

# 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:** God Cares!

**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:** God always cares for His people in times of trouble

**TEACHING PASSAGE:** Psalm 34:15-18

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

Discussion Questions:

1. In the first 14 verses we have joined David in the blessings from the Lord, seen answered prayers, listened about the fear of the Lord now let us see how He will care for those who trust in Him. How does the first part of verse 15 “The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous” make you feel? (Hebrews 10:38-39)
2. Verse 16 refers to what God has promised those that do evil (Deuteronomy 28:15-68). What is the result for a person if the face of the Lord is against him? (Haggai 1:5-6; 9-11) Are your priorities in the wrong place? Are you trying to do things on your own strength?
3. The opposite of being brokenhearted and crushed in spirit (verse 18) is pride and stubbornness in one’s heart. How does God comfort the brokenhearted and save those with a crushed spirit? (Isaiah 57:15; 66:2) Read the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-24)
4. What is the difference on how God treats the righteous (verses 15,17,18) and the wicked (verse 16, Matthew 13:49-50)?

## Additional Resources

**Teaching Passage:** Psalm 34:15-18

- 15 The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous  
and his ears toward their cry.
- 16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,  
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
- 17 When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears  
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- 18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves the crushed in spirit.

**Activity:**

**Say:** Last week David taught us about fearing the Lord by what we say and what we do. This week David tells us how God responds to those who fear him and to those who do not fear him.

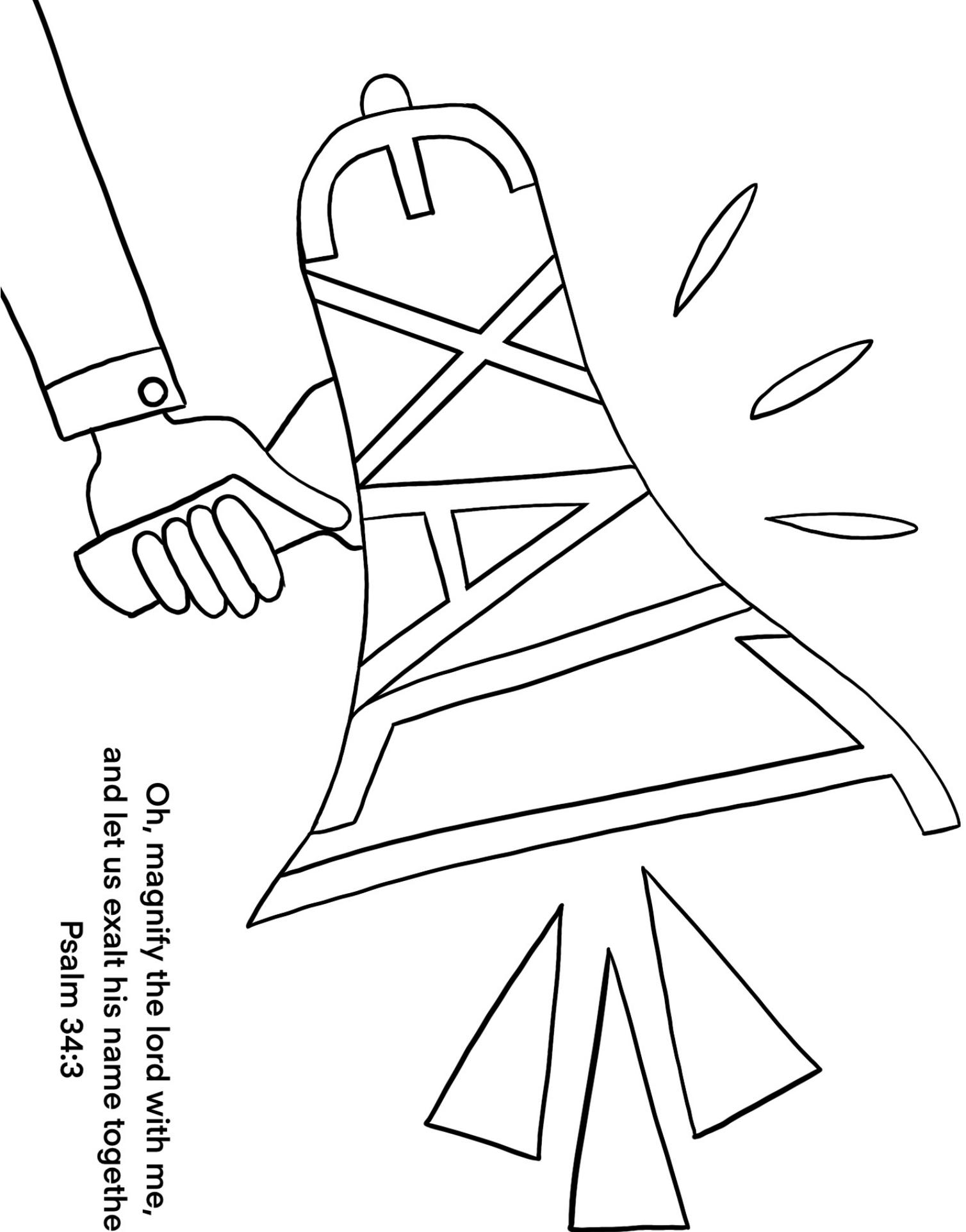
**Ask:** How does David describe those who fear the Lord? (righteous, brokenhearted, crushed)

**Ask:** How does David describe those who do not fear the Lord: (evil)

Use the chart to list ways the Lord responds to those who fear him and to those who do not fear him.

THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD	THOSE WHO DO NOT FEAR THE LORD

Share a time you have been brokenhearted or crushed and called out to the Lord. Talk about how knowing God sees you, hears you and is near you brings you comfort. On the Exalt coloring sheet below write examples of how God has saved and delivered you.



Oh, magnify the lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

Psalm 34:3