

summer in the PSALMS

Join us each week from 31st July at 10.30am

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- **Psalms - sung & prayed by Jesus Himself and all of his followers since the beginning to express and encourage genuine faith.**
- **Psalms - grief, wild joy & deep sorrow. You'll find peace, comfort, frustration, despair and hope.**
- **Psalms - written as songs, as musical poetry.**

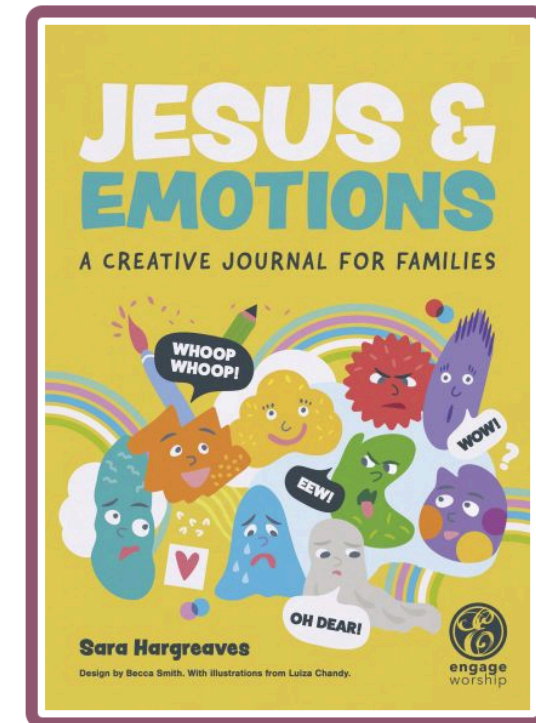
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"So well written and brilliant for those journeying this
#PandemicSeason with children" - Kate Middleton, Mind & Soul
Foundation

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The 32 page, A4 book combines colourful design by Becca Smith (who also designed our **Family Prayer Adventure Journal**) with drawings of Jesus from Luiza Chandy. There are stories, activities and plenty of space to write, draw and generally make the book your own.



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UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE

- **No such thing as and independent (objective) reading of Bible**
- **We come with our history, experience, culture, language**

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- **The Bible is one book made up of 66 books**
- **Written by over 40 different authors**
- **over a period of 1,600 years!**
- **in over a dozen countries on 3 different continents!**
- **in at least 3 different languages**
- **by people from all walks of life!**
- **farmers & kings, soldiers & shepherds, princes & priests, historians, fisherman, tax collectors, scholars, businessmen,**
- **In caves, ships, palaces, prisons, deserts**

COULDN'T GET A MORE DIVERSE GROUP over 1600 years yet they make one book with one story without contradiction.

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INTERPRETING THE BIBLE

- **DISCOVER** the original meaning
- **APPLY** the meaning to our situation

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INTERPRETING THE BIBLE TRANSLATIONS

WORD-FOR-WORD

Formal Equivalence

MEANING-FOR-MEANING

Closest Natural Equivalence

THOUGHT-FOR-THOUGHT

Functional Equivalence

PARAPHRASE

Retelling

NASB

ESV

KJV

NKJV

TRB

GW

CSB

NIV

NLT

NIRV

CEV

MSG

CSB Christian Standard Bible

CEV Contemporary English Version

ESV English Standard Version

GW GOD'S WORD Translation

KJV King James Version

MSG The Message

NASB New American Standard Bible

NIRV New International Reader's Version

NIV New International Version

NKJV New King James Version

NLT New Living Translation

TRB The Readable Bible

UNDERSTANDING THE PSALMS

The Book of Psalms is divided into five sections:

- Book 1 (Psalms 1–41)
- Book 2 (Psalms 42–72)
- Book 3 (Psalms 73–89)
- Book 4 (Psalms 90–106)
- Book 5 (Psalms 107–150)

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- Some of these have individual titles, while others do not.
- Some include musical direction or refer to the “leader” or “choir master.”
- Sometimes there are references to the type of music that should be played along with the song. For example, “with stringed instruments.”
- In the Psalms, readers will find references to specific names as well. For example, the sons of Korah (mentioned eleven times) and Asaph (mentioned twelve times).

THE TYPES OF PSALMS

- **Psalms of Thanksgiving:** Praise to God for His gracious acts. Psalm 34, 92, 95, 100, 111
- **Psalms for Royalty:** The king was often the patron of the temple, and this was the case in Jerusalem. These psalms are historical windows of Israel before their exile when there was still a king on the throne. Psalms 20, 21, 45, 72, 89, 110, 132.

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THE TYPES OF PSALMS

- **Psalms of Wisdom:** Teach us to cultivate our hearts to focus on what truly matters like our eternity and relationship with God rather than living for short-term gain. Psalms 1,14,73,112, 119.
- **Psalms of Lament:** These psalms are just that, poems and songs that express human struggles of anguish, depression, heartbrokenness, and sadness, injustice, or complaints against God's enemies. Psalms 6,12, 13, 38, 86, 130.

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THE TYPES OF PSALMS

- Psalms of Thanksgiving:
- Psalms for Royalty:
- Psalms of Wisdom:
- Psalms of Lament:
- **Psalms of Praise:** The Psalm of Praise is a poetic expression of praise and exaltation towards God from its authors. Psalm 8, 42, 43, 103, 145, 150.

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THE BENEFITS OF THE PSALMS


1. They guide us in worship
 2. They demonstrate honesty with God
- *Lament is the largest group of the Psalms more than 60 for individuals and larger groups of people.*
 - *Individual Laments 3, 22, 31*
 - *Group Laments 12, 44, 80*

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- 1. They guide us in worship**
 - 2. They demonstrate honesty with God**
 - 3. They demonstrate the need for reflection**
- Ten Psalms of Trust: 11, 16, 23, 27, 62, 63, 91, 121, 125, 131.**
 - Centre on the truth that God can be trusted even in difficult times & so it's right to express His goodness and care for people**

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Ron – Reflections on Psalm 3

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CONCLUSION: WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

*“Your worship must engage your spirit
in the pursuit of truth.”*

John 4:24 Message Paraphrase

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