

## BEFORE YOU START...

### Background Information

What is praise and worship? Are there different ways to praise the Lord? What's it for? How do we do it? The following lessons help kids explore what it means to praise the Lord, and the amazing power and results we can get from doing it. Different words in the Bible are translated as "praise," and each of them describe a different way to praise. We will look at 8 of them.

### Learning Objectives

- **\*\*Praise is an outward expression of our honour and wonder of God.\*\***
- Today's Hebrew word of praise: Hallal = to boast
- One of the ways to praise is to boast, brag, or rave about God even to the point of appearing foolish.
- When we praise the Lord, God is pleased!

### Material & Supplies

- 3 "Posters": Praise Word; Memory Verse; Praise Motto
- Lesson Video: [youtube.com/watch?v=](https://youtube.com/watch?v=)
- Bible Story: David bringing back the ark to Jerusalem, 2 Sam 6:12-19
  - Suggested YouTube: [youtube.com/watch?v=YcZ\\_Yy8aWo0](https://youtube.com/watch?v=YcZ_Yy8aWo0) (search words: David Dances for the Lord; Life Kids)
- Memory Verse: Psalm 145:3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.
- Memory Verse Challenge: Learning Psalm 100. Today's verse: Psalm 100:1 Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!

### Handouts

- Colouring bookmarks, puzzle sheets, letter to parents
- Optional handout: Give each child a cheerleader pompom to take home (for boasting and cheering for God)!
- If you choose to give out a prize to the kids who take the memory verse challenge (learning Psalm 100), then have the prizes available to show them, and to give them away as needed.

## TEACHING THE LESSON...

### Welcome Time; Praise Word Poster

Welcome the children to your class. Introduce any new children.

Ask the kids for their answers to some of these questions: What is praise and worship? What does it mean? How do we do it?  
What are some of the commands in the Bible regarding praise and worship? **\*\*Is it ok to look silly when we do it?\***

Talk about how "Praising the Lord" is more than just singing a couple of songs in church on a Sunday; it is an expression with our bodies to God of what we feel about Him in our hearts, and ultimately Praising the Lord is a way of life!

Show the children this week's Praise Word Poster. Today we will look at the word:

**Hallal = to boast, brag, or rave about God, even to the point of being foolish!**

Get one of the children to put it up on the wall. Have everyone say the word together and what it means.

One of the ways to praise is to boast, brag, or rave about God even to the point of appearing foolish. What could foolish look like? Do you think God thinks it's ok to look a little foolish when we praise Him?

Have you ever seen fans go crazy at a football or hockey game? That's what Hallal looks like. In the Bible there's a story about someone else looking foolish and crazy for God, and that's King David! You know, David? He's the one who wrote a lot of the psalms and should know what praise really means!

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## TEACHING THE LESSON... CONTINUED

### Bible Story; Lesson Video

Every week there are 2 possible videos to show the kids. One is made for this lesson, and gives a summary of the Bible story. The other is a recommended video for the Bible Story. These videos can be watched in the order of your preference.

Lesson Video Link: [youtube.com/watch?v=](https://youtube.com/watch?v=)

Bible Story Link: [youtube.com/watch?v=YcZ\\_Yy8aWo0](https://youtube.com/watch?v=YcZ_Yy8aWo0) (search words: David Dances for the Lord; Life Kids)

Give some background information about today's story. Play this week's video or read the story from the Bible: 2 Samuel 6:12-19 The ark of the Lord, where the presence of God came to dwell with His people, had been captured by the Philistines. When the ark was brought back to Israel, King David and all the Israelites rejoiced! As they brought the ark to Jerusalem, David "Hallal-ed"! He raved about God to the point of being foolish by dancing in his underwear!

### Snack Time

If you will be serving snacks to your kids, this would be a great point in the lesson to do that.

### Memory Verse Poster

**PS 145:3 GREAT IS THE LORD AND GREATLY TO BE PRAISED.**

Put up the Memory Verse Poster. Repeat the memory verse several times with the children. Play a game to help them remember. Mention the opportunity to earn an extra prize by learning Ps 100 by the end of this course.

Today's Memory Verse Challenge Verse: **Psalm 100:1 Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!**

### Class Discussion, Praise Motto

To wrap up the lesson, ask some questions about today's story and lesson to ensure comprehension. Also ask questions from the lesson objectives. Tie in as much of your own personal experience and your own testimony as you can.

- What is praise and worship? Remember it's an **\*\*outward\*\*** expression. People should be able to see it!
- What does Hallal mean? boast, brag, rave, even to the point of being foolish.
- What was "foolish" about what David did? He praised God in his underwear!
- Talk about what happened when David praised the Lord like he did: the ark was successfully brought into Jerusalem, the people honoured David (2 Sam 6:22), and God gave David rest from all his enemies (2 Sam 7:1). That's a lot of results! Based on this, ask the kids if God was pleased with David's praise?

End the discussion by introducing this week's praise motto. Put the Praise Motto Poster up on the wall:

**WHEN I PRAISE THE LORD, GOD IS PLEASED!**

Talk about how this was evident from the story. Lead your discussion into a time of praise!

### Praise and Worship Time

Have some songs ready to sing (and/or play) with the children.

Encourage them to praise in a way that reflects the lesson objectives today.

### Handouts

Hand out this week's puzzle sheets and bookmarks as children are dismissed.

***Thank you for teaching this lesson!***

***You have made a difference in the hearts and lives of God's little ones today.***