

## **A SHOWER IN THE SKY**

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—*Psalm 19:1*

### **INTRODUCTION**

It's easy to forget how great God is. You get wrapped up in lots of different activities, like going to school, participating in sports, playing video games, and hanging out with your friends, and God seems to fade into the background. You know he's still there, but he seems like a friendly old grandpa who just sits in his rocking chair in the corner and watches everything. So you neglect to worship him. Not only that, but sometimes when things go wrong and you need some help, it's hard to turn to God and trust him, since he seems powerless to *do* anything. So you neglect to pray to him. There are several things you can do to solve this problem, to keep remembering that God is very great indeed. The one we're going to talk about now is something you can do almost anytime, anywhere.

Today's devotion is based on Psalm 19:1, which says, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." The devotion is called "A Shower in the Sky."

### **DEVOTION**

Lying on a blanket with her friends, Carlie checked her watch. "It's eleven p.m., so our meteor shower party can officially begin. Remember, whoever sees a shooting star first wins a prize!" It was mid-August, and the sky was clear.

"I could spend all night out here," Peyton said.

Carlie reached for some chips. "My dad wouldn't let us. But he said we could stay out till one o'clock. Most of the meteors will come around midnight, so we'll see lots of them." She pointed up. "See Perseus? That's the constellation I drew on your invitations. All the meteors will come from that direction. That's why they're called the Perseids."

Brooke asked, "How do you know all this stuff?"

Carlie smiled. "My dad loves astronomy, and he teaches me a lot. Did you know—"

Suddenly Peyton shouted, "Look!" just as Brooke hollered, "There's one!" A white light streaked across the sky, and they all said, "Ooooooh!"

Need a reminder of how wise, powerful, and wonderful God is? Go outside anytime, day or night, and look up. Beautiful clouds. Awesome thunderstorms. Spectacular sunsets. Majestic stars. Through all these, the sky reminds everyone of God's glory.

## WORDS TO TREASURE

*Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these?  
He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls forth them each by name.*

—Isaiah 40:26

## QUESTIONS

1. What is the most amazing thing you've seen as you've looked up into the sky? Where were you when you saw the most beautiful sunrise or sunset you've ever seen? Have you ever witnessed a shooting star, a lunar eclipse, the northern lights, or some other awesome thing in the sky? How did these things remind you of God's glory?

2. Why is it important to always remember how great God is?

Some answers are: so we'll remember to worship him; so we'll remember to pray to him; so we'll turn to him for help when we need it and trust him; so our faith in him will remain strong; so we won't be tempted to disobey him by sinning; etc.

3. Do you think God intended for the sky to proclaim his glory day after day, night after night? Or is it just a coincidence that there are always so many wonderful things to see in the sky?
4. Do you think the sky is the only part of God's creation that proclaims his glory? Does the earth itself, and all that is in it, also point to how great God is?

For a clue, either have children look up Psalm 98:7–9, which says, "Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the Lord," and Isaiah 6:3, which says, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory," or read these passages to them. Remind the children about butterflies emerging from their cocoons and flowers opening as the sun shines on them, and ask if they can think of other examples of how God's creation proclaims his glory.

5. What are some other things you can do to remind yourself how great God is?

Some answers: read the Bible daily; go to church each week; listen to Christian music; memorize inspiring Scripture verses; stay in touch with God through prayer; talk to your friends about God and share with each other what you're all learning about him and what he is doing in your lives; etc.

Consider spending some time playing a game or doing an exercise to help children memorize the "Words to Treasure" Scripture verse.