

"Come and see the works of God,
Who is awesome in *His* deeds
toward the sons of men."

Psalm 66:5



Come to CrossWalk & see...

...Who is truly awesome! Do you often hear the words, "Awesome, dude!", if someone dresses very cool, or does a great bicycle trick, or wins the highest score in a video game? Adults might even say you are "So awesome!" when you get 100% on a math test or shoot a goal for your team.

Did you know that "awesome" comes from the word "awe"? It is a feeling of HUGE respect for someone so great, and so wonderful that you just stand there with your mouth hanging open in amazement as if to form the very word, "Awe!"

Who do you think is truly awesome? Whom do you know is so cool & so great that you feel genuine awe? Who loves you so much that He gave His Son, Jesus, so you could be in His own family? Who has the power to create life? Who really deserves our awe? You guessed it! ...not just some talented dude, but the one and only...

Awesome God!

CROSSWALK PASSAGES

God is Awesome!

2nd & 3rd Grade

5th Quarter

"He is your praise and He is your God,
who has done these great and
awesome things for you
which your eyes have seen."

Deuteronomy 10:21

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GOD's GLORY

Psalm 19:1-2, 7-11

_____ ¹ The heavens are telling
of the glory of God;
And their expanse is declaring
the work of His hands.

_____ ² Day to day pours forth speech,
And night to night reveals knowledge.



GOD's GLORY

Psalm 19:1-2, 7-11

_____ ⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
restoring the soul;

The testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple.

_____ ⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;

The commandment of the LORD
is pure, enlightening the eyes.

_____ ⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;

The judgments of the LORD are true;
They are righteous altogether.

GOD'S GLORY

Psalm 19:1-2, 7-11

- _____ ¹⁰ They are more desirable than gold,
yes, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the
drippings of the honeycomb.
- _____ ¹¹ Moreover, by them Your servant
is warned;
In keeping them there is great reward.



Signed _____

GOD IS GREAT!

Isaiah 40:8, 10-11, 17

_____ ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever.

_____ ¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD will come
with might,
With His arm ruling for Him.
Behold, His reward is with Him
And His recompense before Him.



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GOD IS GREAT!

Isaiah 40:8, 10-11, 17

_____ ¹¹ Like a shepherd He will tend His flock,
In His arm He will gather the lambs
And carry *them* in His bosom;
He will gently lead the nursing *ewes*.

_____ ¹⁷ All the nations are as nothing
before Him,
They are regarded by Him as
less than nothing and meaningless.



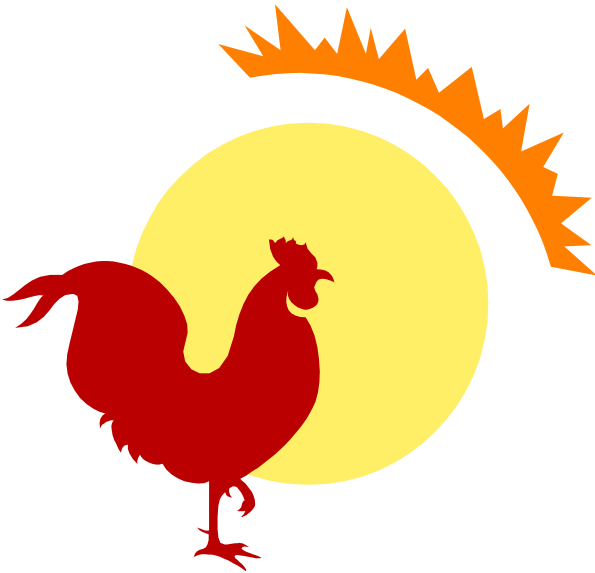
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GOD IS FAITHFUL

Lamentations 3:21-23

_____ ²¹ This I recall to my mind,
Therefore I have hope.

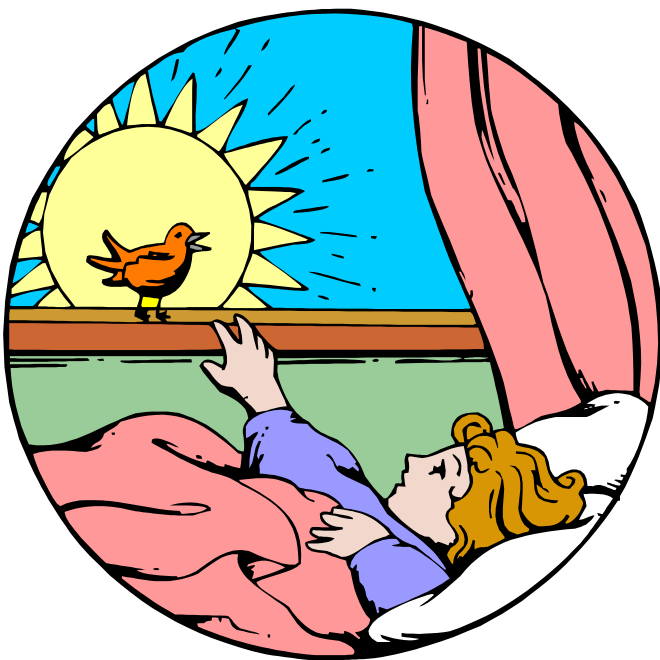
_____ ²² The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed
never cease,
For His compassions never fail.



GOD IS FAITHFUL

Lamentations 3:21-23

_____ ²³ *They* are new every morning;
Great is Your faithfulness.



Signed _____

GOD SAVES US!

Ephesians 2:1-2, 4-5, 8-9

_____ ¹ And you were dead in your trespasses
and sins,

_____ ² in which you formerly walked
according to the course of this world,
according to the prince
of the power of the air,
of the spirit that is now working
in the sons of disobedience.



GOD SAVES US!

Ephesians 2:1-2, 4-5, 8-9

_____ ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy,
because of His great love
with which He loved us,

_____ ⁵ even when we were dead
in our transgressions,
made us alive together with Christ
(by grace you have been saved),



GOD SAVES US!

Ephesians 2:1-2, 4-5, 8-9

- _____ ⁸ For by grace you have been
saved through faith;
and that not of yourselves,
it is the gift of God;
_____ ⁹ not as a result of works,
so that no one may boast.



Signed _____

THE PLAN

Two-year cycle of Bible passages

We have selected 32 Bible passages that are fundamental to the Christian life. We organized them into a two-year CrossWalk plan of 15-17 passages per year. Each passage is divided into age-appropriate sections. The older the child, the longer the passage. As kids advance through the grades, they revisit the same passages every two years, adding more verses to each passage. By 4th-5th grade, kids will have been taught (& hopefully, memorized) all 244 great verses!

For example, all grades will learn Psalm 1, but in progressive increments at each level:

K-1st grade kids just learn verses 1 & 2

2nd-3rd graders learn verses 1-3

4th-5th graders learn all 6 verses

Rotating through the 32 passages every two years fits reasonably well with budding reading abilities as kids progress from shorter to longer passages. They get a solid review of previous levels, which encourages success & long-term retention. Yet the challenge of adding new verses with each round provides refreshing depth into God's Word. Most of all, **we pray that the Holy Spirit will bring conviction from God's Word that ultimately helps lead to their salvation!**

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Teaching/learning verses:

On Sundays at CrossWalk, we teach the Bible Passages through fun and meaningful activities. Typically, we work on a passage for **2-4 weeks**. Depending on its length, we add 1-3 verses/week.

- Grades K-1: average 1 verse per week
- Grades 2-3: average 2 verses per week
- Grades 4-5: average 3 verses per week

Reciting verses for rewards:

Also on Sundays, children can recite verses to their CrossWalk leaders for prizes! *Please help kids **keep track of CrossWalk books to practice at home & bring on Sundays to get signed off for PRIZES!***

THE BATTLE STARTS NOW!

The Word of God really *is* the priceless treasure it claims to be! Knowing Bible verses is a first step to digging up that treasure.

Kids' days can fill up with family & friend time, schoolwork, sports, lessons, TV, video games, etc. It's easy for them to feel too busy to learn the Bible! We parents and teachers must **help set high standards! Don't allow distractions** from learning God's Word.

Help your child form these habits early!

Start at the CrossWalk, follow-up at home

Teach your kids to **keep track of their CrossWalk booklets** and encourage them to **practice at home**.

Print extra copies from the [HBC website](#) and **display verses where kids will see them** often – at the kitchen table (under a clear placemat?), child's bedroom wall, the car, on the bathroom mirror, etc.

Establish a **regular time to practice EVERY day** – 1st thing in the morning AND last thing at night, on the way to school or soccer practice, *before* turning on video game or tv, etc.

Encourage your child! Make practicing verses fun & positive. Add your own rewards* at home. You know best what motivates your child!

Memorize together! Learn the verses along with your child—the competition will be good for you, and such an encouragement to your child! **Talk together about what God's Word means to each of you.** Chant or sing verses together!

If memorizing Bible verses is a new skill, or a major challenge, help your child **set a personal goal**. Encourage him/her to earn your rewards* for at least part of a CrossWalk Passage. Eventually build up to learn entire passages.

Studying at home is the real key to success!

NASB BIBLE TRANSLATION

We have chosen to use the New American Standard Bible® (NASB® 1995) version for our CrossWalk program. NASB is considered a more accurate word-for-word, modern English translation of the original Greek and Hebrew text which avoids paraphrasing or watering down God's Word. It is used by many preachers and teachers at Hillview. The 1995 version remains widely preferred by serious Bible students and publishers for inductive study.

We recognize the NASB is written to a higher reading level than other versions. We find most kids handle it just fine for rote memorization. Familiarity with NASB wording from a young age may smooth their transition to deeper understanding of God & His Word through to adulthood. If you want your child to use a different version, please realize that it may be confusing, as we'll practice NASB 1995 verses in CrossWalk.

PRAY FOR RESULTS

Ultimately, **pray for your child's salvation** as the fruit of knowing and accepting the gospel of His Word!

In faith, let's teach kids to pray and to look for the God's help to memorize and understand His Word. Help them apply its truths to daily life. Beyond prizes, may the **true benefits be their salvation** and a lifelong desire **to hide God's Word in their hearts** and **abide in the Lord** always.