



BIG IDEA

We can praise God.

GOD STORY

David's Song (Psalm 23)

KEY VERSE

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

MUSIC

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

1 | Start

WE CAN PRAISE GOD SUPPLIES

- Drawing and writing supplies
- Craft paper

WE CAN PRAISE GOD INSTRUCTIONS

- Print the Big Idea (**We can praise God**) in large letters in the middle of the craft paper.
- Use a crayon to trace each family member's hand on the paper.
- Chat about ways **we can praise God**. Write the children's ideas inside and around the hand outlines. Help them with suggestions if needed (e.g., we can praise God by praying, singing, playing musical instruments, dancing, etc.).
- Let them know that today they're going to hear about a shepherd named David who praised God. **We can praise God**, too!
- Display the collage as a reminder of today's lesson.

BALL TOSS SUPPLIES

- Media player
- Large, lightweight ball (e.g., beach ball) or balloon

BALL TOSS INSTRUCTIONS

- Play some upbeat praise music.
- Lead the children to dance with you.
- Explain that this is a fun way **we can praise God!**
- Toss a ball or balloon to one another while moving around.
- Whenever someone touches the ball, prompt them to shout, "Praise God!" or "Yay, Jesus!"
- Challenge everyone to keep it up in the air as much as they can.

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

TIP

- If your children love making crafts, encourage them to decorate and personalize their own containers or make one for your family to share.

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

- Psalm 23 activity pages
- Drawing supplies
- Bible (children's storybook Bible if possible)

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Read aloud the text on the activity page.
- b. Encourage the children to draw something that represents today's story about David (e.g., sheep, grassy meadow, stream, heart).
- c. As they draw, read aloud Psalm 23.
- d. Emphasize that David praised God and **we can praise God**, too!

5 | Key Verse

SUPPLIES

- Key Verse card
- Key Verse printed on clothes pegs

TIP

- Save these supplies to reuse in Week 5 of the Praise series.

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Gather the children around the card and clothes pegs.
- b. Guide everyone to take turns clipping the pegs in order on the dots down the side of the card.
- c. Read the Key Verse out loud together.

