



3PK

May 31-June 1, 2014

DATE

Celebration

LESSON TITLE

Psalm 100

WHERE TO FIND IT

Kids will worship and rejoice together!

MAIN POINT

schedule

First 10 minutes of the service hour:

Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

Next 5 minutes: Connect Time

Next 25 minutes: Large Group

Last 25 minutes: Snack and Small Group

Finish early? Repeat the activity! Kids this age learn through repetition. Or, check out the end of the activities section to find an idea for this week.

tips

Next weekend is Move Up Weekend! This won't apply to kids who aren't going into Kindergarten; but if you have older kids who say they are going into Kindergarten, let them know they get to go to a *brand new, really fun* room!

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!



connect time

GOAL: *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line Up
- While in line, tell kids we're going to celebrate **again** today! Yes, we did this last week, but this week is all about more celebration. *Don't make a big deal about the fact that we did this last week, but let kids make suggestions for new ways to celebrate (and hopefully, they'll feel confident to throw out ideas since they're familiar with the game).*
 - Celebrate by wiggling
 - Celebrate by hopping on one foot
 - Celebrate by twirling around
 - Celebrate by high-fiving a neighbor
 - Celebrate by screaming "I LOVE YOU JESUS"
 - **Kids' choice! (As many as you have time for)**
 - (Then take it down a notch): Celebrate by whispering "I love you Jesus!"
 - Celebrate by putting on your listening ears
 - Celebrate by tiptoeing silently into large group

If the music hasn't started yet, remind kids that when their listening ears are on, their mouths should be closed tight. Then practice that together!



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 **cymbal instruments**. 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! 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 1 Have Fun (*about 1 minute*)

REVIEW

Presenter: (Hold 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!

Did you guys know that even though we don't live in the perfect world yet, God wants us to praise him? In the Bible, Psalm 100:2 says: "Shout to the LORD with joy, everyone on earth."



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Let's try to remember that. Can you guys say Psalm 100:2? (Let kids repeat.) Great job! And now can you guys pretend to shout and say, "Shout (loudly) to the Lord with joy!" (Cup your hands around your mouth and look excited. Let kids follow you.)

Great job! The next verse says to sing songs to God, so let's do that now. We're going to do a lot of singing and dancing today, so get ready. Everybody stand up!

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 (tell God he's great)

Wow, I really do want to celebrate that God is good and God is great (*reference to lyrics from Celebrate song*). 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." (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.)



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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)

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: King of the Jungle

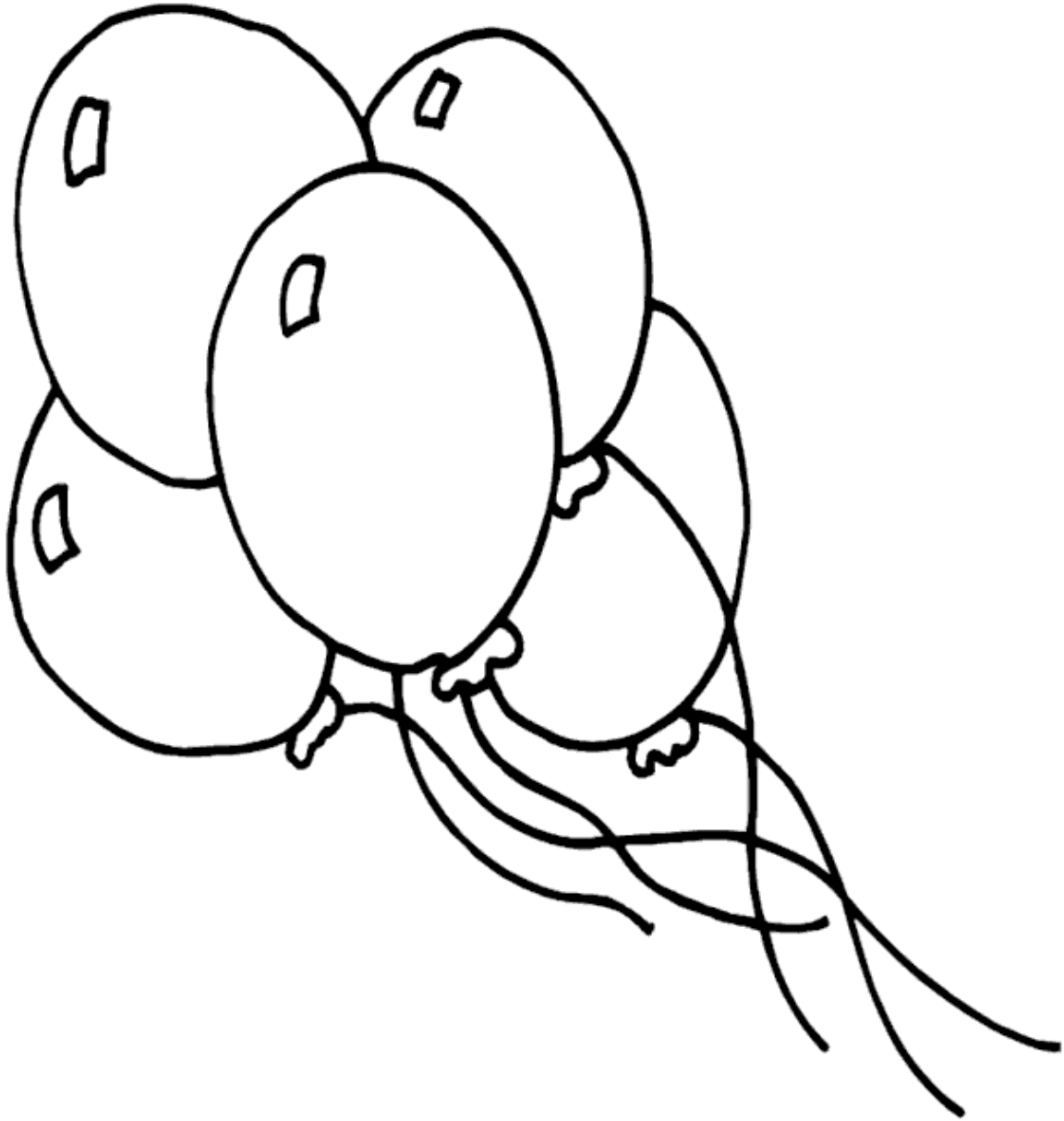
Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop--like Hops--to their groups.)



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Celebration game: No supplies needed

small group supplies

Coloring pages: Balloons
Kids' Club CD

Per kid:
Cymbals with handles (OT: IN-16/690)

large group supplies

1 party hat
Bible

a/v needs

1. Video: HOPS 1 Have Fun
2. Music Video: Celebrate (on Vimeo)
3. Music Video: Whole Wide World (with live kids doing motions)
4. Music Video: Jesus Loves Me (animated version)
5. Song: Deep and Wide
6. Song: King of the Jungle

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 your child to tell you about it. And, everyone has their own mini set of cymbals to keep the joyful noise going at home!