

Bible Skills: **Finding Psalms**

YOU WILL NEED: *Bibles, a Bible Book Chart, and a slip of paper with Psalm 56:3 on it hidden somewhere in the classroom.*

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Show your student the table of contents in the front of their Bibles. Help them to find the book of Psalms. Also show them where Psalms is on the Bible Book chart.

Then SAY: In a moment I'm going to show you another way to find the book of Psalms but first we need to find today's Bible verse.

Game

Have a slip of paper with Psalm 56:3 (or any other verse from Psalms) hidden somewhere in the room and have the kids search for it.

Once they find it SAY: On the count of three, touch two walls, grab your Bible, and come back to the circle as fast as you can without pushing, shoving, or picking anybody's nose. 1-2-3 Go!

SAY: Let's see what the Bible says about trusting God. Our verse is Psalm 56:3.

Ask the students—Who knows another way to find Psalms in the Bible? (Answer: Hold your Bible sideways and open it to the middle. Usually this is the book of Psalms.)

SAY: Hold your Bibles. (*You may need to have extra Bibles ready for those who didn't bring one. Encourage everyone to bring their Bibles next week.*) When I say, "Ready," hold your Bible between both hands, but you cannot open it. Then I will say a Bible reference and "Go." If you open your Bible before I say "Go," you will be out. Once you find what I ask for, raise your hand.

Ready...The book of Psalms—Go!

SAY: Now try to find chapter 56. (Explain that every book in the Bible is divided into chapters.)

SAY: Now try to find chapter 56, verse 3. (Explain that every chapter is divided into verses.)

Explain that you say it, "Psalm 56-3," meaning chapter 56, verse 3.

Point out the memory verse poster and show them how Psalm 56:3 is written.

SAY: The dot-dot (:) tells you which is the chapter and which is the verse.

Ask the students—In Psalm 56:3, what's the chapter number?

Ask the students—What's the verse number?

Read Psalm 56:3 from your Bible

Have your class get ready for another Bible drill in Psalms to see who can find it the fastest...