## Week 2: God's Word

#### **Day 1: How Can You Glorify God?**

**Weekly Memory Verse**: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)

**Question**: How can you glorify God? **Answer**: By loving Him and doing what He commands.

Have you ever given someone a gift that made them smile really big? Maybe you drew a picture for your mom or helped your dad with a chore. When we do these things, we show our love!

God has given us so many wonderful gifts—our bodies, our families, beautiful places to explore, and most importantly, His Son Jesus. How can we thank Him? The Bible tells us we can glorify God—which means to make Him happy and show how great He is.

The best way to glorify God is to love Him with all our heart and do what He tells us in His Word, the Bible. It's like when your parents ask you to clean your room or be kind to your brother or sister. When you obey with a happy heart, it shows you love them!

King David in the Bible loved God very much. He wrote, "I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart" (Psalm 40:8). David knew that obeying God wasn't just about following rules—it was a way to show his love.

When we read our Bibles, pray, sing songs about God, tell others about Jesus, and try to be kind and helpful, we are glorifying God. Even small things like sharing your toys or saying "thank you" can bring glory to God when you do them out of love for Him.

Jesus said the most important commandment is to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37). When we do this, we are glorifying God in the very best way!

**Hymn**: To God Be the Glory

**Prayer Points**: • Thank God for His love and care for us • Ask God to help you love Him more each day • Pray for help to obey God's commands with a happy heart

# Day 2: Knowledge

**Weekly Memory Verse**: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)

**Lesson Verse**: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction." (Proverbs 1:7)

Imagine walking in a dark room. You might bump into things and hurt yourself! But if someone turns on a light, suddenly you can see where to go.

The Bible is like a special light for our lives. It helps us know the right way to go! Proverbs tells us that "the fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge." This means that knowing and respecting God is where real learning starts.

Think about what happens when you plant a seed. First, it needs good soil. Then, with water and sunlight, it grows into a plant. Knowledge works the same way! Respecting God is like the good soil. When we add learning from the Bible, parents, and teachers, our knowledge grows strong.

King Solomon was the wisest king who ever lived. God offered him anything he wanted, and Solomon asked for knowledge to lead God's people well. God was so pleased with this request that He made Solomon wiser than anyone else. Solomon knew that knowledge starts with honoring God.

Knowledge isn't just knowing facts like "elephants have trunks" or "two plus two equals four." True knowledge helps us understand God's world and how to live in it. When we learn about animals, stars, numbers, or languages, we're discovering things God created!

How can we grow in knowledge? By reading God's Word, asking questions, listening carefully, and praying for understanding. James 1:5 says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously."

Remember, it's not enough just to know things in our heads. We need to use our knowledge to love God and help others.

**Hymn**: Open My Eyes, That I May See

**Prayer Points**: • Thank God for giving us His Word to learn from • Ask God to help you understand what you learn • Pray for a heart that loves to discover new things

### Day 3: Why Did God Make You and All Things?

**Weekly Memory Verse**: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)

Question: Why did God make you and all things? Answer: For His own glory.

Have you ever made something really special—maybe a drawing, a tower of blocks, or a card for someone? When you finish, you might feel proud and want to show everyone what you made. You made it because it makes you happy!

God made everything—including you—for His glory. That means He made us to show how amazing He is and to bring Him joy. Everything God created points to how wonderful He is!

When we look at a beautiful sunset with pink and orange streaks across the sky, we see God's glory in its beauty. When we hear birds singing their morning songs, that's part of God's glory too. Even tiny insects and gigantic whales were made to show God's amazing creativity and power.

The Bible tells us in Revelation 4:11, "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created." Everything exists because God wanted it to, and everything should point others to Him.

But people are extra special in God's creation. He made us in His own image—able to think, choose, create, and love. When we use these gifts to love God and serve others, we're fulfilling the purpose God made us for.

Isaiah 43:7 says God created us "for my glory." Like a masterpiece painting shows the skill of the artist, our lives can show God's goodness to others. When we're kind, truthful, and loving—when we try to be like Jesus—people can see what God is like through us.

Living for God's glory doesn't mean never having fun! In fact, when we enjoy the good things God made, like tasty food, beautiful music, or playing with friends, we can thank Him and bring glory to His name.

**Hymn**: Doxology (Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow)

**Prayer Points**: • Thank God for creating you with a special purpose • Ask God to help you show His goodness to others • Praise God for all the wonderful things He has made

### Day 4: True

**Weekly Memory Verse**: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)

**Lesson Verse**: "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

Have you ever played the game "True or False"? It's fun to figure out what's real and what's just pretend. In our world, sometimes it's hard to know what's really true. But did you know that God is always true? He never, ever tells a lie!

In the Bible, Jesus called Himself "the truth." This means everything Jesus said and did shows us what is real and right. When God makes a promise, we can count on it completely. Numbers 23:19 says, "God is not man, that he should lie." People sometimes break promises, but God never does.

The Bible is God's true Word. It's like a special letter from God to us! Everything in it comes from Him and helps us know what's real. Psalm 119:160 tells us, "The sum of your word is truth." When we read the Bible, we're learning truth that will never change.

Sometimes we might hear things that sound good but don't match what God says in His Word. These are like paths that lead the wrong way. But Jesus said God's Word is truth (John 17:17), so it's like a map that always shows the right path.

Being truthful is important to God. He wants us to be honest in what we say and do. When we tell the truth, even when it's hard, we're being like our Heavenly Father.

God wants everyone to know His truth. The more we learn about God from the Bible, the better we understand what is really true. And knowing the truth about God's love for us in Jesus makes us truly happy!

Hymn: O Word of God Incarnate

**Prayer Points**: • Thank God for always telling us the truth • Ask God to help you understand His Word • Pray for courage to always tell the truth, even when it's hard

## Day 5: William Tyndale

**Weekly Memory Verse**: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)

**Lesson Verse**: "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword." (Hebrews 4:12)

Long ago, there lived a brave man named William Tyndale. He had a big problem to solve. In his time, the Bible was only in a language called Latin. Most people couldn't read it! They had to listen to church leaders tell them what God said, but sometimes these leaders didn't explain things right.

William knew this wasn't fair. He wanted everyone to read God's Word for themselves. He said, "If God spares my life, I will cause a boy that drives the plow to know more of the Scripture than the pope!"

William worked very hard to translate the Bible into English—the language regular people spoke. It was dangerous work! Some powerful people didn't want everyone reading the Bible. They were afraid people might question what they were teaching.

William had to leave his home in England and hide in other countries. He worked in secret, carefully translating God's words. He used the first printing presses—special machines that could make many copies of books—to print his English Bibles.

These Bibles had to be smuggled into England hidden in sacks of flour and bales of cloth! People were so happy to finally read God's Word in their own language. Families would gather in secret to read the Bible together.

Sadly, William's enemies finally caught him. He was put in prison and then killed for translating the Bible. But his work lived on! Soon after, more English Bibles were printed, and the king even said it was okay for everyone to read them.

William Tyndale's words are still in our Bibles today. Phrases like "the salt of the earth" and "let there be light" came from his translation. Every time we read the Bible in English, we can thank God for brave William Tyndale who gave his life so we could read God's Word.

**Hymn**: Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet

**Prayer Points**: • Thank God for people like William Tyndale who helped share His Word • Thank God that we can read the Bible in our own language • Ask God to help you treasure His Word