YOUNG TWIGS

Psalm 103 and Psalm 139

Year 2, lesson 18

David praises God for His love, power, and omniscience. ▲

Observation: *what does it say?*

Read Ps 103. Mark: *God, Lord, and pronouns; compassion; lovingkindness; bless*; underline all the verbs.

Read Ps 139. Mark: *God, Lord, and pronouns; I/me*.

1. From Ps 103, list 3 things that David says God does for you.

2. What comparisons/contrasts can you find? (An example would be in Ps 103:11: "as high as the heavens is God's great lovingkindness")

3. According to Ps 139, what are some of the things that God knows about you?

4. Where can you go to get away from God?

5. Write down the verse that tells you that God knows everything that will happen to you in your life.

6. Write themes for these psalms.

Interpretation: *what does the author mean?*

7. Describe 'man' according to Ps 103. How are we like dust, grass, and flowers?

8. What does it mean that our transgressions have been removed as "far as the east is from the west"? (Ps 103:11)

9. Abortion advocates say that fetuses aren't really people. How does Ps 139:13–16 refute that idea?

10. Why does David go from praising God in the first part of Ps 139 to being angry in Ps 139:19–22?

Application: *therefore, what shall I do?*

11. David says to "forget none of God's benefits." What are the benefits of loving and obeying God? List some.

12. In Ps 139, David talks about how God knows us and is with us. Why is this a comfort to us? Is it always a comfort to you?

13. Ps 139:23–24 is a great prayer. Try to memorize it or write it down on a card and pray it to God in your quiet time.