

BIG IDEA

We can praise God.

GOD STORY

God's Love Goes On and On (Psalm 136:1-9; 139)

KEY VERSE

We will praise your name forever. (Psalm 44:8b, NIRV)

MUSIC

"Jesus Is Alive" (The Meeting House Kids Music)

1 | Start

HEART HOP SUPPLIES

- Hearts
- Masking tape
- (Optional) Timer

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

 Place the hearts in a path on the floor around your home. Tape down the edges to prevent tripping.

HEART HOP INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Lead the children to hop along the path of hearts.
- b. When someone hops on the heart with the Big Idea (**We can praise God**) on it, prompt them to shout it out.
- c. (Optional) For older children, you could time how fast they can hop from heart to heart. You could also direct them to move like a variety of animals (e.g., crawl slowly like a turtle; hop like a frog or a rabbit; swim like a fish).
- d. Explain that today we're talking about how much God cares for us. His love for us is so big, it goes on and on forever!

CONNECT THE DOTS SUPPLIES

- Connect the Dots activity page
- Writing supplies

CONNECT THE DOTS INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Demonstrate how to connect the dots on the activity page.
- b. Encourage your children to connect all the dots to reveal the picture (a Bible).
- c. Chat about the Bible and emphasize it teaches us that **we can praise God**!

2 | Watch

SUPPLIES

Media player

INSTRUCTIONS

 Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Early Years playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

3 | Pray

SUPPLIES

- Slips of paper
- Writing and drawing supplies
- Container

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Ask the children to write about or draw a picture of something they're grateful for today.
- b. Place the papers in a container.
- c. Encourage your family to do this together every day this week.
- d. Each Sunday, empty the container and thank God for everything on the papers. Praise God for who he is and all that he has done for us!



4 | Craft

SUPPLIES

- Paper bag
- Puppet head and body cutouts
- Glue stick
- Colouring supplies
- Stickers

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Give each child a paper bag as well as a puppet head and body.
- b. Direct the children to glue their cutouts onto their bag to create a puppet.
- c. Encourage them to colour and decorate their puppets.
- d. As everyone works on their crafts, review today's stories and talk about how we can praise God.

5 | Key Verse

SUPPLIES

Key Verse sign

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Read aloud the Key Verse for the Praise series.
- b. Find out if the children remember the words and actions from Week 1 (see below).
- c. Lead them to say the verse and do the following actions:

We will [point to one another and yourself] praise [raise hands in the air] your name [point an index finger in the air] forever [make big circles with your arms]. From Psalm 44:8 [open hands like a book]

d. Practise saying the verse and doing the actions together, then see if anyone can do them on their own.