

## 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: Shabach = to shout
- One of the ways to praise is to shout, especially to express glory or triumph!
- When we praise the Lord, walls fall down!

### Material & Supplies

- 3 "Posters": Praise Word; Memory Verse; Praise Motto
- Lesson Video: <https://youtu.be/RgdhK7QxGlo> (search words: Made for Praise - Shabach; Gateway Victory)
- Bible Story: Joshua and the battle of Jericho, Joshua 6  
Suggested Video: [youtube.com/watch?v=OAv9rZl2U5g](https://youtube.com/watch?v=OAv9rZl2U5g) (search words: Walls of Jericho; Saddleback Kids)
- Memory Verse: Psalm 100:1 Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!
- Memory Verse Challenge: Learning Psalm 100. Today's verse:
  - Psalm 100:4b Give thanks to Him and praise His name.
- Praise and Worship Time: Have some songs ready to sing (and/or play) with the children

### Handouts

- Colouring bookmarks, puzzle sheets, letter to parents

## 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?

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:

Shabach = to shout and express glory or triumph!

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 shout to the Lord, especially in glory or triumph! We see Shabach when people cheer for a winning goal or team, when your parents surprise you with a trip to Disneyland. That shout and cheer is shabach. Jesus won against the devil when He rose from the dead, and we can shabach about that, too!

In the Bible there's a story about the Israelites making walls fall down because of their Shabach-ing! There's a lot of power that comes when we choose to praise the Lord with our shout!

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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: <https://youtu.be/RgdhK7QxGlo> (search words: Made for Praise - Shabach; Gateway Victory)

Bible Story Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OAv9rZl2U5g> (search words: Walls of Jericho; Saddleback Kids)

Give some background information about today's story from Joshua 6. The Israelites marched around Jericho once each day for six days in complete silence. On the seventh day, God told them to march around the city seven times and then Shabach, or shout in triumph. The walls of Jericho came down!

### Memory Verse

**PSALM 100:1 SHOUT WITH JOY TO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH!**

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 100:4b Give thanks to Him and praise His name.**

### 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 is "Shabach" mean? To praise with a shout.
- What happened when the people of Israel shouted and Shabach-ed after marching around Jericho?
- What kind of "walls" do we face today? Can we shout in praise to see them fall down? Yes! Zechariah 4:7 talks about how with shouting, a mountain becomes a plain!

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

**WHEN I PRAISE THE LORD, WALLS FALL DOWN!**

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.***