

As you begin your meeting, read Psalm 33 together. Pray over your time discerning and articulating your vision for children's spiritual formation to your congregation.

Psalm 33

¹ You who are godly, sing with joy to the Lord.

It is right for honest people to praise him.

² With the harp, praise the Lord.

With the lyre that has ten strings, make music to him.

³ Sing a new song to him.

Play with skill, and shout with joy.

⁴ What the Lord says is right and true.

He is faithful in everything he does.

⁵ The Lord loves what is right and fair.

The earth is full of his faithful love.

⁶ The heavens were made when the Lord commanded it to happen.

All the stars were created by the breath of his mouth.

⁷ He gathers together the waters of the sea.

He puts the oceans in their places.

⁸ Let the whole earth have respect for the Lord.

Let all the people in the world honor him.

⁹ He spoke, and the world came into being.

He commanded, and it stood firm.

¹⁰ The Lord blocks the sinful plans of the nations.

He keeps them from doing what they want to do.

¹¹ But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever.

What he wants to do will last for all time.

¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

Blessed are the people he chose to be his own.

¹³ From heaven the Lord looks down

and sees everyone.

¹⁴ From his throne he watches

all those who live on the earth.

¹⁵ He creates the hearts of all people.

He is aware of everything they do.

¹⁶ A king isn't saved just because his army is big.

A soldier doesn't escape just because he is very strong.

¹⁷ People can't trust a horse to save them either.

Though it is very strong, it can't save them.

¹⁸ But the Lord looks with favor on those who respect him.

He watches over those who put their hope in his faithful love.

¹⁹ He watches over them to save them from death.

He wants to keep them alive when there is no food in the land.

²⁰ We wait in hope for the Lord.

He helps us. He is like a shield that keeps us safe.

²¹ Our hearts are full of joy because of him.

We trust in him, because he is holy.

²² Lord, may your faithful love be with us.
We put our hope in you.