

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

November 6, 2022

This week's Family Devotional Guide is based on our Scripture reading for Sunday, Psalm 124. For context, this psalm is considered one of the "Songs of Ascents," psalms that were sung by worshipers as they ascended the temple mount to worship at the temple on certain feast days.

Day 1

- **Scripture:** Psalm 124:1-5
- **Discussion:** King David opens this psalm by imagining how much different things would have been had the Lord not been *with* them and *for* them. In summary, David acknowledges that they would have been utterly destroyed. Spend some time discussing times in your life where things would have ended very differently had the Lord not provided protection, provision, and overall blessing.
- **Song:** "He Will Hold Me Fast" by Ada R. Habershon & Matthew Merker

Day 2

- **Scripture:** Psalm 124:6-7
- **Discussion:** After considering the hypothetical situation of lacking the Lord's protection, King David praises the Lord for His gracious care. He compares the nation of Israel to an animal that has been captured by a predator. How is that metaphor an appropriate one not just for the nation of Israel but also for us as believers? What role does Jesus play in rescuing us from destruction?
- **Song:** "Mighty to Save" by Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan

Day 3

- **Scripture:** Psalm 124:8
- **Discussion:** King David ends this psalm by declaring "our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth." How did David demonstrate such trust in his life on this earth? Why is it important that he added the phrase "made heaven and earth"? How does God's power in creating all things lead us to trust in Him all the more?
- **Song:** "Not for a Moment (After All)" by Jacob Sooter, Meredith Andrews & Mia Fieldes