

Sunday School Home Activities - Week of July 24, 2022

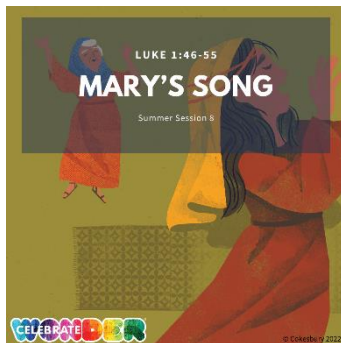


Weekly home activities, great for the whole family, are designed to guide children from Nursery thru 5th grade and their families in Bible stories, engaging activities, spiritual practices, and opportunities for reflection. Pick one to two activities to do with your family each week.

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Welcome to Wonder

Wonder Table - Prepare Ahead: As a family, create a Wonder Table. Find a small table or area in your home. On the table place a candle, a plant or flower, and any other special items you want to include. Use this space while gathering as a family to engage in the lesson or online worship together.



Wonder with Me - READ the Bible Story – Luke 1:46-55.

Read from the Bible or the Celebrate Wonder Bible Storybook or attached handout.

WATCH the Bible Story and Sing with the Celebrate Wonder Music Videos

Watch this week's Celebrate Wonder Video on Amplify Media:

Amplify Media is a resource for our congregation! This will make it easy for you to access 1000's of videos for adults, youth and children. To receive the log in info and our congregation's access code, email kschmucker@faithumchurch.org or text Kathy at 330-224-6138. Once you have logged into Amplify Media search Celebrate Wonder to watch this week's Celebrate Wonder Video and view the Celebrate Wonder Music Videos! Amplify Media has also added a section called, Cokesbury Kids, to make it easier for you to find all the great resources available for children!

This week's video is Celebrate Wonder Summer 2022 Session 8 Mary's Song.

SAY: This month we will hear stories about praising God. This week we will read a poem that Mary, Jesus' mom, sang to praise God. When Mary, Jesus' mom, found out she was going to have a baby, she sang a song of praise to God.

WONDER: What do you like to do when you want to praise God?

PRAY: Dear God, we are so grateful for you and all of our blessings. Amen.

Praise Walk

SAY: Praise is one of the many ways we say thank you to God. **ASK:** What is one thing you are thankful for today?

SAY: Let's go on a walk and see what other things we are thankful for.

- Take a walk around the room or neighborhood and encourage everyone to point out things to be thankful for.

Emotions of Praise (Art)

Supplies: card stock, watercolor paints, paintbrushes, cups of water

SAY: Praise is one of the many ways we say thank you to God. **WONDER:** How does praise feel?

SAY: We're going to paint what praise feels like with watercolors. Your painting doesn't have to be of anything. It can just be the colors that you think the feeling of praise would look like.

- Give each person a piece of card stock and a paintbrush.
- Paint what praise feels like with watercolors.

Christmas in July

Supplies: Page 8E, construction paper, crayons or markers, scissors, glue sticks

SAY: We usually only hear about Mary at Christmas time when we are preparing for the birth of Jesus. Let's celebrate Christmas in July! Jesus' birth is always worthy of praise.

- Give each person a copy of Page 8E.
- Color and cut out the nativity figures.
- Arrange and glue the nativity figures on the construction paper.
- Draw a stable or guestroom to put the figures in.

ASK: What is your favorite Christmas memory?



SHARE the Faith Word: SPIRIT

Our Faith Word is praise. Praise is one of the many ways we thank God. WONDER together:

- ☐ What is your favorite poem?
- ☐ What are you thankful for?
- ☐ What is your favorite way to praise God?
- ☐ What has God done in your life?

Examine the Bible Verse

SAY: Our Unit 2 Bible verse is Psalm 150:6. Find it in your Bibles.

ASK: Is Psalms in the Old or New Testament? (Old)

Where is the Book of Psalms located in the Old Testament? (nineteenth book, almost exactly in the center of the Bible)

In what chapter of Psalms is our verse located? (150)

What is the verse number? (6)

SAY: Our Bible verse is all about praising God!

ASK: What's your favorite way to praise God?

- Read the verse together.



Additional Activities Attached for this Week:

- Mary's Song Coloring Page, Christmas in July Nativity, Praise Coloring Page, Memory Verse Art

Spiritual Practice—Exploring the Praise Through Worship

SAY: A spiritual practice is something we do to help us be present with God. A spiritual practice can be anything because you can be with God anytime, anywhere, and any way! This month we are going to praise God through gratitude.

- Guide everyone through a spiritual practice:

☐ SAY: We're going to think about five things we're grateful for. You'll close your eyes and I will say a place. You will think of something you are thankful for at that place.

☐ SAY: Get comfortable and close your eyes.

☐ SAY: At home, I am grateful for...

☐ SAY: At school, I am grateful for...

☐ SAY: In nature, I am grateful for...

☐ SAY: At church, I am grateful for...

☐ SAY: At the park, I am grateful for...

SAY: We can praise God for all of the things we are grateful for.

PRAY: Repeat after me: "God, thank you for our many blessings. Help us always be ready to praise you. Amen."

- Bless everyone. Touch each person as you say this blessing: "May you feel God's love all around you every day."

FAMILY SPIRITUAL PRACTICE - BIBLE PASSAGE: Luke 1:46-55

Wonder: After reading the story from the Bible or from the Celebrate Wonder Bible Storybook, wonder together.

Ask: What would you sing to God about?

Do: Praise is one of the many ways we say thank you to God. This week, say thanks through sharing your gratitude with a friend, just like Mary did with Elizabeth!

Pray: Dear God, thank you for reasons to praise you. Amen.

Celebration Chart: Place the chart on your refrigerator, kitchen table, or in an easy-to-access place. Throughout the week, have your child mark a space each time he or she completes an item on the chart. When a vertical, horizontal, or diagonal line is completed, celebrate together! *A Celebration Chart for Summer is included in the June 5 Sunday School Home Activities.*

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Mary's Song – Luke 1:46-55

Mary was so joyful that she began to sing a song to God.

"With all of my heart, I praise God!" sang Mary. "God has shown amazing kindness to me.

"From now on, everyone will know God has blessed me.

"God has done great things for me! God's name is holy!

"God shows love to everyone for all of time.

"God is so strong! God stands on the side of people who have been left out, hurt, or treated unfairly.

"God will take care of God's people. We will remember God's love."



Family Spiritual Practice

Bible Passage: Luke 1:46-55

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Do: Praise is one of the many ways we say thank you to God. This week, say thanks through sharing your gratitude with a friend, just like Mary did with Elizabeth!

Pray: Dear God, thank you for reasons to praise you. Amen.

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Christmas in July – Nativity Activity

Create a Nativity! Color and cut out the figures present at the birth of Jesus. Glue the figures onto a piece of construction paper.



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Mary's Song – Coloring Page

When Mary, Jesus' mom, found out she was going to have a baby, she sang a song of praise to God. What would you sing about?



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Memory Verse Art – Craft

Make a beautiful masterpiece using this month's Bible verse!

Let	every	living
thing	praise	the
LORD!	Praise	the
LORD!	Psalms	150:6

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Praise

Praise is one of the many ways we say thank you to God. What do you praise God for? Think about it while you color the page.

