

Lesson Plan 8

God's Purpose For Man Continued

Objective

Students will understand that God expects us to care for people.

Supplies

Teachers and/or Coordinators ensure supplies are ready prior to each class.

Print From the Site:

- Ways To Praise Activity Page (one per student)
- Fruit Of My Lips Color Page (one per student)
- Attendance Chart
- Stickers (for attendance)
- Songs for Winter Quarter Sheet (to share)
- Bible
- Pens/Pencils/Crayons/Pencil Crayons

Optional Supplies

Print From the Site:

- God Made Man Sticker Page (one per student)
- Animal Sticker Page (Twelve on a page, each student needs only one)
- Ball (one to roll around)
- Glue Sticks
- Snack - Fruit Slices

Teacher Tips

- ★ See Lesson Plan 1 for tips on how to keep the classroom engaged.

1) Introduction to Lesson

As students enter, welcome them and help them find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Take attendance.

Today we are going to see that God made us to give glory and honor to God because He is great, mighty, powerful, kind, loving and the Creator of the world.

Hebrews 13:15 from the Bible says: ... *let us continually offer to God ... lips that openly profess his name*. This means the reason we have lips to speak is to share with others and God, that He is great and special. And, we should do it all the time!
How do we praise Him? By telling people about Him and how wonderful He is! By praying to Him and telling Him how wonderful He is.

Let's sing some songs about God being great – this is one way we praise God is by singing nice songs about Him!

God is Great Tune: London Bridge

God made all the stars above*, stars above*, stars above*.

God made all the stars above*.

God is great.

(*lands and seas, fish and whales, dogs and cats)

Here's Why God is Great

God is great. He made the sun.

(Point up; form a circle with arms above head.)

God is great. He made the sea.

(Use arms to make waves.)

God is great. He made the stars.

(Hold up hands and wiggle fingers.)

God is great. He made each tree.

(Extend arms like tree branches and sway.)

God is great. He made you and me.

(Point to others. Point to self.)

2) Activity - Ways To Praise

15-20 minutes

Hand each student a “Ways To Praise” activity sheet and crayons. Ask the students to write their name somewhere on the sheet and help if necessary.

Have the students listen and follow along as you read, but let them color and circle the pictures that show ways we can praise God.



Ask the students, “How can we praise God?” What does each picture show of ways we can praise God?

How can we praise God? Picture 1 - Sing; Picture 2 - Tell others, or confess Jesus's name; Picture 3 - We can go to church to declare His praises; Picture 4 - Accept and love one another; Picture 5 - Service, obedience, sharing with others; Picture 6 - Pray to Him and read His Word, the Bible.

Ask, **“let’s make a list of reasons why God is great.”** (Sent His Son, made the world for us, gives us talents, blesses us with family and friends, church family, minds to make good decisions and when we get older and get baptized, we get the Holy Spirit, etc.)

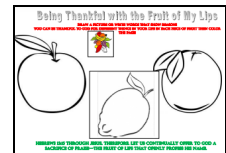
If students have trouble, help them by listing some of these examples.

In church we do many of these things in the pictures. What do we do at church? Do we sing to God? Yes! Do we read the Bible? Yes! Do we visit with our church family and pray for them? Yes! Do we pray to God? Yes! Do we worship God and Jesus? Yes! These are all ways we praise God and His Son Jesus!

3) Activity - Reasons I Can Be Thankful

10-15 minutes

Hand each student a “Fruit of My Lips” activity page and crayons. Have everyone write their name on the sheet.



Say, **“There are many reasons why we should thank God and be thankful.**

Now on our own we are going to come up with reasons why we can be thankful to God - maybe you are thankful for your good health, your mom and dad or maybe you are thankful for your friends. Draw a picture in each piece of fruit to show reasons why you are thankful to God. I am here to help you.

Read the verse at the bottom of the activity page - **Hebrews 13:15** says, **“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise - the fruit of lips that openly profess His name.”**

By telling others and God about why we are thankful and by giving praise to God we are making God happy! Just like trees produce fruit, our mouths should produce good things as well like thanksgiving to God!

Have the students clean up before moving onto the next activity.

4) Optional Activity - Being Thankful Ball Pass

5-10 minutes

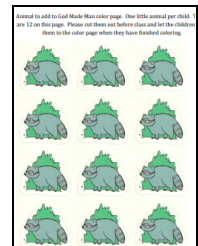
Have the students sit in a circle on the floor or around the table so they can catch the ball easily.

Say, **“We are going to take turns rolling the ball to someone, you can only roll the ball to the same person once, so that way everyone gets a turn, When you get the ball, you need to say a reason you are thankful to God for something. It could be something about the weather, family, friends, pets, sports, or whatever you are thankful for. We will make sure that everyone gets a turn and then if there is time we can go around again. Remember to roll the ball gently.”** (Praise them as they come up with nice things to be thankful for, encourage or give ideas to those having difficulty coming up with ideas.) When finished, have them sit back in their regular spots to move onto the next activity.

5) Optional Activity - God Made Man Sticker Page

5-10 minutes

Hand each student a “God Made Man” and “Animal” sticker page and crayons. Have the students color the page while you read the statement on the “God Made Man” color sheet. Have the students color the page then with glue sticks, have them glue the raccoon sticker on the page where it is marked with an “x”.



Remind the students that God made us to be thankful and give thanks and praise to God for all the wonderful things He does, like giving us family, animals, plants, and trees, good food, and more.

6) Optional Snack - Fruit Slices

5 minutes

Hand each student a few slices of fruit. Say **“You’ve all done a great job this morning! God is worthy of praise from the fruit of our lips. The words that come out of our mouth should praise God and these fruits remind us that our words should be wholesome, sweet and pure! Hebrews 13:15 says “Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise-the fruit of lips that confess His name.” We should be thankful to God!”** After snack, have students clean up.

7) Optional Activity - Sing

5-10 minutes

God Loves

God loves _____, Yes He does!

God loves _____, Yes He does!

God loves _____, just this way

And He loves (him/her) everyday!

*Fill in the name of each child in the room one at a time.

I'm Very Special to God (Tune: Hickory Dickey Dock)

I'm very special to God.
He loves me very much.
He made my hands. He made my feet.
I'm very special to God!

8) Closing Prayer

**Before the prayer, make sure the activities/snacks have been cleaned up.

Ask if there are any prayers the students want to share. Say closing prayer remembering to thank God for our family, friends and all those that take care of us. Also for helping us to remember to care and respect all of creation including all people.

Thank you for serving Christ in this way!