



Passport to the Psalms

special experiences for grandparents & grandchildren

From September 2024 through May 2025, Elder Care Ministries is hosting a series of special experiences for grandparents and grandchildren. Each experience serves as a “stop” to experience things featured in the psalms—from sheep to music and dancing to trees and gardens.

Stop 1: Moon & Stars

When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—the moon and the stars you set in place Psalm 8:3

On September 14, we visited the Frosty Drew Observatory to view the moon and stars. Below are activities grandparents and grandchildren may do at any time.

- ★ Go outside and look up at the night sky. Talk about what you see.
- ★ Read Psalm 8 from *Psalms of Wonder*. (attached)
Write or draw about something you especially like in the psalm.
- ★ The psalm mentions *joy*. Write or draw about something that gives you joy.
- ★ The psalm mentions *God’s love*. Write or draw about one way you feel God’s love.
- ★ The psalm mentions *God’s giving us the world as a gift*. Write or draw about how you might help care for that gift.
- ★ The psalm mentions *wonder*. Write or draw about something you wonder about God.
- ★ The psalm mentions *looking at the sky*. Write or draw about what you see or feel when you look at the sky.
- ★ The psalm mentions that *all creation sings out God’s name*. Write or draw about how you imagine creation’s singing.
- ★ Write or draw a prayer to thank God for the gifts of the moon and stars.

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Psalm 8

from *Psalms of Wonder: Poems from the Book of Songs*

by Carey Wallace and Khoa Le

Our God, your name is majestic
over all the earth,
and when we look up to the sky
it tells your glory too.

Even children and babies
are full of joy in what you make,
and their joy in you is so strong
it chases the dark away.

When I look into the heavens
that you made with your hands,
and at the moon and stars
that shine where you set them,
I can only wonder
why you love us so much
and why you would give
your world to us.

You seat us near the angels
and give us everything:
sheep and cows and wild animals,
birds in the air, fish in the sea—
all of the creatures who swim
the paths below the ocean's waves—
and all of it, everywhere,
sings out your name.