

The Rock, Sunday 29th March 2020

Psalm 111_Praise the LORD! (Hallelujah!)

Warm up

This is a twist on the old game of port, starboard. Children run around and respond to each action when it's shouted out! It uses things that we might do in our lives as Christians. Introduce the things a couple at a time so the children have a chance to pick it up and not be overwhelmed by too many different actions!

Actions:

- Worship (hands in the air)
- Praise (jump about)
- Pray (drop to your knees)
- Church (go to one side of the room)
- Listen (cup ear)
- Read the Bible (hands make book shape)
- Love each other (hug someone near you)
- Help the poor (mime giving things away)



You can add more, if you like! Play until everyone's had enough!

The Point: Just for fun, links to the idea of praise.

Song and discussion

Use the song in the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WuODF9Kbgnw>

Teach it to the children - make up actions, if you like.

At the end of the song, ask the children what this song teaches us about praising and worshiping God.

The Point: To praise God and understand that we can worship him whatever the weather and however we're feeling.



Praise Ye The Lord Hallelujah (NEW VERSION)

Bible passage

Read the Psalm 111- see the link below

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+111&version=ICB>

Ask the children if they know what worship means. Say that it means to think that God is the greatest thing of all and to put him first. Say that we worship by the way we live our lives but we can also worship in a special way when we are all together. How might we worship God at home?

Ask the children why we should worship God. Say that, in this Psalm, the writer gives us a list of the things God has done. Ask the children to think of stories from the Bible where God did amazing things - miracles. Make a list of these things.

Now ask the children to think of things God has done for them that they can worship and thank him for. Make a list of these things too.

Ask the children to listen the Psalm again and see if they can put it into their own words. Ask them to choose one or two things off each list (i.e. 2 Bible stories and 2 personal things) and put them into sentences that you can drop into your new psalm.

The Point: To think about why we worship God and to write your own psalm.



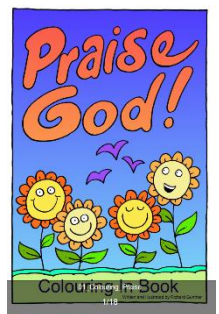
Craft ideas

1. Ask the children to think about the psalm you've just been working on. Is there one bit or one idea that sticks out to them? Paint or draw that idea - it doesn't have to be realistic - just form and colour might be enough.

2. Print off a praise colouring sheet-

<http://www.richardgunther.org/Art%20and%20Craft/Colouring%20In%20Books/Praise%20God/>

The Point: To give them something to remind them of the Psalm.



3. Say that people have always used flags and banners to praise God - even in the Bible. Let the children make their own flag to praise God with.

Each child will need a cane and a piece of material an appropriate size for that cane to act as a pole.

Let the children paint and write on their material - remind them to keep it in a landscape perspective. Leave 2 or 3 cm at one (short) side undecorated - this is where you'll attach the pole. They might like to think about the Psalm from your teaching time activity for ideas of what to paint or write.

When the artwork is finished, fix according to the instructions if necessary and then spread a thin layer of PVA glue along the side that's undecorated. Roll the cane up in that glue-y section, making sure that the end is matched up to the top edge. Leave to dry completely before waving!

The Point: To give the children a tool to praise with!



(Material taken from Energize by Urban Saints - <https://www.energize.uk.net/>)