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| Supplies  Basic Supplies: CEB Deep Blue Kids Bible | Deep Blue Bible Storybook | Deep Blue Adventure Video | Pencils | Crayons | Markers | Scissors | Glue | Paper | Blocks or small boxes  Supplies for Extra At-Home Activity: Music |

Before You Teach

Psalm 100 has been called a song of thanksgiving and a call to worship. This psalm tells us about God. God is good. God made us. God’s love lasts forever. God is faithful. It also tells us how to worship God. We should celebrate God, shout for joy, give thanks and praise to God, bless God’s name, and enjoy God’s love. God is our shepherd. A shepherd spends her time caring for and protecting her sheep. She lives with her sheep. She leads her sheep to good water and lots of grass. She loves her sheep and knows them by name. We are God’s sheep, and God loves to take care of us.

Praise and Worship (Activity)

Before class: Make a copy of the activity page for each child.

* Give each child a copy of “Praise and Worship.”
* Have the children cut out the square along the dotted line.
* Fold the square in half lengthwise and then unfold it. Fold it in half again widthwise and then unfold it. The square will have folds in the shape of a “t” or a cross.
* Flip the square over so the words are facing down. Fold each corner to the t-shape center folds. You will have a smaller square.
* Flip the smaller square over so the words are facing up. Fold each corner to the center again, creating a small square.
* Fold the small square in half again lengthwise and then unfold it. Fold it in half again widthwise and then unfold it.
* Pull the tabs toward you and insert your index fingers and thumbs into the empty spaces. You will have what is pictured as an example on your Praise and Worship page.
* Invite the children to use the Praise and Worship craft by choosing one word and opening and closing the craft the same number of letters. Then the children will choose a number and open the tab to find a praise and worship suggestion that they can do.

Read the Bible Story

* Find Psalm 100:1-5 in your Bible, or read the story “Joy” from the Deep Blue Bible Storybook (p. 186).

ASK: What makes God good? How do you feel knowing that God has and will always love you?

See the Bible Story

SAY: Asia, Edgar, Kat, Victor, and Caleb perform a song at a show at the Deep Blue Zoo. Maggie asks them how they have the courage to sing in front of everyone. Let’s find out what they tell Maggie!

* Watch today’s episode here: LINK NEEDS TO BE ADDED.

ASK: How do you praise the Lord?

Praise (Group Activity)

ask: What is something you would like to thank God for?

* Allow the children to think about what they are grateful for and encourage them to share.

SAY: Recognizing the things God is doing in our lives is a way to show praise to God.

Sacred Conversations

ASK: What are you praising God for this week?

Blessing

SAY: Before we end today, we are going to share a blessing with each other. Blessings show how special you are to God.

* Go around the room and say the blessing to each child.

SAY: (Person’s name), God loves you. God remembers you. God will always be with you.

PRAY: Dear God, help us find joy in every situation and not let anything distract us from the joy of being your child; in Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Praise and Worship (Extra At-Home Activity)

Before class: Find some of your family’s favorite worship music online. Clear a space for a praise and worship dance party.

ASK: How can we worship God? (sing, pray, dance, read Scripture, go out into creation, and so forth)

SAY: Psalm 100 gives suggestions on how we can worship God—shouting triumphantly, serving, celebrating, giving thanks, and praising. There are many ways we can worship God and you all named some great ones!

* Turn on your music and invite everyone to sing and dance their praise.