

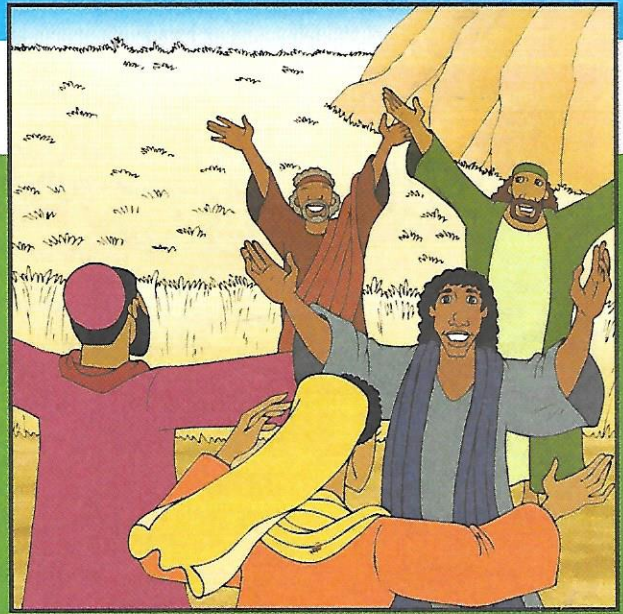
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BIBLE LESSON

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KEY VERSE: Shout for joy
to the LORD, all the earth.
(Psalm 100:1)



Praise and Rejoice

Lesson Scripture: **Psalm 100:1-5**

God's Word

1 Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. **2** Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. **3** Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. **4** Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. **5** For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Bible Story

Praise and Rejoice

Psalm 100:1-5

In today's Scripture text, the psalmist is calling and encouraging everyone (all the earth) to praise God and to "shout for joy to the LORD." Everyone is encouraged to do this while showing thankful praise. We express thankful praise because of who God is and for the many blessings that He bestows upon us.

The psalmist then states that our worship of the Lord should be done with gladness. What is gladness? Our gladness is our joy and pleasure in who we know God is. With this invitation to worship God, we are invited to sing and come before Him with joyful songs.

As the psalmist worshipped and encouraged us to do the same, he reminds us that the Lord alone is God. As we praise, we should consider that it was God who made us. God is our Creator, and we are His children. We are His people, the sheep of His pasture who are in His care. As we worship, this reminds us that we are cared for by God.

As the psalmist entered the Temple, he told us to "enter [God's] gates with a song of thanksgiving and his courts with songs of praise." We must not stop worshipping! We must give thanks to God and praise His name. Lastly, we are reminded that the Lord is good, and His love endures forever. His faithfulness continues from generation to generation.

What's with All the Noise?

(Part 1)

It was Saturday morning. Normally, Jace and Jordan were up cleaning their room. However, *this* morning, Dad had never heard this much noise coming from upstairs. They normally played music while they did their chores—but today it was very loud. Dad wanted to know what was going on.

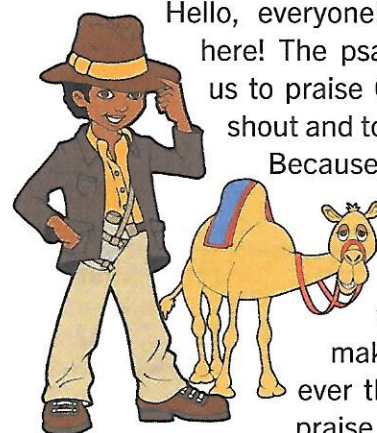
He called out to them: "Jace! Jordan! Turn the music down!"—but they could not hear him. When Dad got upstairs, he found Jace and Jordan jumping around while listening to a song by some new gospel rapper.

"What's with all the noise? You're supposed to be cleaning your room," Dad commented.

"We're cleaning *and* we're getting our praise on!" Jace said while nodding his head to the music.

"Fellas, you've got to turn this noise down," Dad said as he walked into the room. "This isn't praise music. This is noise!"

Exploring the Story with Nicholas and Cornelius



Hello, everyone! Nicholas and Cornelius here! The psalmist has invited each of us to praise God. He encourages us to shout and to make a joyful noise. Why?

Because we belong to God. We are God's creation—created to worship and praise God. There are many ways that we can praise God and make a joyful noise. Have you ever thought about how we can praise and thank God for His goodness and faithfulness?

What's with All the Noise?

(Part 2)

"Dad, just because it doesn't sound like that stuff you listen to doesn't mean it's noise," Jordan commented.

"What is he even saying? See, that's not my type of music," Dad noted.

"But, Dad, you told us to praise God in our own unique way. Well, our music is a little different, but it is doing the same thing as yours . . . praising God," Jace explained.

"Well, keep making a joyful noise," Dad jokingly replied.

"Oh, you've heard his song 'Joyful Noise'?" Jordan asked excitedly.

"Jordan, Dad was talking about the psalm, *not* the song," Jace said with a laugh.

Exploring the Story with Nicholas and Cornelius



Dad thought that it was noise coming from Jace and Jordan's room. However, when he walked in on them, the noise was their praising God in their own unique way. They

were jumping, singing, and listening to music that honored God.

There are many ways for us to express our joy, praise, and thankfulness to God. Why

do you think Dad called it "noise"? What are some different ways that people of different ages praise God?

Searching for Words

Find the listed words from today's lesson in the word search.

EARTH GOOD JOY LORD
LOVE PRAISE SHOUT THANKS

