

Session 3: God's Glory Suggested Week of Use: June 15, 2025 Core Passage: Psalm 19: 1-11

News Story Summary

The theme for Earth Day on April 22 was "Our Power, Our Planet." Earth Day began in 1970 as an event to protest the rise of pollution, loss of wilderness, and extinction of wildlife. It remains the largest secular day of protest in the world, as members of diverse environmental groups cross party lines to unite under one banner. To mark this 55th anniversary of Earth Day, iconic buildings all over the world were lit up in green to provide a visual reminder of humanity's shared responsibility to protect the planet.

For more information on this story, search "Earth Day 2025."

Engage

To supplement the Engage activities, ask: What is the best way to get to know someone better? If it's not mentioned, suggest that we can learn a lot by asking questions. Encourage a few volunteers to share things about themselves that others may not know. Note that we also can learn from what people do. Summarize the news article about Earth Day. Emphasize that, as Christ followers, we acknowledge God as Creator and that fuels our stewardship of the planet. Ask: How can what God has done through Creation teach us more about Him? Discuss responses. Explain that today's study from Psalm 19 challenges us to see God's glory in what He has made. Say: Many pagans in David's day worshiped the creation rather than the Creator. We want to make sure that we don't miss His glory and how His creation points people to Him.

Challenge

To supplement the Challenge activities, remind adults that part of the Earth Day 2025 celebration was a display of buildings lit up in green lights all over the world. Say: *That was an impressive demonstration, but it does not compare with the light God provides, both physically through the sun and spiritually through His Word.* Invite a volunteer to read Psalm 19:8 aloud. Affirm that God never stops working to provide light for our spiritual eyes. Say: *He wants us to see Him clearly and to understand the wisdom of His Word better. And His work in Creation should remind us that there is even more to Him beyond what we can see with our eyes.* Read Psalm 19:14 aloud. Challenge adults to memorize the verse this week and to use it as a prayer, focusing on key words, such as *words, meditation, acceptable/pleasing, rock/strength,* and *Redeemer.* Close the session in prayer, asking God to bring light to the eyes of every adult, as they focus on His radiance and glory.