

Praise

LESSONS THIS MONTH

Week One—Creation Praises God

Week Two—Miriam and the Israelites Praise God

Week Three—Children Praise Jesus

Week Four—Paul and Silas Praise God from Jail

THIS MONTH WE WILL...

WHAT WE'LL Learn

Sing

- "Holy, Holy, Holy"
- "Awesome God"

Read

- Luke 19:36-40
- Psalm 148
- Exodus 15:1-21
- Matthew 21:1-11
- Acts 16:25-34

Memorize

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

- Psalm 146:1-2

As we begin our third month in our series of worship lessons we focus this month on praise. We can, I think, all agree that the vast expanse of creation screams of the reality of a Creator. No "boom" could have generated a more precise and involved set of creatures to roam this earth. And when faced with that reality we are forced to give praise out of sheer awe to our great God.

We have a sun to provide us heat, a moon to cause the seas to flow in and out, and stars to show us where to go. We have cattle to provide food, dogs to keep us company, and birds to bring the first real notes of music to our ears. This world would be terribly boring and quite unlivable without those things.

Who are we to hinder, limit, nay prohibit the praise of this Creator? Jesus said in Luke 19:40, responding to the Pharisees' questioning the disciples' praise, "If they keep silent, the rocks will burst into cheers!" The created is wrought with angst if its Creator is not praised!

As we look to praise, the natural tendency is to observe what the recipient has done to deserve said praise. And our God has done quite a lot: created the universe, calculated the movement of the moon and sun, and engineered how the earth must move on its axis. That's quite a resumé to deserve praise!

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea; Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity.