

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 63:5-6

- ⁵ My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,
- 6 when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night

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TEACHING PASSAGE: Psalm 63

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

Discussion Questions:

- 1. For the circumstances surrounding the writing of this Psalm, read the story of Absalom's rebellion in 2 Samuel 15-19
- 2. What's the emotional tone of the psalm? How does the background of the psalm (see above) help us understand it?
- 3. What does it mean to 'thirst' for God?
- 4. In what ways can we as humans be 'satisfied' in God? Is it possible to satisfied in anything other than God? Why, or why not?
- 5. How can verses 9-11 encourage us in our faith as we go through challenging seasons of life?

Additional Resources

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¹O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;

my soul thirsts for you;

my flesh faints for you,

as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,

beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

4 So I will bless you as long as I live;

in your name I will lift up my hands.

- My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,
- 6 when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
- ⁷ for you have been my help,

and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

- 9 But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth;
- they shall be given over to the power of the sword; they shall be a portion for jackals.
- But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by him shall exult, for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

For Children:

Say: This Psalm is written by David while he was hiding from his enemies in the wilderness. Have you played hide-n-seek in the dark? You turn off all the lights and find a clever place to hide and stay very quiet. The one seeking will use a flashlight to search for all who are hiding. It can feel a little scary while you are hiding in the dark, wondering if you will be found. Can you imagine how David must have felt while hiding from his enemies?

Ask: What was David thinking about while he was hiding? Who was he seeking (verse 1)?

Ask: Look closely at verses 5-8. What has God done for David?

Talk about a time you have needed help. Why did you need help? Did someone help you? How did you feel?

Say: Just like God helped David, God helps us too.

Take time to praise God for the ways He helps your family.

