

Who Are Your Teachers?

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Fall is a time for new classrooms and new teachers for many kids. But school teachers aren't the only teachers in our lives. In this activity you'll read some Bible verses that speak about other teachers and what they teach us. Then you'll have the opportunity to say "thank you" to those teachers.

For

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Fall

Needed

Bible verses and questions (on pages 2 and 3, below), paper, pencils/pen/markers, glue, internet access. Optional: large piece of posterboard

Activity Plan

1. You may want to begin with a prayer. You could use these words, or come up with some of your own.

Loving God, I thank you for all of the teachers in my life. Open my heart to learn whatever you want me to learn. Amen.

2. Now, read the Bible verses that are found on pages 3-4, below. (Or, you could read them from your own Bible.) Then spend a few moments thinking about the questions that are also on pages 3-4.

3. To finish, you might want to try one of these activities:

- ✓ **Thank the earth for what it teaches you about God.** If possible, go outside and look all around. Maybe you live in an area where you can touch some trees or study some insects or simply feel the wind on your face. The earth is one of your teachers, showing you who God is. You might want to whisper or shout, "Thank you!" to the part of the earth where you are. Or you might want to be very quiet, and try to listen with your heart to what the earth is saying to you.

- ✓ **Create a thank you card or poster to give to one of the people who teaches you to keep God at the center.** Think of someone inside your family or outside your family who has taught you about God's love. You might enjoy using the [letters on this website](#) to create a thank you card or poster to give to that person.
 - To write a thank you card, find a piece of paper (8½ x 11). Then follow these steps:
 1. Scroll through the letters that spell "Thank you" on the website.
 2. Select the styles you like. You might enjoy the challenge of copying those letters by hand onto your card. Or, print out the smallest size of each letter.
 3. Color each letter with markers if you'd like.
 4. Trim around the letters.
 5. Glue the letters onto your card.
 6. On the back of the piece of paper, use your own words to say "thank you" to the person for teaching you to love God. If you need help with the writing, ask an adult.
 7. Deliver your card by hand. Or, find an envelope that will be a good size for your card, add postage, and put it in the mail.
 - To make a thank you poster, find a piece of poster board. Then follow these steps:
 1. Scroll through the letters that spell "Thank you" on the website.
 2. Select the styles you like, and print off the largest size of each letter.
 3. Color each letter with markers if you'd like.
 4. Trim around the letters if you want.
 5. Glue the letters onto the poster board.
 6. On the back of the poster board, or on the front if there is room, use your own words to thank that person for teaching you to put God at the center.
 7. Deliver your poster to the person you made it for.



Bible Verses and Questions

Psalm 19: 1-4

("Psalm" is pronounced "Sahlm.")

The heavens are telling everyone how wonderful God is!

The skies show what God can do.

The days teach us about God,

and so do the nights.

We can't hear their voices,

yet their message travels around the earth.

Their words travel to the farthest corner of the world.

*Some questions to think about or to talk about with someone else
after you've read the words from Psalm 19: 1-4 :*

+ Psalm 19 says that the heavens, skies, days and nights all teach us about God. I wonder how we can understand their messages, if they don't speak in human voices?

+The person who wrote Psalm 19 wants us to know that the whole earth is teaching us about God. Animals, trees, rivers and more are some of our teachers about who God is and what God is like. I wonder what the earth teaches *you* about God?



2 Timothy 1: 1-7

("Eunice" is pronounced "YOU-niss.")

The beginning of a letter from Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ,
to Timothy, whom I love like a son.

Dear Timothy, I thank God every time I think of you
(and I think of you a lot).

I am looking forward to seeing you again sometime.

I remember how much you trust God.

I remember that your grandmother Lois trusted God.

Your grandmother then taught your mother, Eunice, to trust God.

Both of those women taught you to trust God, to put God at the center.

And do you remember the time I placed my hands upon your head
and prayed for you?

Keep letting God live in you, and let others see it!

*Some questions to think about or to talk about with someone else
after you've read the words from 2 Timothy 1:1-7 :*

- + Timothy's grandmother and mother were two important teachers for him. They taught him to trust God, and to put God at the center of his life. I wonder if there are people in your own family who teach you to put God at the center of your life?
- + If you do have family members who teach you to trust God, I wonder *how* they teach you? For example, are there things you hear them say or things you see them do that remind you to put God at the center?
- + Paul and Timothy weren't related. But Paul cared for Timothy like a son. And Paul prayed for Timothy. Through Paul's care and prayers for Timothy, Timothy learned even more about God's love. I wonder if you can think of one or two people (not related to you) who teach you to live in God's love?

