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“HYMN OF A WEEK for A YEAR” Lessons –

Basic ideas of the lessons:

If you are looking at these lessons you have the internet – please if you know someone who does not have access to the internet and would like to do the lessons – please print off the lessons for them.

The first part of the lessons just gets you acquainted with the hymn and its author and an introduction to the memory verse.

Part two is the answering of the questions – You will need to have extra paper to go with your lessons to answer the questions and the pearling of words or ideas.

Part Three is the prepared chain or pearling of a word or idea, OR a portion of scripture to fit the word or theme of the hymn.

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Part four is your part to get into the “meat” of pearling or chaining a word or idea of your own choosing – there might be a suggestion but the ultimate is yours to do!! You will need a Bible, a Concordance but a Study Bible with the targeted words marked with footnoted letters to guide you to the next verse(s) would be the best along with a Concordance.

It is advised to keep a list of words and texts for future references, some words can be revisited and pearled again but you will want to use other scriptures.

Part five is the review of the hymn with discussion questions etc.

Close each session with prayer (of course you already knew that!!)

As always adapt these lessons to your needs – if some parts are too short and others too long work them together to fit your family/group time frame.

All hymns obtained from Internet site

cyberhymnal.com

Home page:

 http://www.hymntime.come/tch

**Week 41 – Lesson 41 – Part 1:** Open with prayer; read hymn and memory work.

Memory Work: Psalm 17:8

There is a Safe and Secret Place

There is a safe and secret place,
Beneath the wings divine,
Reserved for all the heirs of grace;
O be that refuge mine!

The least and feeblest there may bide,
Uninjured and unawed;
While thousands fall on every side,
He rests secure in God.

He feeds in pastures, large and fair,
Of love and truth divine,
O child of God, O glory’s heir,
How rich a lot is thine!

A hand almighty to defend,
An ear for every call,
An honored life, a peaceful end,
And Heaven to crown it all!

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**Week 41 - Lesson 41 -Part 2:** Open with prayer review memory work.

Questions to Answer:

1. How is a place described?
2. Where is this place?
3. Who is this place reserved for?
4. What do we want to make this refuge?
5. Verse 2: Who may bide there?
6. How can they bide?
7. Where do thousands fall?
8. Where is the rest secure?
9. Verse 3: Where does he feed?
10. How is this place described?
11. How is this person described?
12. How is the lot of this person described?
13. Verse 4: What defends?
14. What for every call?
15. How is the life described?
16. How is the end described?
17. What crowns it all?

**Week 41 - Lesson 41 -Part 3:** Open with prayer; review memory work;

Scripture word study:

Safe

1. Psalm 16:1 – What was David’s reasoning for asking God to keep him safe?
2. Psalm 12:7 – What is said in confidence here?
3. Psalm 27:5 – What will happen in the day of trouble?
4. 1 John 5:18: What does anyone born of God not do?

What does the one born of God do?

Who cannot harm him?

1. Proverbs 29:25 – Who is safe?

**Week 41-Lesson 41–Part 4:** Open with prayer; review memory work;

There are a few more “safe” scriptures or change to a new word(s) or theme from the hymn.

**Week 41 – Lesson 41 – Part 5:** Open with prayer; reread hymn and review memory work.

Review and Discussion:

1. Do you feel you are in that safe and secret place with God?

If not what are some ways to get there?

If so how do you feel you have arrived there?

1. Should the safe place be kept a secret?
2. What is more important an almighty hand to defend or an ear for every call?

\*\*\*Unawed is not in the computer dictionary – looking up awed – mixture of wonder and dread – The Thesaurus has frightened, overcome, overwhelmed etc as replacement words for awed so to be unawed would not to be these things in the safe and secret place beneath the wings divine.

1. List all the things a Child of God is protected from and can do in the safe and secret place:

**Week 42 – Lesson 42 – Part 1:** Open with prayer; read hymn and memory work.

Memory Verse – Psalm 103:1

Praise, My soul, The King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor
To our fathers in distress.
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Fatherlike He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows.
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet His mercy flows.

Frail as summer’s flower we flourish,
Blows the wind and it is gone;
But while mortals rise and perish
Our God lives unchanging on,
Praise Him, praise Him, hallelujah
Praise the high eternal One!

Angels, help us to adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

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**Week 42 – Lesson 42 – Part 2:** Open with prayer; review memory work;

Questions to Answer:

1. Who is to be praised?
2. What is laid at His feet?
3. List the things done:
4. How long to sing His praises?
5. Who is to be praised?
6. Verse 2: What is He to be praised for?
7. Who was this given to?
8. How are we to praise Him?
9. What is He?
10. What is He glorious in?
11. Verse 3: What is He like?
12. What does He do?
13. What does He know?
14. What does He do in His hands?
15. What happens widely?
16. Verse 4: What are we frail like?
17. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ then what happens?
18. What do mortals do?
19. What does God do?
20. What are we to do?
21. Who are we to praise?
22. Verse 5: Who are we asking for help?
23. What can they do?
24. Who bows down before Him?
25. What are they?
26. How is God described?

\*\*\* This hymn was sung at the wedding of the future Queen Elizabeth II of Britain in Westminster Abbey, London 1947

**Week 42 – Lesson 42 – Part 3:** Open with prayer; review memory work;

Scripture and word study:

Faithfulness

1. Exodus 34:6 – What all did God proclaim to Moses?
2. Psalm 108:4 – What does David say about the faithfulness of God here?
3. Psalm 115:1 – Why is glory given to the name of the Lord?
4. Psalm 143:1 – What is David’s prayer?
5. Psalm 89:1, 2 – How is God’s faithfulness made known?

Where was God’s faithfulness established?

1. Lamentations 3:22 -23 – Why are we not consumed?

What never fails?

Why?

**Week 42 - Lesson 42 –Part 4:** Open with prayer; review memory work.

Continue on the faithfulness theme or choose another word (s) or theme from the hymn.

**Week 42 - Lesson 42 –Part 5:** Open with prayer; review memory work; and reread the hymn.

Review and Discussion:

1. Reflect on the ways you feel ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven:
2. Talk about God’s glorious faithfulness:
3. How important is faithfulness in our everyday life?
4. Some people have trouble with having a Father in heaven because of the issues they have had with their earthly father – What are your feelings on this and talk about the father like traits listed in the hymn:
5. Do we realize day to day how frail our lives really are?

Think of some times when you have felt as frail as a summer flower:

**Week 43 – Lesson 43 – Part 1:** Open with prayer; read the hymn and memory work.

 Memory Work: Psalm 18:28

In Vain the Powers of Darkness Try

In vain the powers of darkness try
To work the Church’s ill,
The Friend of sinners reigns on high,
And checks them at His will.

Though mischief in their hearts may dwell,
And on their tongues deceit,
A word of His their pride can quell,
And all their aims defeat.

My trust is in His grace alone;
His house shall be my home.
How sweet His mercies past to own,
And hope for more to come.

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**Week 43 – Lesson 43 – Part 2:** Open with prayer; review memory work;

Questions to Answer:

1. Who tries in vain?
2. What do they try to do?
3. Who reigns on high?
4. When does He check them?
5. Verse 2: What is in their hearts?
6. What is on their tongues?
7. What can quell their pride?
8. What is defeated?
9. Verse 3: What is our trust in?
10. What shall be our home?
11. What are sweet to own?
12. What is the hope?

**Week 43 – Lesson 43 – Part 3**: Open with prayer; review the memory work;

Scripture and Word Study:

Darkness:

1. John 1:5 – What Light shown in the darkness?

How did the darkness react?

1. Psalm 18:28 – What does the Lord do?

What does God do?

1. John 3:19 – What has Light done?

What was loved instead of light?

Why?

1. 1 Thessalonians 5:5 – What are you sons of?

What do we not belong to?

1. 1 Peter 2:9 – What are believers listed as here?

We praise Him because He called us from what to where?

**Week 43 – Lesson 43 – Part 4:** Open with prayer; review memory work –

Continue with the word darkness/theme of darkness or choose another word(s) or theme from the hymn.

**Week 43 – Lesson 43 – Part 5:** Open with prayer; review memory work; reread the hymn:

Review and Discussion:

1. What are some ways the powers of darkness are working their ways in our world today?
2. How are these powers the same and different than they were in Bible times?
3. How do you feel having someone to quell the deceit and pride of the devil?
4. What does the sun show up when it shines on a surface?
5. Why do most crimes, drunkardness etc occur at night?

**Week 44 – Lesson 44 - Part 1:** Open with Prayer; read the hymn and memory work.

Memory Work: Psalm 67:1, 2

God of mercy, God of grace,
Show the brightness of Thy face;
Shine upon us, Savior, shine,
Fill Thy Church with light divine,
And Thy saving health extend,
Unto earth’s remotest end.

Let the people praise Thee, Lord!
Be by all that live adored;
Let the nations shout and sing
Glory to their Savior King,
At Thy feet their tribute pay,
And Thy holy will obey.

Let the people praise Thee, Lord!
Earth shall then her fruits afford,
God to man His blessings give,
Man to God devoted live;
All below and all above
One in joy and light and love.

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**Week 44 – Lesson 44 – Part 2:** Open with prayer; review memory work;

Questions to Answer:

1. What is the God of?
2. What is asked to be shown?
3. What is the Savior to do?
4. What is to be filled and with what?
5. What is to be extended?
6. Where?
7. Verse 2: What should be allowed?
8. Who all should adore?
9. What should the nations be allowed to do?
10. Who should receive the glory?
11. What should be done at Thy feet?
12. What should be obeyed?
13. Verse 3: What is the repeated line?
14. What shall earth afford?
15. What will God give to man?
16. Who should man live?
17. Where?
18. What will we be one in?

**Week 44 – Lesson 44 – Part 3:** Open with prayer; Review memory work

Scripture and Word Study:

Praise, Praises and reasons to praise

1. Psalm 47:6 – Who all are we to sing praises to?
2. Luke 1:68 – In Zechariah’s song – Why should praise be to the Lord?
3. Psalm 117 –

Who should sing praises to the Lord?

Why?

Romans 15:11 – Here Psalm 117:1 is quoted – What are the changes?

1. Romans 15:7 – What will bring praise to God?

There seems to be two sides to the praise – Praising God and bringing praise to God – As Christians we should look for ways to do both.

**Week 44 – Lesson 44 – Part 4:** Open with prayer; review memory work;

Continue with the words or theme of praise or choose a new word(s) or theme from the hymn.

**Week 44 – Lesson 44 – Part 5:** Open with prayer; Review memory work and reread the hymn.

Review and Discussion:

1. What referred to as “Thy Church” – people or building?
2. Do you feel that the Church, including yourself, is lit by the Divine Light?
3. How have you felt the God of mercy and God of Grace? Explain:
4. In our scripture study we sited some reasons to praise the Lord - List some of your own reasons for praise:
5. What do you feel that you have done to bring praise to God?
6. List some ways to bring praise to God: