

Lesson 3: God is Worthy of Praise!

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Discuss praise and determine that God not only deserves praise but what types of praise there are in “Ways to Praise” activity sheet.
- 2) Create a God is worthy of praise banner. A new banner will be made each time a new characteristic of God is discussed.
- 3) Discuss verses in the Bible that pertain to God deserving praise.
- 4) Sing songs of praise.

Supplies: Coordinator will ensure these supplies are already in your room.

Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)

- Bible
- Markers
- Pencil Crayons
- Attendance Chart (See Template)
- Stickers for Attendance
- Ways to Praise activity sheets – one per child
- God is Worthy of Praise Banner Paper (11 x 17 Computer copy paper or large construction paper in light color so kids can color over) – one per child
- Praise Cut-outs for Banner – print in black and white – one per child
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- Chalkboard or Easel to write down ideas for all to see
- Lyrics of songs to sing to God that show our praise – one copy for the class to see

Optional Snack: Fruit of our lips.

- Fruit slices (Strawberries, bananas, pears, etc.) 5 per child
- Napkins for snack one per child
- Juice or water and cup one per child

Lesson:

1) Introduction to Lesson

5 minutes

As students enter, welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Have children put a sticker beside their name. Once children are seated, say, **“Today we are going to learn that God is worthy of praise. God is worthy of praise for so many reasons, but first we have to determine what is praise?”**

WHAT IS PRAISE?

Can anyone tell me what praise is? Raise your hand if you know. Encourage children to raise hands and tell you what they think praise is. Examples may be – singing songs, exalting God, being happy and thankful to God.

“Praise is: The expression of approval or admiration towards God. To give glory or honor to God.

The Bible has examples of how we can thank, glorify, honor, and praise God. Hold up your Bible. **Did everyone bring their bibles?** For those that didn't, hand out a Bible to them.

2) Ways to Praise Activity Sheet

15-20 minutes

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT PRAISING GOD?

We are going to do an activity sheet, "Ways to Praise God". I am going to hand out a sheet of paper and some crayons. Hand out the page and crayons and remind them to put their name somewhere on the page or help them if necessary. Have students turn to Psalm 9:11 in their Bibles. (For small children who may have trouble writing, have them listen and follow along as you read, but let them color the pictures instead of filling in the blanks, fill in the blanks for them as you read the verse.)

Let's all read this verse together. Read verse then ask kids to fill in blanks on the activity sheet with the missing words, see below for answers. Ask after each verse is read, **"What does this mean?"** Have children raise hands for answers as you go through. Then ask the kids, **"How can we praise God?"** Ask other questions that pertain to that verse to see if they understand the verse and how it is an example of a way to praise God.

Go through sheet, missing words and answers are in order:

Psalm 9:11 – Sing, praises, proclaim

How can we praise God? Sing

What are things He has done? Sent His Son, given us salvation and heaven, etc.

Hebrews 13:15 – Jesus, sacrifice, praise

How can we praise God? Tell others, or confess Jesus' name

What does it mean the fruit of lips that confess His name? It means that the fruit or produce, or the benefit or reason of our having lips to speak is to confess the name of Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior of the world.

1 Peter 2:9 – you, special, declare

How can we praise God? We can declare His praises and/or go to church to declare His praises

How are we called out of darkness? We are asked by God to leave sin and darkness and be with God in the light of righteousness. We are called out through the Bible telling us to follow Jesus who is the great light.

Psalm 66:20 – praise, prayer

What should we do? Praise God

Romans 15:6-7 – glorify, accept

How can we praise God? Accept one another

2 Corinthians 9:13 – service, them

How can we praise God? Service, obedience, sharing with others

When finished if time, allow children to color pictures.

Ask kids, **“let’s make a list of reasons why God is worthy of praise”** – sent His Son, made the world for us, gives us talents, blesses us, family and friends, church people, minds to make good decisions and when we get older to get baptized, we get the Holy Spirit, etc. If kids have trouble, start listing some of these things to give them the idea, also at the end if they don’t say one of these examples you can share them too.

Now as we learned last time, God is love and wants us to be loving too! Because God is love and does loving things for us, this is one of the reasons God is worthy of praise!

Any questions? Answer questions. If questions are too difficult, tell them you will think about it and get back to them. Then ask the coordinator for help for the answer and get back to them next week. After kids are finished help them to clean up.

3) God is Worthy of Praise Banner Craft 15-20 minutes

Hand out one piece of construction paper or large copy paper to each child for their banner. Then, hand out markers and put the God is Worthy of Praise template paper on the table along with scissors and glue sticks. Tell the children, **“Each week that we study a characteristic about God we will make a banner. This will help us remember that God is many things and all of them amazing! Using the cut outs on the sheets of paper you can color and cut out the pictures and words and glue them on your sheet along with words and other pictures that remind of you ways to praise God and to help us remember that God is worthy of praise! For a list of ways we can show praise to God look at your ways to praise sheets for verses and ideas.**

Go ahead and start and if you need help or have any questions feel free to ask!

Go around room helping with cutting, gluing, verse look ups, or other things. Ensure kids clean up before leaving. If banners are dry, kids can take them home or you can collect them and then hand them out to each child at the end with all banners the child will make stapled together to make one huge rolled up banner!

4) Optional – Snack: Fruit of lips that praise God! 5 minutes

Hand out some fruit slices to each child. Also hand out a glass of water or juice and napkin. Remind children to clean up after themselves with the napkin making sure their cups and garbage are put in the garbage and that they clean up any crumbs from the table before going on to the next activity. While they are eating review what they learned; **“God is worthy of praise from the - fruit of our lips - Hebrews 13:15. 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.**

5) Close in prayer

God you are worthy of praise, you created the heavens and the earth; you help us, teach us, and guide us, and want to bless us with every good thing if we only follow you. Father, you are worthy of praise and we praise you when we sing, when we go to church, when we read the bible, when we pray, when we tell others about you, and do nice things for others because of you. We are thankful that you are the one and only God! Thank you God for all you do for us! In Jesus name, Amen.

6) Songs

5-10 minutes

Sing songs about praise: from Church Song Books. Lyrics are written below as well as can be printed so all kids can see. Or, gather a few song books before class.

Revive Us Again

We praise Thee, O God!
For the Son of Thy love,
For Jesus Who died,
And is now gone above.

All glory and praise
To the Lamb that was slain,
Who hath borne all our sins,
And hath cleansed every stain.
Refrain

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Hallelujah! Thine the glory.
Hallelujah! Amen.
Hallelujah! Thine the glory.
Revive us again.

All glory and praise
To the God of all grace,
Who hast brought us, and sought us,
And guided our ways.
Refrain

We praise Thee, O God!
For Thy Spirit of light,
Who hath shown us our Savior,
And scattered our night.
Refrain

Revive us again;
Fill each heart with Thy love;
May each soul be rekindled
With fire from above.
Refrain

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, from the heavens praise His Name;
Praise Jehovah in the highest, all His angels, praise proclaim.
All His hosts, together praise Him, sun and moon and stars on high;
Praise Him, O you heav'ns of heavens, and you floods above the sky.

Refrain

Let them praises give Jehovah, for His Name alone is high,
And His glory is exalted, and His glory is exalted,
And His glory is exalted far above the earth and sky.

Let them praises give Jehovah, they were made at His command;
Them forever He established, His decree shall ever stand,
From the earth, O praise Jehovah, all you seas, you monsters all,
Fire and hail and snow and vapors, stormy winds that hear His call.

Refrain

All you fruitful trees and cedars, all you hills and mountains high,
Creeping things and beasts and cattle, birds that in the heavens fly,

Kings of earth, and all you people, princes great, earth's judges all;
Praise His Name, young men and maidens, aged men, and children small.
Refrain

Thank you for serving Christ in this way!