

Instructions: Cut this page into sections, following the dotted lines.

Hide one of the cut-out words in each of the following places: 1. Medicine cabinet or other area related to illness 2. Crown (post a picture if necessary) 3. Eagle (post a picture, if necessary) 4. A high place (on the ceiling, upstairs, etc.) 5. Heavens (book on the solar system, the word "high" posted on the refrigerator or written on a whiteboard, etc.) 6. East (east end of house, east side of map, etc.) 7. West (west side of house or map) 8. Father 9. Children (photos on wall) 10. Frame (picture frame) 11. Dust (dusty corner, outside in dirt, in flower pot) 12. Grass 13. Flower (in bouquet, artificial flower, etc.)

Read Psalm 103 from the printout (or have the children recite everything they can). When you reach a blank in the text, have them fill in the blank and then look for the piece of paper you hid in the place that is related to that word. When they find the word, they should bring it back to you and put it on a table or in a box or basket. Continue reading and looking for the hidden words.

When you have found all the words, finish reciting the rest of the psalm. Then read all the gathered pieces of paper. These words all describe God's actions and attributes from Psalm 103. Put them in order as you recite the psalm together one more time. When you have finished, make up one last clue to send them to the surprise you have hidden for them, and enjoy!

PSALM 103, ESV

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your _____ ,

who redeems your life from the pit, who _____ you with steadfast love and mercy,

who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the _____.

The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as _____ as the _____ are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

as far as the _____ is from the _____, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a _____ shows compassion to his _____, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

For he knows our _____; he remembers that we are _____.

As for man, his days are like _____; he flourishes like a _____ of the field;

for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,

to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!

Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!

Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

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