

LESSON OVERVIEW

Big Idea: We should praise God everyday and in everything we do.

Key Question: Why does God deserve our praise?

Memory Verse: *I will praise the Lord at all times. Psalm 34:1*

Overview: Praising God simply means telling Him why and how much we love Him. It's like paying a compliment to God for all the things we like about Him. We can praise God by singing songs, just saying "thanks" for all He's blessed us with, and through pray. Just having a conversation, telling Him why we love Him. We do some of these at church every week. But you know what? God is with us all the time so we don't have to wait to go to church to praise Him. We can do it anywhere at any time. Turn on Christian music and sing along while on your way to school or sports practice. Say a prayer while you wait at the bus stop and tell Him that you love Him and thank Him for something new every day. All of this counts as praise! And you know what? We can praise Him even when we're having a bad day or when we're scared or nervous. God deserves our praise all the time and in everything we do.

CLASSROOM AGENDA

- 5 min **PLAY:** Begin working on Activity Page #1.
- 5 min **WARM UP:** What's the nicest thing someone has said to you? Why do compliments feel so good?
- 5 min **PREVIEW:** Draw the bubbles on a whiteboard and fill in the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question. (If applicable, have kids fill in their bubbles on the Kids Activity Page.)
- 20 min **LARGE GROUP:** Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to small group to finish this guide.
- 5 min **RECAP:** Read the Lesson Overview from the Teacher's Guide and then answer the KEY QUESTION.
- 5 min **EXPLORE:** Read [Psalm 43:5](#). What are some things you can praise God for even if you're really sad about something in your life?
- 10 min **PLAY:** Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.
- 5 min **CLOSE:**
 - Share a way you will praise God this week.
 - Share prayer requests and pray as a class.

TEACHER TIPS

Allow each kid to share. The point: help kids understand that being praised or complimented is a good thing. Our praise to God is like giving Him a compliment.

Answer: God is worthy of our praise for many reasons. Here are just a few:

1. He is the creator of all things.
2. He loves and protects us.
3. He sent His Son Jesus to set us free.

He has given us so much. It's the least we can do to take time out of our day to say "thanks" and "I love you". Remember, God is with us all the time so we can worship Him all the time. We don't have to wait for church.

Bonus Questions: What is your favorite thing God created? Do you have a story of a time God protected you from harm?

Help the kids to see that even in sad times we can choose to look on the bright side and praise God. The ultimate reason to praise God - He sent Jesus to fix our sin problem that keeps us from relationship with God. If we trust in Jesus, God promises to forgive us and we will live in Heaven with Him some day.

Activity #1

Paper Plate Tambourine

Kids can create their own musical instrument for worship. Each child needs two paper plates. Have them glue the tambourine template (page 5) to the outside bottom of one plate. Then, have them color and decorate the plate around the template. Give each child a handful of beans. Have them flip the plate to be right side up and place the beans on the plate. Then, place the other plate face down on top of the other plate and staple together. You've created your own tambourine!



Supplies needed

- paper plates (2 per child)
- beans
- pre-cut template (5B), one per child
- glue
- crayons/markers
- stapler

Activity #2

God Is...

Kids can create a craft to hang in their room or on the refrigerator to remember why God is worthy of our praise. Give each kid a cloud template. Allow them to cut it out. Then give each kid 6 strips of various colors of construction paper. Have them write something they love about God on each strip. (You could work on this part as a class and write ideas on the whiteboard) Have them glue each strip to the back of the "God Cloud".



Supplies needed

- cloud template (6B), 1 per kid
- scissors
- strips of construction paper (6 per kid)
- markers
- glue

Praise God Everyday (Psalm 34)

LESSON #1

KIDS GUIDE

1 Discover Truth

Watch this week's lesson video as a family (see link above) and fill in the blanks.

1. Today we're talking about _____ God.
2. Praise is just a fancy word for telling God how much we _____ him.
3. God is even greater than your _____, _____, and your _____.
4. We should praise God _____ day.

2 Talk about it

Answer these questions together as a family.

1. What's the nicest thing someone has said to you? Why do compliments feel so good?
2. Why does God deserve our praise? Make a list of some of the things you can praise God for as a family.
3. Read [Psalm 43:5](#). What are some things you can praise God for even if you're really sad about something in your life?

3 Live it out

Memorize this week's Bible verse:

I will praise the Lord at all times. Psalm 34:1

Bonus: Read these additional passages as a family this week.

- Read [Psalm 146:1](#). What are some things in your life you can praise God for?
- Read [Psalm 100:2](#). How can you tell God how much you love Him?

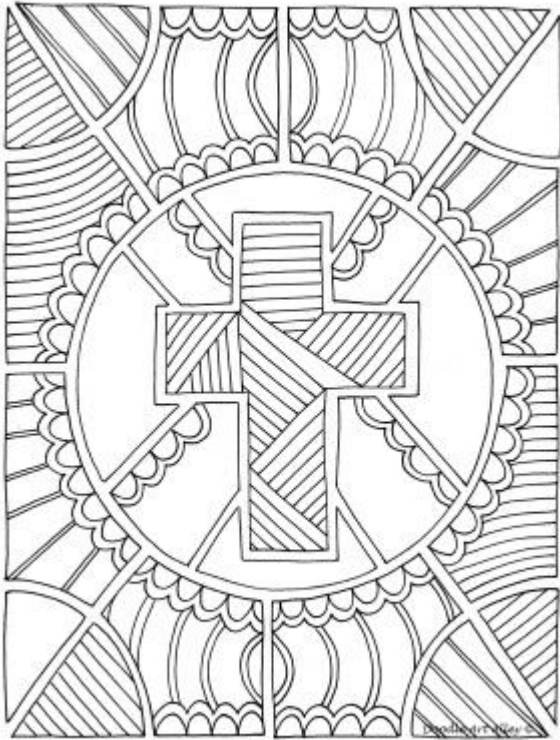
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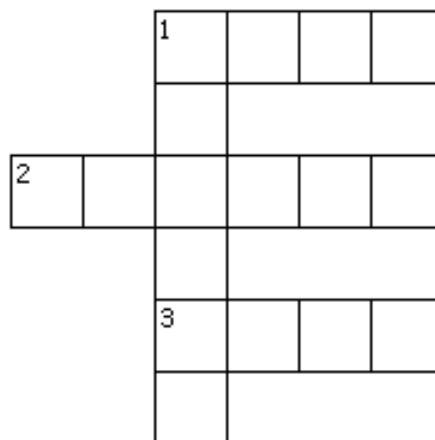


BIG IDEA:

MEMORY VERSE:

KEY QUESTION:

PUZZLE



Across

- 1. how we talk to God
- 2. what you say when someone does something for you
- 3. what we do to music

Down

- 1. giving someone a compliment

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