family from  
Calvary to pray for.

# WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS - ISAAC WATTS

1. When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God:  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.
3. See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did ever such love and sorrow meet?  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. His dying crimson, like a robe,  
Spreads o'er his body on the tree;  
Then am I dead to all the globe,  
And all the globe is dead to me.
5. Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

# WEDNESDAY

# THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE

## Read Psalm 11

### Discuss

#### Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- How does David respond to the panic of his counselors?
- Why does David bring up the eyes of the Lord? What about the eyes of the Lord gives him comfort in the face of the crisis at hand?
- According to this psalm, what does the Lord love and what does he hate?
- What hope is mentioned for the "upright"?

*Faith is a refusal to panic. - Martin Lloyd Jones*

#### Kids Discussion Questions

- David calls the Lord his refuge (v.1). What does this mean?
- In this psalm, David gets some bad advice. What was that advice and what does David do instead?
- How does David's awareness that the Lord is on his throne keep him from panic?

#### **Sing**

*Behold Our God*  
Sovereign Grace Worship

#### **Pray**

For the healthcare  
workers in our  
community.



# BEHOLD OUR GOD -SOVEREIGN GRACE WORSHIP

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus:

Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come, let us adore Him  
Behold our King! Nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore Him!

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

# THURSDAY

# THE FAITHFUL HAVE VANISHED

## Read Psalm 12

### Discuss

#### Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What is David bothered by in this psalm?
- Have you ever felt overwhelmed by the depravity of our world?
- In what ways have you seen "vileness exalted among the children of men" (v.8)?

*Non-Christians seem to think that the Incarnation implies some particular merit or excellence in humanity. But of course it implies just the reverse: a particular demerit and depravity. No creature that deserved Redemption would need to be redeemed. They that are whole need not the physician. Christ died for men precisely because men are not worth dying for; to make them worth it. - C.S. Lewis*

#### Kids Discussion Questions

- David felt so overwhelmed by what was happening around him that he felt as though the faithful had vanished (v. 12). What do you think was happening around him?
- Here David points out a few different ways men sin in their speech (v.2-4). What are different ways we sometimes misuse the mouths God gave us?
- David's first request in this psalm was for God to "save" (v.1). How has God ultimately saved his people?

#### **Sing**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*  
Thomas Chisholm

#### **Pray**

For the children and  
youth of our church  
family.

# GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS - THOMAS CHISHOLM

1

“Great is Thy faithfulness,” O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus:

“Great is Thy faithfulness!” “Great is Thy faithfulness!”  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
“Great is Thy faithfulness,” Lord, unto me!

2

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

# FRIDAY

# MEDITATIONS OF A KING

## Read Psalm 13-14

### Discuss

#### Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- In Psalm 13, how does David contrast his source of joy to that of his enemies?
- In Psalm 14, how does the fool's thinking on the existence of God influence his actions?
- What have the corrupt turned aside from in Psalm 14:3?

*When men begin with renouncing the Most High God, who shall tell where they will end? When the Master's eyes are put out, what will not the servants do? Observe the state of the world before the flood, as portrayed in Genesis 6:12, and remember that human nature is unchanged.*

*- C.H. Spurgeon on Psalm 14:1*

#### Kids Discussion Questions

- Often David asks God for help against his enemies. What kind of enemies did David face?
- In Psalm 14, David explains that men don't naturally seek for God (v.2-4). What would it look like to seek for God? How has Jesus made it possible for us to seek for God? (Hint: read John 3:1-8)

#### **Sing**

*Amazing Grace*  
John Newton

#### **Pray**

For wisdom for the  
leaders of our church.

# AMAZING GRACE - JOHN NEWTON

1 Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come:  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

5 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
and mortal life shall cease:  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
a life of joy and peace.

6 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
the sun forbear to shine;  
but God, who called me here below,  
will be forever mine.

# SATURDAY

## WHO SHALL DWELL WITH YOU?

### Read Psalm 15

### Discuss

#### Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What is one thing that has stood out to you this week in the Psalms?
- What is the great reward David mentions in this psalm?
- Of all that he lists in verses 2-5, what is the most difficult to follow?

*Because God's eternal purposes may require the forfeiture of earthly benefits, we cannot make temporal rewards the chief motive of our obedience. Such rewards are not absolutely promised in Scripture and would be unsuitable as the chief aim of our lives. If Christians always received material blessing as a recompense for obedience, then it would be impossible to separate personal duty from divine bribery. Christianity would become merely a bartering system for personal gain. God's ends are not so shortsighted or earthbound. - Bryan Chapel*

#### Kids Discussion Questions

- What is one thing that you've learned this week from the psalms?
- David starts this psalm by asking who will dwell with the Lord (v. 1). With the good news about Jesus in mind, who will dwell with the Lord forever?

**Sing**  
*Doxology*  
Thomas Ken

**Pray**  
That the Lord would  
prepare the hearts of  
those who will hear his  
Word preached  
tomorrow.

# DOXOLOGY - THOMAS KEN

1

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

2

Praise God the Father who's the source;  
Praise God the Son who is the course;  
Praise God the Spirit who's the flow;  
Praise God, our portion here below!