

Poetry and Music in the Psalms

Lesson 4 — Student Guide

Prepare for class: Read 1 Chronicles 16:1-36

Lesson Goal

The goal of this lesson is to answer the following question: **What is special about the Psalms and how are they especially useful in our praise to God?**

Think

Evaluate

1. Who are the characters in this story?
2. What are the objects in this story?
3. Where did this story happen?
4. When did this story happen?
5. What is the problem?
6. What events occurred in this story?
7. Is the problem solved?

Learn

8. What is the main theme of this lesson?
9. What sin does this lesson teach us to confess?
10. Where do you see the love of God in this lesson?
11. What does God teach us to do in this lesson?

Lead

12. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

Discussion

13. Make a list of David's main roles.
14. It is wonderful that God communicated his Word to us in so many beautiful ways. What are the different types of literature in the Bible?
15. The Psalms are songs or poetry. In what sense is Hebrew poetry different from poetry in English?
16. Define the poetry terms listed and look for examples from the Psalms.

- A. Metaphor
 - B. Simile
 - C. Personification
 - D. Synecdoche
 - E. Acrostic
17. What are some of the instruments the Israelites used in worship?
18. How could you use the Psalms in your personal life, in your home, or in the group with which you meet?

Lesson wrap-up

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