



3PK

May 25-26, 2013

DATE

Celebration

LESSON TITLE

Psalm 100:2

WHERE TO FIND IT

Kids will worship and rejoice together!

MAIN POINT

schedule

SCHEDULE for all sites:

First 10 minutes of the service hour:
Relationship-building time (kids get to know each other and the volunteers)

Next 25 minutes: Large group teaching and worship

Last 30 minutes: Story review, snack and small groups, activities/crafts

If you finish early, have kids engage in group games as parents arrive. Check out the end of the activities section to find an idea for this week.

tips

Each kid gets an individual noisemaker today. They should all be using it to celebrate until their parents arrive. But if they abandon it to play with another toy, put it near their coloring page or put a personal items sticker on it so they take the right one home!

check-in/out

Kids are taking home a musical noisemaker—tell parents why! (It's for their kids to use to worship Jesus this week.)

large group heads up

Today is all about celebration and worship. We aren't learning a story as usual: we're doing a lot of singing, a little dancing, some prayer, and even learning motions to help us remember that God is GREAT!



instructions

Goal: To continue the celebration and give kids a tool with which they may celebrate at home.

Why? God asks us to praise him and make joyful noises for him—this often comes easily for kids, so we want to encourage them in it!

Tip: Set up the *Kids' Club CD* at the beginning of service, before you start checking kids in.

small group

*Give kids a snack. They need to refuel for some more celebrating!

REVIEW

1. Who remembers our motions for today? (Lead the kids in the motions for “God is great!”)
2. Worshiping God means we tell God we love him. What are some things you guys love about God? (Guide them toward thanking God for specific things he made, telling God he’s great, or using other positive words to describe God. If you want, you can lead and let them agree with you.)
3. What are some ways we can praise and celebrate God? (Singing, dancing, praying, telling God we love him, thanking him, etc.)

ACTIVITY

The Bible says in Psalm 100:2: “Worship the LORD with gladness. Come to him with songs of joy.” Today, you guys get a special noisemaker to help you celebrate and sing to Jesus this week. Before I pass them out, can you guys tell me one more time how great God is?!

- Pass out the *mini maracas*. Use discretion on letting kids choose colors.
- Put on a *Kids' Club CD*. Make joyful noises together!
- Let kids take their instrument home to praise Jesus this week!

***Pray together, thanking GOD for how GREAT he is (and practicing the motions a few more times, so kids will repeat them at home)!**

Extra time? Keep celebrating! You can play freeze dance and freeze whenever the music stops, or try (Everybody Wins!) Musical Chairs! Continue to the next page for rules:

(Everybody-wins!) Musical Chairs: Set the chairs up back to back, like a normal game of musical chairs. Then start the music and let the kids start marching. When the music stops, the kids should race to sit in a chair (even though everybody has one).

LARGE group



special notes

Have fun, so the kids have fun! This lesson is inspired by Psalm 100:2: Worship the LORD with gladness. Come to him with songs of joy.

presenter tips

Want to adapt one or more of the celebrations to fit your group? Great! Just make sure today is all about praising Jesus with joy!

script

Presenter: Hi Friends! Welcome to Kid's Club. I'm _____ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend, HOPS. She's going to remind us of the kind of choices we can make today in Kids' Club.

Video: HOPS 4 Share With Others (about 1 minute)

REVIEW

Presenter: (holding up the **Bible** for kids to see) This is God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. It's God's Rescue plan.

Remember how God made the whole world and everything was good? The world was perfect! Give me a smile and a "thumbs up"! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.) But THEN...something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and sadness and death came into the world... Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.) This was *really* sad.

But even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God...God loved them anyway! And God sent his own son, Jesus, to rescue us from all the wrong things in the world! We talked about how Jesus rescued us by dying on the cross! And how he will one day come back and re-make a PERFECT, wonderful world for God's whole family to live in!

CELEBRATION #1 (dancing)

(Put on the party hat.) Remember, in that new world we'll be so joyful and happy! It's going to be such an amazing place, like a party with all our best friends, favorite pets and favorite foods! We'll never cry or get sick or get "ouchies." You know what, knowing that I can be a part of God's Story and live in that perfect world makes me want to celebrate right now! Everybody stand up!



script continued

Music Video: Celebrate (Or stay seated, if you think that's better for your group. There are no hand motions for this song, but the video has a girl dancing and you can follow her moves.)

CELEBRATION #2 (worshipping God for being great)

Wow, I really do want to celebrate that God is good and God is great! Let's sit down. I want you guys to learn some motions with me. (Let kids sit.) Okay, raise one finger in the air if you're ready. (Model and let kids respond.)

Oh my goodness! You guys already know the first motion! (Put one finger in the air again.) Do this and say, "God." Ready? 1-2-3: "God." (Put one finger in the air.) Let's learn the next one. Give me a "thumbs up" if you're ready to learn the next one! (Model and let kids respond.)

Incredible! You guys just did the second motion! It's a "thumbs up" and we say, "great!" Let's do it together! Ready? 1-2-3: "great." (And give a "thumbs up!")

Now let's see if you guys can put it all together. Watch me first: "God is great." (With finger pointing up; then thumbs up) Ready? 1-2-3: "God is great" (model motions, too). Amazing! Let's do it again: "God is great" (model motions).

(Whisper): *Again, as quietly as you can.* Ready? 1-2-3: "God is great!" (With motions) And you know what? God loves it when we tell him how great he is! So let's shout this one...as LOUD as we can. Let's see if we can get the kids upstairs to hear us! Ready? 1-2-3: "GOD IS GREAT!" (with motions)

CELEBRATION #3 (praising God for his creation)

That was fun! I LOVE telling God how great he is. Now let's sing to him together again. Everybody stand up! Let's sing about how great God is—and how he made everything!

Music Video: Whole Wide World

Great job! Now have a seat. You know what I love about that song? It's all about the things God made! And I love the stuff God made! Like the fish in the sea and the tiny bumblebee. If you guys like fish, let me see your fish faces (make fishes together). I like fish, too! And let's see...if you like bumblebees, let me hear you go "buzz buzz buzz" (make buzzing noises together).

CELEBRATION #4 (prayer)

Great job! Now let's pray together and thank God for being so great! (Pray, breaking it into small, repeatable phrases.)

Pray: Hi God! Thanks for giving us laughter! Thanks for making everything! Thanks for making us! Aaaaaaa-MEN.

Let's tell God he's great one more time! Ready? 1-2-3: "God is great!" (With motions)

CONTINUED:



script continued

CELEBRATION #5 (more singing—choose the number of songs that best fits your group)

Alright, now everybody who's having fun praising God, stand up! Let's finish our time together by worshiping Jesus with some of our favorite songs!

Song: Jesus Loves Me

Song: Deep and Wide

Song: Great Day

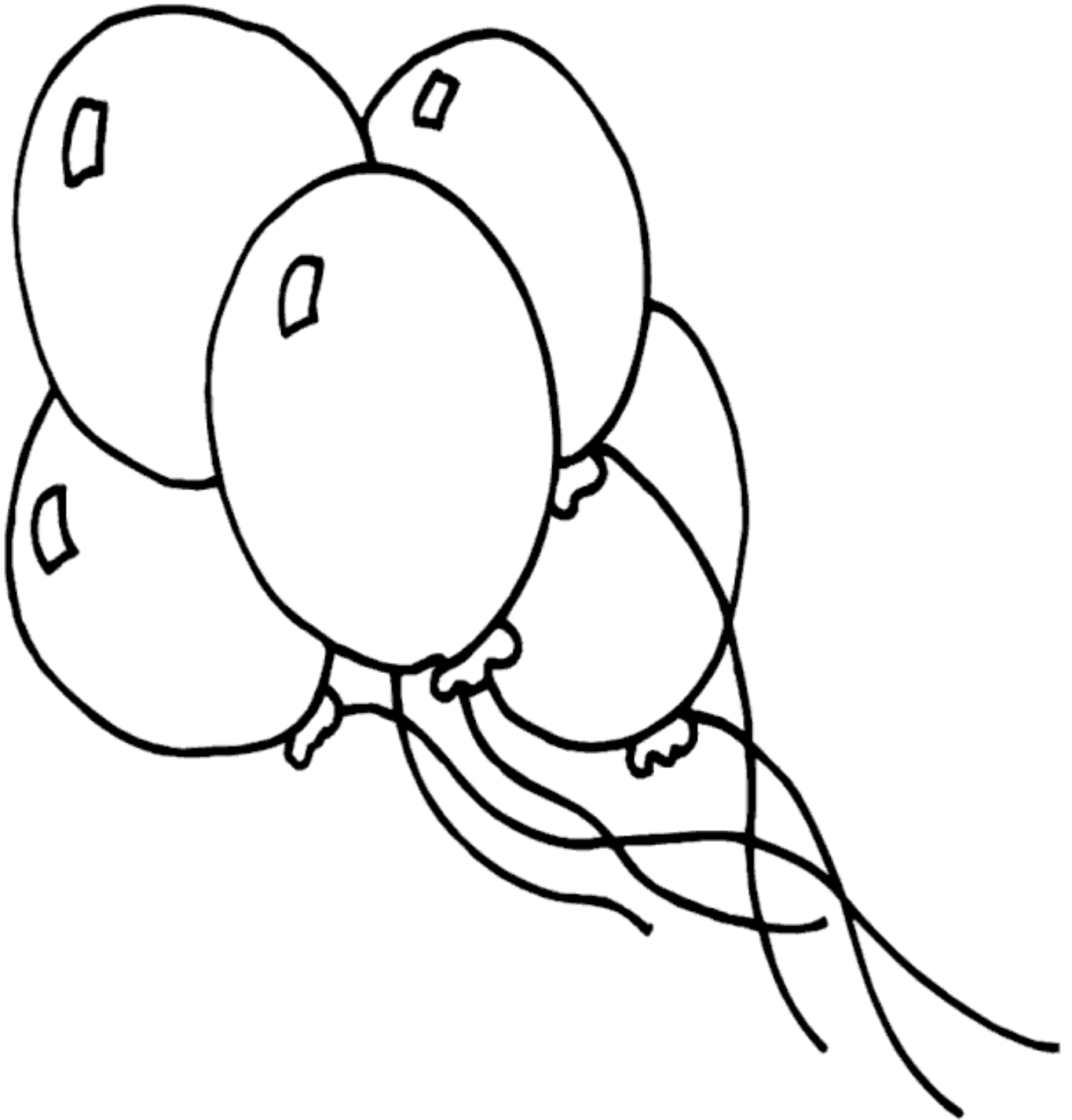
Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop--like Hops--to their groups.)



script continued

THIS PAGE LEFT BLANK INTENTIONALLY

name



PREP needs



small group supplies

1. Coloring pages: Balloons
2. 1 maraca per kid from this set: OT: IN-12/5014
3. Kid's Club CD and player in room
- 4.

large group supplies

- 1 party hat
- Bible

a/v needs

1. Video: HOPS 4 Share with Others
2. Music Video: Celebrate
3. Music Video: Whole Wide World
4. Music Video: Jesus Loves Me (animated version)
5. Song: Deep and Wide
6. Song Great Day

special room set-up

none

connect questions

Tell me how you celebrated today.
How can we worship God?

parent page

Psalm 100:2 says this: "Worship the Lord with gladness. Come to him with songs of joy." So that's what we did today! Ask you kid to tell you about it. And each kid got his or her own bright mini-maraca to keep the joyful noise going at home.