



## RETURN TO ME —

*Malachi: Return to Me - God's Servants (Malachi 3:13-18) - June 5-6, 2021*

STUDY NOTES || TIM HOWEY

Am we building our lives around serving God?

Am I building my life around serving God?

“Your words have been harsh against Me,” Says the Lord, Yet you say, ‘What have we spoken against You?’

**Malachi 3:13 NKJV**

You have said, ‘It is useless to serve God; What profit *is it* that we have kept His ordinance, And that we have walked as mourners Before the Lord of hosts? **Malachi 3:14 NKJV**

So now we call the proud blessed, For those who do wickedness are raised up; They even tempt God and go free.’ ” **Malachi 3:15 NKJV**

Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, And the Lord listened and heard *them*; So a book of remembrance was written before Him For those who fear the Lord And who meditate on His name.

**Malachi 3:16 NKJV**

“They shall be Mine,” says the Lord of hosts, “On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them As a man spares his own son who serves him.” **Malachi 3:17 NKJV**

Then you shall again discern Between the righteous and the wicked, Between one who serves God And one who does not serve Him. **Malachi 3:18 NKJV**

And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, **Hebrews 10:24 NKJV**

**Why do we serve God?**

For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ. **Galatians 1:10 NKJV**

To get something from God

To be “successful”

To earn God’s favor/forgiveness

## NURSERY

## GOD MAKES THINGS GROW

1 CORINTHIANS 3:7



In this series, we will learn about the ways God makes living things in our wonderful world grow—things such as animals, plants, and people. Your toddler will have the opportunity to touch, smell, hear, taste, and see things that grow to reinforce the point that *God makes things grow*.

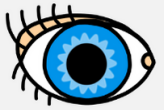
**Memory Verse:** God makes things grow. 1 Corinthians 3:7 (adapted for toddlers)

**Heart of the Lesson:** God Makes Plants Grow

**Parent Engagement:** Go for a walk and choose a couple of beautiful fresh leaves. When you get home, make leaf prints by placing the leaf under a piece of blank paper and rubbing it with the side of a crayon. Remind your toddler that *God makes plants grow*.

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## GOD MADE OUR 5 SENSES



We are starting fresh this summer reminding our little ones how God made them and their five senses and how much God loves them. Then we will be having four weeks of VeggieTales movies for some summer fun.

**Memory Verse:** Give thanks to the God of heaven. His faithful love endures forever. Psalm 136:26

**Heart of the Lesson:** God Made Our Senses - God Speaks to Samuel - 1 Samuel 3:1-21

**Parent Engagement:** Pack a snack and go on a nature walk on a nature trail. Use your senses. What do you see, hear, smell, feel, and taste. How can we experience God through our five senses?

## ELEMENTARY

## Awe and Wonder

God is AWESome and WONDERful



When we think about God, it should bring us to a place of both awe and wonder. He is so awesome that we could never even put it into words. He is so big and created the entire universe yet at the same time so personal that he knows you better than you know yourselves. We hope our kids leave this two week series in awe and wonder of our great God!

**Memory Verse:** “Those who live at the ends of the earth stand in awe of your wonders. From where the sun rises to where it sets, you inspire shouts of joy.” -Psalm 65:8

**Heart of the Lesson:** God is AWESome - Psalm 65

**Parent Engagement:** We encourage you to buy the book “Indescribable: 100 Devotions for Kids about God and Science” and continue the conversation of awe and wonder this summer. It’s free on Amazon if you have a Prime membership.

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# DO SOMETHING

AN OUTREACH SERIES



In this series, we will be learning about how to engage unreached people groups around the world with the gospel. The students will begin their time in small groups to research information and discover different ways that they can Do Something to be involved in local and global outreach initiatives. The students will end each week in Large Group to present what they discovered.

**Memory Verse:** But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, “How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!” Romans 10:14-15

**Heart of the Lesson:** Promotion Weekend Fun!

**Parent Engagement:** Ask your kids what they did today and what they might be able to do in this new group.