

3rd week of July

“King of Glory”

Psalm 24

My Story

Third Day has always been one of my favorite Christian bands. One of their songs, *King of Glory*, fits this week’s passage of Scripture particularly well. Here are the lyrics to verse two and the chorus:

Who is this King of Glory
With strength and majesty
And wisdom beyond measure
The gracious King of kings
The Lord of Earth and Heaven
The Creator of all things
He is the King of Glory
He's everything to me

Chorus:

His name is Jesus
Precious Jesus
The Lord Almighty
The King of my heart
The King of glory

Lyrics located here: <https://www.thirdday.com/music/songs/king-glory>

Your Story

Do something different today: Go to a park or simply walk around your neighborhood with your family. Each time you see part of creation (trees, flowers, rivers, clouds, the sun, people, animals, etc.), have your kids call out “that’s God’s” or “they are God’s!” You can also use this time to talk about your favorite parts of creation.

The Bible Story

Read Psalm 24. From the *NIV*: “The earth is the LORD’s and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters. Who may

ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. He will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God his Savior. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob. Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.”

The LORD Almighty is the King of glory. The earth is the LORD’s and everything in it. Praise the Lord! Sometimes we forget that everything is God’s and that God created everyone. But the more we believe that God is the King of glory and the more that we ask God to be the King of our hearts as it says in the song, the more we will see others through God’s eyes. When someone is mean to us, it’s hard to remember that God made them. Or if someone looks different than we do, it can be hard to remember that God made them too. But as Psalm 24 reminds us, the earth is the LORD’s and everything in it. God didn’t ask us to choose who or what He made. Instead, God made everything. And as children of God, we are to look to see God in everyone we meet, even if they seem different from us.

Discussion

- Talk to your children about what it means to see God in each person (to see qualities of God: moments of kindness, generosity, love, truthfulness, strength, courage, etc.)
- Ask your children if anyone at school is bullying them/being mean to them/seems left out. Work with your child to help them see good qualities in that person. Tell them that it’s okay to not want to be their friend if they are being mean/bullying them, but they need to understand that there is a glimmer of God in each of us, even when we are mean.
- Discuss how we should treat people since each person has a glimmer of God in them.

Prayer

Ask God for help in seeing His glory in others. Ask Him to remind you and your family that He created everyone so there are glimmers of Him in each person. Pray for help in showing the glimmer of God that you have in you to others.