

In-Home Discipleship Guide

Below is a guide to help prepare you (and your small group or family) for Sunday worship. We encourage you to take advantage of this as you are able, and let us know if there are other ways we can serve you at this time.

THEME: The Fear of the Lord

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 34:8

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

BIG IDEA: Fearing God includes our obedience to his commands

SONGS: Click [here](#) for Sunday's worship set. *Be sure to subscribe to our channel!*

TEACHING PASSAGE: Psalm 34:11-14

*See the **next page** for any additional resources, including any activities that can be done with young children.*

Discussion Questions:

1. What has given David the authority to have the children listen to him and to teach about the fear of the Lord?
2. We should all be challenged to teach the fear of the Lord, what does the fear of the Lord mean to you? (Proverbs 1:7; 9:10)
3. Everyone wants to live a long happy life but what are the things that we should pursue to "see good"? (Micah 6:8)
4. Discuss a time when you were hurt with what someone else has said to you or about you. Have you done the same thing with your words? Then read Matthew 12:36-37, "Keep your tongue from evil"
5. In verse 14 David writes to "Turn away from evil." Have you struggled with getting away from evil? (Job 28:28, Isaiah 5:20, Romans 7:19, 1 Corinthians 5:13)
6. The opposite of evil is good and the opposite of conflict is peace. While David wants those that will listen to choose the virtues that will help to avoid conflict, he is calling us to more than avoiding evil and conflict. We must pursue good and peace and make it a part of who we are. How is your pursuit going? (Romans 12:18, Hebrews 12:14)

Additional Resources

Teaching Passage: Psalm 34:11-14

- 11 Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- 12 What man is there who desires life
and loves many days, that he may see good?
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
- 14 Turn away from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.

Activity:

Here is a kids song for Psalm 34:13.

<https://youtu.be/NxCSwbUgZD8>

Say: In Psalm 34 David has invited us to join him in praise. He invites us again, this time to learn how to fear the lord.

Object Lesson Supplies: *a new tube of toothpaste and a plate. Gather your family together and instruct your child to squeeze out every last bit of toothpaste onto the plate. Once they have shown you that they have squeezed all that they can, comment on how messy the plate looks and ask them to put it all back into the tube. Offer tools to help like a butter knife or a spoon. Encouraging them to keep trying. Comment that it seems to be getting messier. Ask: how will you ever get all the toothpaste back in the tube? Your child will likely say, it is impossible. Say, it is impossible just like the words we speak, once they are spoken we cannot put them back. We can apologize, and that will help, but just like the plate, there is still a mess.*

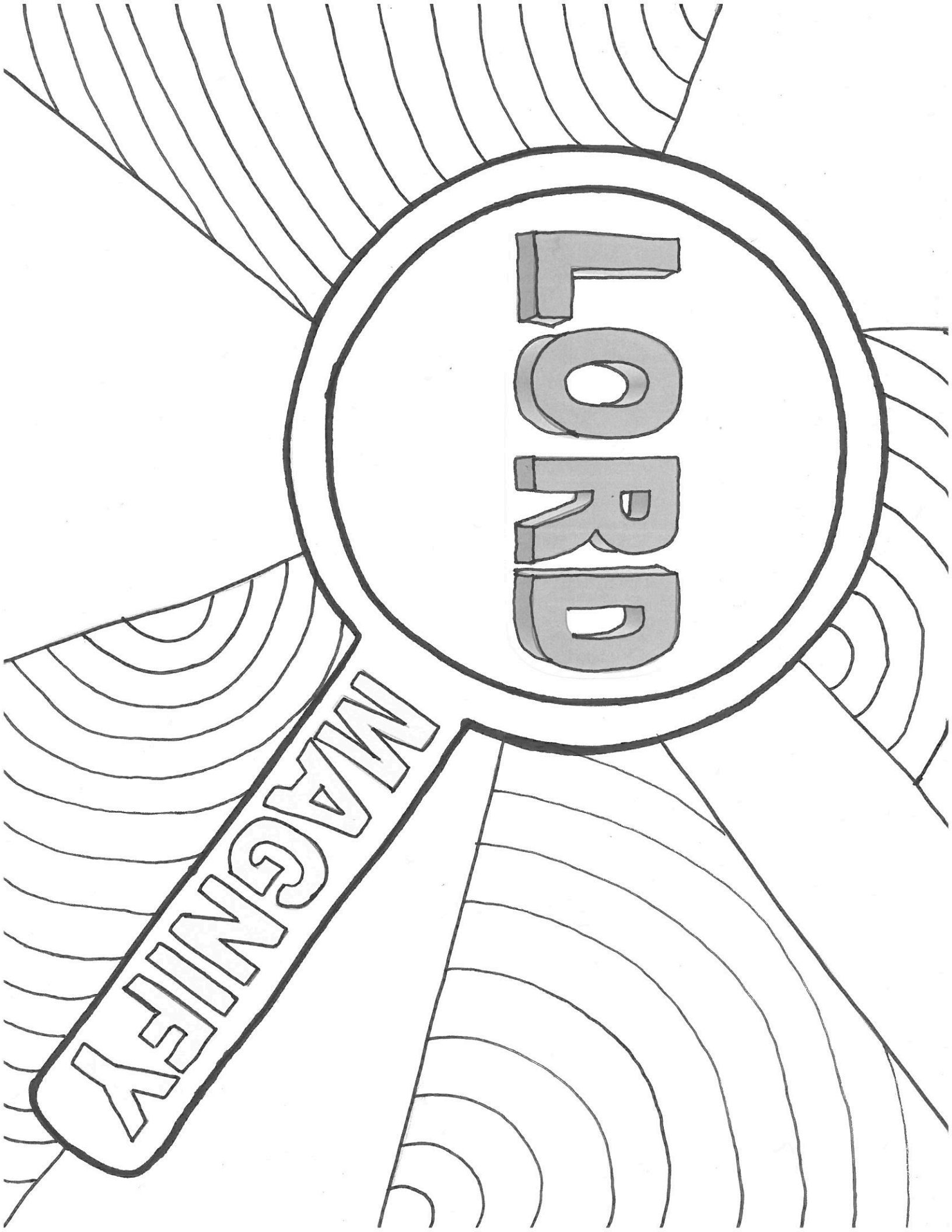
Ask: What does David tell us about using our tongue (our words we speak)? Why do you think he starts with the tongue?

Say: The tongue is such a small part of the body, yet it yields great power. Think about a time someone has said something nice to you. How did it make you feel? Think of a time someone has said something unkind to you. How did it make you feel?

Ask: Can you tell us about a time you said something that you wish you had not said?

Ask: Have you ever had a chance to help someone feel better just by using your words? What was that like?

In verse 14 David asks us to do good and seek peace. We can do good and seek peace by carefully speaking to other in a loving way. Magnify the Lord with your tongue by writing loving words on the coloring sheet below.



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