

PSALM

119 *Bible Memory*

**52 WEEKS OF LIFE-GIVING
DEVOTIONS TO GOD**

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There is nothing in life more important than knowing God and trusting him. As Christian educators and parents, we must help children to obey the imperative, "I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you" Psalm 119:11 (NLT). This important verse is from Psalm 119, the longest chapter in the Bible, containing 176 verses, and 22 sections. Each section begins with one of the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet, starting with the Hebrew letter "Aleph" and ending with the letter "Taw" or "Tav." It is an A-Z instruction, so to speak, of God's life-giving, law-keeping devotions for his people.

Psalm 119 is the perfect corrective for today's society where truth is relative, God's laws are often mocked, and where lawlessness is celebrated and splashed daily across our televisions, phones, and computer screens. Children must learn early and often that God has a standard for his people and his ways are best for their lives. Children must be saturated in God's Word, so when the day of evil comes in their lives, as the Apostle Paul writes, they are able to stand! *Because our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.* (Ephesians 6: 10-18)

Apart from Jesus Christ, we do not desire to obey God's ways, precepts, or statutes. Thankfully, the Holy Spirit gives us the will power to want to obey God. King David reminds us to delight in the LORD, so that His desires become our desires (Psalm 37:4)! How amazing and miraculous is that? Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment we deserve for sinning against Holy God. When we die, our spirits—our true selves—will live eternally with God or separated from him. The good news is that Jesus died and rose from the dead to give us eternal life with God. Have you asked Jesus to be your Savior and Forever Friend? If not, do it today! Jesus calls us to repent, which means to turn from sin, those things we do wrong, ask him for forgiveness, and trust him as your Savior. God's word says, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" Romans 10:13.

Listed, below, are 52 Bible verses from Psalm 119, with two translations from which to choose, the King James Version (KJV) and various modern versions*. Encourage kids and families to read one verse at mealtime and bedtime. Read the same verse each day for one week, with the goal of memorizing it by the end of the week. Encourage families to read and memorize the Bible verses together.

I pray these verses will be life changing to those who receive them!

May God bless your ministry to children and youths,
Sarah Keith

For creative ways to help children memorize Scripture, check out the "Hook-Em" section in my book, *Bible Games Explosion* @ <https://www.sundayschoolnetwork.com/curriculum-bible-games-explosion.html>

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Week 1

Blessed *are* the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. Psalm 119:1 (KJV)

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD! Psalm 119:1 (ESV)

Week 2

I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments. Psalm 119:7 (KJV)

I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous rules. Psalm 119:7 (ESV)

Week 3

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed *thereto* according to thy word. Psalm 119:9 (KJV)

How can young people keep their lives pure? By obeying your commands. Psalm 119:9 (GNT)

Week 4

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Psalm 119:11 (KJV)

I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:11 (NLT)

Week 5

Deal bountifully with thy servant, *that* I may live, and keep thy word. Psalm 119:17 (KJV)

Be kind to me so that I may live and hold on to your word. Psalm 119:17 (GWT)

Week 6

Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. Psalm 119:18 (KJV)

Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your instructions. Psalm 119: 18 (NLT)

Week 7

Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law graciously. Psalm 119:29 (KJV)

Keep me from going the wrong way, and in your goodness teach me your law. Psalm 119:29 (GNT)

Week 8

I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid *before me*. Psalm 119:30 (KJV)

I have chosen the way of truth; I have set my heart on your laws. Psalm 119:30 (NIV)

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Week 9

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness. Psalm 19:36 (KJV)

Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain. Psalm 119:36 (NIV)

Week 10

Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; *and* quicken thou me in thy way. Psalm 119:37 (KJV)

Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word. Psalm 119:37 (NIV)

Week 11

Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgments *are* good. Psalm 119:39 (KJV)

Help me abandon my shameful ways; for your regulations are good. Psalm 119:39 (NLT)

Week 12

Let thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD, *even* thy salvation, according to thy word. Psalm 119:41 (KJV)

Show me your love and save me, LORD, as you have promised. Psalm 119:41 (CEV)

Week 13

And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments. Psalm 119: 43 (KJV)

Enable me to speak the truth at all times, because my hope is in your judgments. Psalm 119:43 (GNT)

Week 14

And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts. Psalm 119:45 (KJV)

I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts. Psalm 119:45 (NIV)

Week 15

This *is* my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me. Psalm 119:50 (KJV)

When I am hurting, I find comfort in your promise that leads to life. Psalm 119:50 (CEV)

Week 16

I have remembered thy name, O LORD, in the night, and have kept thy law. Psalm 119:55 (KJV)

At night I remember your name, O LORD, and I follow your teachings. Psalm 119:55 (GWT)

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Week 17

I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies. Psalm 119:59 (KJV)

I have thought about my life, and I have directed my feet back to your written instructions. Psalm 119:59 (GWT) (This is repentance—a turning back to God.)

Week 18

The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes. Psalm 119:64 (KJV)

The earth is filled with your love, O LORD; teach me your decrees. Psalm 119:64 (NIV)

Week 19

Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments. Psalm 119:66 (KJV)

Give me wisdom and good sense. I trust your commands. Psalm 119:66 (CEV)

Week 20

Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word. Psalm 119:67 (KJV)

I used to wander off until you disciplined me; but now I closely follow your word. Psalm 119:67 (NLT)

Week 21

Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments. Psalm 119:73 (KJV)

You made me; you created me. Now give me the sense to follow your commands. Psalm 119:73 (NLT)

Week 22

Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed. Psalm 119:80 (KJV)

May I perfectly obey your commandments and be spared the shame of defeat. Psalm 119:80 (GNT)

Week 23

My soul fainteth for thy salvation: *but* I hope in thy word. Psalm 119:81 (KJV)

My soul is weak from waiting for you to save me. My hope is based on your word. Psalm 119:81 (GWT)

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Week 24

Quicken me after thy lovingkindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth. Psalm 119:88 (KJV)

In your unfailing love, spare my life; then I can continue to obey your laws. Psalm 119:88 (NLT)

Week 25

For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. Psalm 119:89 (KJV)

Your word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Psalm 119:89 (NIV)

Week 26

Thy faithfulness *is* unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth. Psalm 119:90 (KJV)

Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures. Psalm 119:90 (NIV)

Week 27

I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me. Psalm 119:93 (KJV)

I will never forget your commandments, for by them you give me life. Psalm 119:93 (NLT)

Week 28

O how love I thy law! it *is* my meditation all the day. Psalm 119:97 (KJV)

Oh, how I love your teachings! They are in my thoughts all day long. Psalm 119:97 (GWT)

Week 29

I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word. Psalm 119:101 (KJV)

I obey your word instead of following a way that leads to trouble. Psalm 119:101 (CEV)

Week 30

I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me. Psalm 119:102 (KJV)

You have been my teacher, and I won't reject your instructions. Psalm 119:102 (CEV)

Week 31

How sweet are thy words unto my taste! *yea, sweeter* than honey to my mouth! Psalm 119:103 (KJV)

Your teachings are sweeter than honey. Psalm 119:103 (CEV)

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Week 32

Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105 (KJV)

Your word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path. Psalm 119:105 (GNT)

Week 33

Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me thy judgments. Psalm 119:108 (KJV)

Accept, O LORD, the willing praise of my mouth, and teach me your laws. Psalm 119:108 (NIV)

Week 34

Thou *art* my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word. Psalm 119:114 (KJV)

You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word. Psalm 119:114 (ESV)

Week 35

Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope. Psalm 119:116 (KJV)

Give me strength, as you promised, and I shall live; don't let me be disappointed in my hope! Psalm 119:116 (GNT)

Week 36

Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes. Psalm 119:124 (KJV)

Treat me according to your constant love, and teach me your commands. Psalm 119:124 (GNT)

Week 37

I *am* thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies. Psalm 119:125 (KJV)

I serve you, so let me understand your teachings. Psalm 119:125 (CEV)

Week 38

Your testimonies are wonderful; Therefore my soul keeps them. Psalm 119:129 (KJV)

Your teachings are wonderful; I obey them with all my heart. Psalm 119:129 (GNT)

Week 39

The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple. Psalm 119:130 (KJV)

Understanding your word brings light to the minds of ordinary people. Psalm 119:130 (CEV)

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Week 40

Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name. Psalm 119:132 (KJV)

Turn to me and have mercy on me, as you always do to those who love your name. Psalm 119:132 (NIV)

Week 41

Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me. Psalm 119:133 (KJV)

Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me. Psalm 119:133 (NIV)

Week 42

Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes. Psalm 119:135 (KJV)

Look upon me with love; teach me your decrees. Psalm 119:135 (NLT)

Week 43

Righteous *art* thou, O LORD, and upright *are* thy judgments. Psalm 119:137 (KJV)

Righteous are you O Lord, and your laws are right. Psalm 119:137 (NIV)

Week 44

Thy righteousness *is* an everlasting righteousness, and thy law *is* the truth. Psalm 119:142 (KJV)

You will always do right, and your teachings are true. Psalm 119:142 (CEV)

Week 45

The righteousness of thy testimonies *is* everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live. Psalm 119:144 (KJV)

Your laws are always right; help me to understand them so I may live. Psalm 119:144 (NLT)

Week 46

I cried with *my* whole heart; hear me, O LORD: I will keep thy statutes. Psalm 119:145 (KJV)

With all my heart I call to you; answer me, LORD, and I will obey your commands! Psalm 119:145 (GNT)

Week 47

Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word. Psalm 119:154 (KJV)

Defend my cause and redeem me; preserve my life according to your promise. Psalm 119:154 (NIV)

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Week 48

Thy word *is* true *from* the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments *endureth* for ever. Psalm 119:160 (KJV)

All you say can be trusted; your teachings are true and will last forever. Psalm 119:160 (CEV)

Week 49

Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them. Psalm 119:165 (KJV)

You give peace of mind to all who love your Law. Nothing can make them fall. Psalm 119:165 (CEV)

Week 50

I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies: for all my ways *are* before thee. Psalm 119:168 (KJV)

I obey your commands and your instructions; you see everything I do. Psalm 119:168 (GNT)

Week 51

My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments *are* righteousness. Psalm 119:172 (KJV)

My tongue will sing of your word, for all your commandments are right. Psalm 119:172 (ESV)

Week 52

Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me. Psalm 119:175 (KJV)

Give me life, so that I may praise you; may your instructions help me. Psalm 119:175 (GNT)

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*CEV: Contemporary English Version; ESV: English Standard Version; GNT: Good News Translation; GWT: God's Word Translation; NIV: New International Version (1978); NLT: New Living Translation