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Letter to the Parents

Dear Parents,

I feel really blessed to have the opportunity to work with your child this quarter. We will explore God's Word together through these thirteen lessons. My prayer is that your child will learn a lot and that the learning will result in his or her having a closer relationship with God.

This quarter focuses on acts of worship and praise that celebrate who God is and what God has done for His people. The lessons offer several examples of biblical people who celebrate God, psalms that call God's people to praise and celebration, and visions of praise for God's ultimate work in establishing an eternal realm of justice and righteousness.

Unit I, "God's People Offer Praise," has four lessons that give examples of persons who celebrate God. Both Moses and Miriam sing songs of praise to God, David dances, and Bartimaeus glorifies God. And after their experience with Pentecost and Peter's sermon, early believers entered into a life of praise.

Unit II, "Called to Praise God," has five lessons that explore psalms of praise to God. The psalms speak of praising and thanking God for justice and righteousness, deliverance, joy of worship, and praise music to God.

Unit III, "Visions of Praise," has four lessons: three from the book of Revelation that share John's visions of celebration for God's establishment of a realm of peace and justice—and one from the book of Acts, which celebrates that the gift of the Holy Spirit is now available to all.

You can have a discussion with your child about giving his or her life to God with help from the *ABCs of Salvation*, listed below.

- A. Say, "Admit you have sinned (see Psalm 32:5), or done wrong." Go through just a few of the Ten Commandments—stealing or lying and so forth. Tell how our sins separate us from God (see Isaiah 59:2 and Romans 3:23).
- B. Say, "Believe Jesus is God's Son. He took the punishment for our sins by dying on the cross (see Romans 5:8). We must believe that Jesus is God's Son and that God raised Him from the dead."
- C. Say, "Call on God to forgive you (see Acts 2:21). When we are sorry for our sins and want to stop doing wrong, we can ask God to forgive us (see Acts 16:31)."

I look forward to helping your child understand what it means to have faith in Jesus Christ. Thank you for the opportunity to help shape your child's spiritual life.

Your Child's Teacher



September 5, 2021

LESSON

1



Sing Praises!

It was a time for the people to celebrate! God had kept His promise and, after many years, had set them free from slavery in Egypt.

Miriam was Moses and Aaron's sister. Miriam was also a prophetess. Miriam led all of the women in a song that praised God for blessing them and for freeing them from slavery. The women followed Miriam as she sang and danced to celebrate their freedom. They danced, praising an awesome and *just* (fair) God. They praised a loving and powerful God.

The women danced as Miriam sang praises to God for blessing them and leading them to their new land. The women celebrated that no other god could compare to Israel's God. God defeated their enemies, and He will *reign* (rule) forever and ever. Everyone sang, danced, and celebrated the many blessings of God.

The women praised God. Miriam sang that all of their enemies would hear about God's power and would fear Him. They celebrated that God would continue to bless the people by leading them to the land that He had promised them. They praised God for destroying Pharaoh's men who had been chasing them.



Lesson Scripture:
Exodus 15:11-21

Key Verse

Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted." (Exodus 15:21a)





A Special Celebration

Marcus had a birthday coming up and he was excited! Every year, his parents planned a big surprise for his birthday. This year was no different. Marcus had been asking his parents and his brother for weeks what the surprise was, but no one would tell him.

"If I tell you, then it wouldn't be a surprise," his mother said.

"But I can still act like I'm surprised," Marcus commented.

"There's no way I'm going to tell you what the surprise is," his mother replied. "You'll just have to wait for your birthday."

"But it's still a week away!" Marcus noted.

"I believe that it'll be worth the wait," his mother said.

"Just be patient," his father added. "You don't want to spoil your surprise."

Finally, it was his birthday! Marcus could not wait to see what his surprise was. When his birthday arrived, a parade of cool, classic cars drove down the street and stopped in front of his house. They were decorated and they were all honking their horns. Marcus loved classic cars.

"Thank you, Mom and Dad!" Marcus yelled as he watched the parade. "And thank You, God, for this wonderful birthday!"



***** Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab *****



Hello, everyone! Ruby here! We all love a celebration. It's fun and it can be an exciting time. There are many things that we celebrate throughout the year: birthdays, holidays, and other special events. How do you feel when your family is planning for a special celebration? Are you excited? Do you try to find out what the surprise is, like Marcus had done in today's story? Or are you content to wait and be surprised?

We all know what it feels like to have a special celebration. We must all do like Marcus did and praise God for the good times we get to enjoy.

Thank You,
God, for
good times!



What's Missing?

Do you remember the words of the Key Verse? See if you can fill in the missing words from today's Key Verse. Can you do it without looking back to the first page of the lesson?

Miriam _____ to them:

"_____ to the _____,"

for he is _____ exalted."

(Exodus 15:21a)



Color the Celebration

In today's lesson, we heard about the celebrating that happened in praise to God. Color the picture below that shows some of the celebrating the people did.



September 12, 2021

LESSON

2



Dancing for Joy

David led his special troops to Baalah [Bay-uh-lah] of Judah to bring the ark of God back home. The soldiers placed the ark on a cart. And as they led it down a hill, David and the people began celebrating. They sang songs and played all types of instruments. The return of the ark meant that God was present with the people. The people celebrated because God's presence was a blessing to them and an honor to King David.

After sacrificing an ox and a calf as an offering to God, David danced before God. While the soldiers carried the ark, the people shouted, danced, sang, and blew trumpets.

But, while the people were celebrating, Michal, Saul's daughter, was looking out of her window at their celebration. She was filled with hate toward David.

The ark was put in a special tent that had been set up for it. After David had sacrificed more burnt offerings to the Lord, he blessed the people in the name of God. David gave everyone who was present a gift of food. Then the people returned to their homes.



Lesson Scripture:
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 14-19

Key Verse

David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the LORD . . .
(2 Samuel 6:5)





Let's Celebrate!

Kaylee was excited. Today, she would be doing her first church praise dance! She had been doing so much practicing for this big day. Kaylee wanted everything to be perfect!

"You're jumping all over the place this morning," her sister, Jayla, said. "Are you nervous?"

"Nope," Kaylee said. "I'm just excited!"

"Well, you'd better get ready to go down for breakfast," Jayla said. "I hear Mom calling for us to come down."

"I'm ready," Kaylee replied. "I just don't know how much I can eat. My stomach feels funny. All fluttery-like."

"Oh, that's just butterflies," Jayla noted. "You really must be nervous."

"Butterflies!" Kaylee said. "I've never heard of that. I'm just so excited that the day is finally here and my whole family will get to see what I've been learning in rehearsals."

"Yep, we'll all be there!" Jayla assured her. "Even Gramps and Granny will be there. We're looking forward to seeing your praise dance."

"I didn't know that Gramps and Granny were coming!" Kaylee said. "Now I really have butterflies!"

"Don't worry. It's what you've been practicing for," Jayla explained. "Besides, we're already in your fan club. Dancing makes you happy, so you'll do just fine. Plus, you're dancing for the Lord—nothing beats that!"



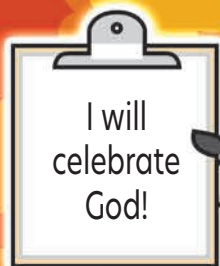
***** Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab *****



Hello, everyone! Ruby here! Have you ever looked forward to something like Kaylee in today's lesson? Did you have "butterflies" in your stomach like she did?

As we were studying this lesson, I realized the people were celebrating a great event: the return of the ark of God meant that God would be among them and would bless them. They sang and danced and played instruments and honored God with all of their strength and abilities.

When we praise God, we should do like the people in today's lesson—we should praise Him with everything that is within us.



Searching for Words

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



K	W	C	C	E	D	G	E	A	F
D	F	E	W	E	F	G	H	N	A
A	B	L	E	S	S	E	D	N	P
Q	X	E	Z	O	X	D	A	H	A
M	K	B	E	N	H	O	N	O	R
B	M	R	W	G	E	R	C	A	K
E	F	A	H	S	J	K	E	S	R
K	L	T	L	A	J	U	D	A	H
N	R	E	A	E	F	W	E	R	H
H	O	F	F	E	R	I	N	G	S

ARK

BLESSED

CELEBRATE

DANCED

HONOR

JUDAH

OFFERINGS

SONGS

Word Scrambler

Unscramble the scrambled-up words below that are found in today's lesson. You may refer to the Word Bank for help.



1. **ADV DI**

2. **KAR**

3. **NGAS**

4. **PPOELE**

5. **ENTT**

6. **DGO**

7. **RPMUTTE**

September 19, 2021

LESSON

3



Courage and Change

In today's Scripture verses, Jesus and His followers traveled to Jericho. Later, when they left the town, a large crowd gathered and began to follow them. A blind beggar was sitting beside the road down which Jesus and His followers were travelling. The man's name was Bartimaeus [Bar-ti-MAY-us]. He was the son of Timaeus [Tim-AY-us]. When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was coming near, he started shouting out, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Someone in the crowd told Bartimaeus to be quiet. But Bartimaeus only shouted louder for Jesus to have mercy on him. When Jesus heard his cries, He stopped and told someone to tell Bartimaeus to come to Him.

The people told Bartimaeus that Jesus wanted him to come to Him. So, Bartimaeus took off his coat, got up, and went to Jesus.

Jesus asked Bartimaeus what he wanted from Him. Bartimaeus told Jesus, "Teacher, I want to see."

Jesus told Bartimaeus to go on along his way because his faith had healed him. At that very moment, Bartimaeus could see! Bartimaeus joined the crowd of people around Jesus and followed Jesus down the road.



Lesson Scripture:
Mark 10:46-52

Key Verse

Immediately [Bartimaeus] received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. (Luke 18:43a)





A Time of Need

Erica was looking out her window when she noticed that her neighbor Mrs. Taylor was struggling to pull up weeds in her garden. Mrs. Taylor's husband had gotten sick a year before, so he was not able to work in the yard at that time. Mr. Taylor had always pulled up the weeds and Erica noticed that Mrs. Taylor's hands were bothering her.

"Did you see Mrs. Taylor working in her yard this morning?" Erica asked her brother, Gino.

"Yeah, she looked like she was having a hard time," Gino commented.

"Do you think we should go over and help her out?" Erica asked.

"Maybe she doesn't need our help," Gino said. "Maybe we'll hurt her feelings and make her mad if we ask."

"Or maybe she'll be happy that we helped," Erica explained. "I'm going to ask Mom if it's okay for me to ask."

After talking to her mom, Erica went outside and spoke with Mrs. Taylor. Mrs. Taylor was so surprised by Erica's offer to help her that she gave her a big hug. She was happy to turn over the task to Erica. And Erica was happy to help.



***** Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab *****



Hello, everyone! Ruby here! What a great lesson! Have you ever seen someone in need and hesitated because you didn't know what to do or if they would like for you to offer to help? How can you find a way to help when this happens? We have to remember that sometimes, people don't welcome help because they feel bad that they need help.

It is also important to remember that helping someone doesn't mean that we get to remind them over and over again that they needed our help. Help should be freely given and freely welcomed.

I will not be
afraid to
ask for or
receive help!



True or False?

Read each sentence below that is related to today's lesson. Circle **T** if the statement is true, or **F** if the statement is *false* (not true).

T or F

1. Bartimaeus was sitting on the side of the road.

T or F

2. The people encouraged Bartimaeus to call out to Jesus.

T or F

3. Bartimaeus called out to Jesus.

T or F

4. Jesus refused to help Bartimaeus.

T or F

5. Jesus told Bartimaeus that his faith had healed him.



Word Finder

The words from today's Key Verse are scattered among other random words. Circle the words from today's Key Verse. Then write the words in order on the lines below.

His WHO Followed
 Thing In Has
God Immediately Do Man
Is Bartimaeus And
Forever King Such
To Jesus Sight Is
Praising Queen Received

_____ [_____] _____

_____ ,

_____ .

(Luke 18:43a)

September 26, 2021

LESSON

4



Celebrating Together

In today's Scripture verses, Peter told the people that they had to *turn from sin* (stop doing wrong) and turn to God. They should be baptized in the name of Jesus and they would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise was extended to them and to their children. It was also offered to the Gentiles and to everyone who had been called by God.

Peter continued preaching for a long time. He urged all of those who were listening to his words to save themselves from the generation of believers who had turned away from God.

Everyone who believed what Peter was saying was baptized. There were about three thousand people who were baptized and who joined the other believers. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teachings. They joined together in fellowship, they shared the Lord's Supper, and they prayed together.

The people gathered together and shared everything they had. They sold their property and shared the money with those who were in need. They met at the Temple every day. They met at their homes for the Lord's Supper and shared their meals. Each day, more people joined their group, wanting to be saved.



Lesson Scripture:
Acts 2:37-47

Key Verses

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. (Acts 2:46-47a)





Lending a Helping Hand

David was excited because he was finally getting to go with his Aunt Jaya to the Help Center. His aunt volunteered at the Help Center and she promised David that he could go with her sometime.

David had been to the Center, but he did not know what his aunt did there. Now he was getting a chance to see what she did. Whenever he would ask his aunt to explain it, all his aunt would say was, "Oh, a little of this and a bit of that!"—whatever that meant.

When his aunt arrived, David was ready to get to the Center.

"Auntie Jaya," David began, "what do you mean when you say that you 'do a little of this and a bit of that'?"

"You'll see in a little while," Jaya responded. "But what it really means is that I do a little bit of whatever needs to be done."

After seeing his aunt help sort food boxes, load vehicles, and help people find where they should go, David finally understood what "a little of this and a bit of that" meant! It meant that no matter what was needed, she helped. And the best thing was that people of all ages helped!



***** Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab *****

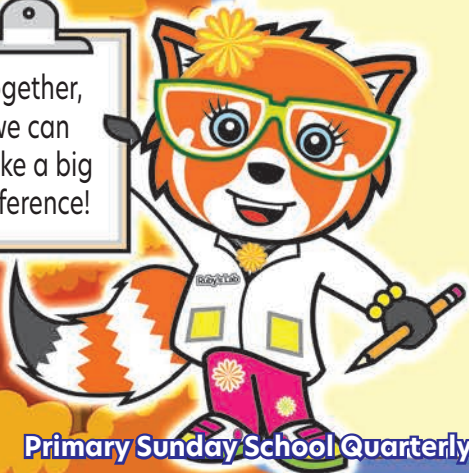


Hello, everyone! Ruby here! This is a great lesson about working together to make our community better. Sometimes, when I work on experiments in my lab, I am grateful to have other scientists to help me with my work.

Have you ever wondered how people worked together to reach out to the community? It takes everyone working together to make our communities better. We can reach further and make a bigger difference when we all work together.

We should remember Aunt Jaya's attitude: "a little of this and a bit of that" and we can make a big difference!

Together,
we can
make a big
difference!

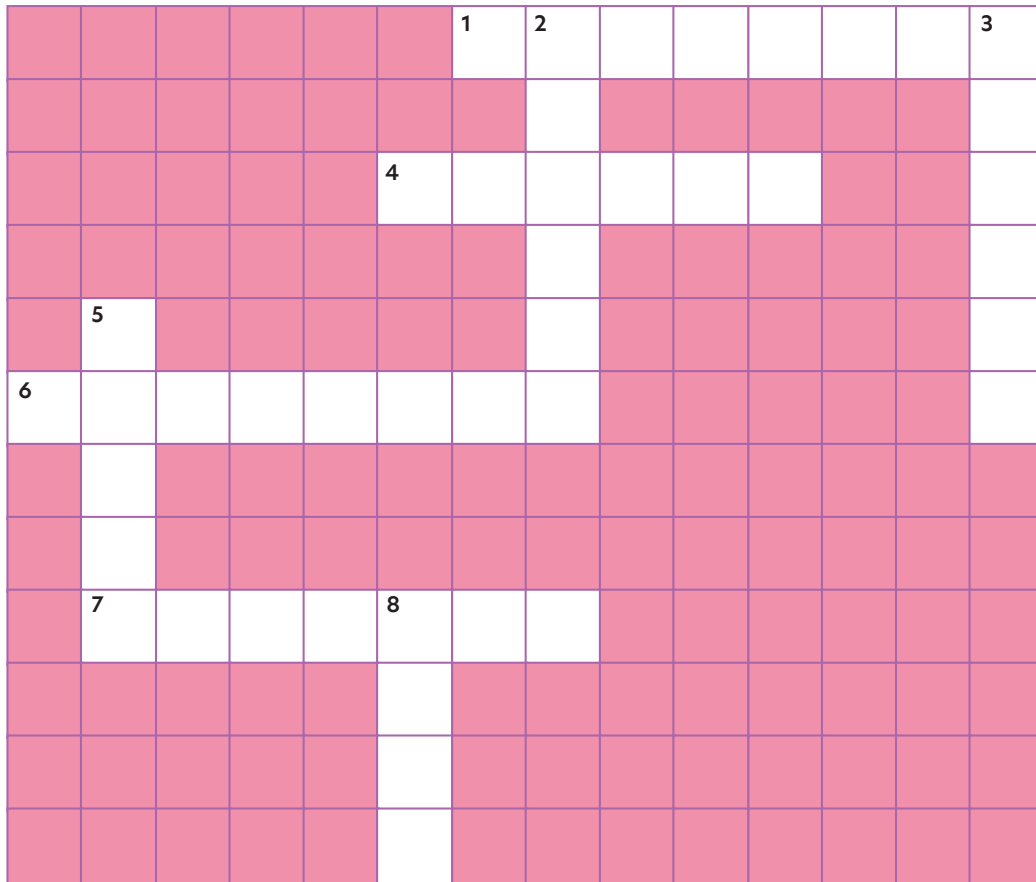


A "Come Together" Crossword Puzzle

Use the following clues to fill words from today's lesson into the crossword puzzle. You may refer to the Word Bank for help.

WORD BANK

APOSTLES • BAPTIZED • DEVOTED • PRAYED
SAVED • SHARED • SPIRIT • TURN



Across

- 1 The people listened to the teachings of the _____.
- 4 The people _____ everything with one another.
- 6 More people joined every day, wanting to be _____.
- 7 The people _____ themselves to the apostles' teachings.

Down

- 2 The people _____ together every day.
- 3 The people were baptized and received the Holy _____.
- 5 About three thousand people heard the message and were _____.
- 8 Peter told the people to _____ from sin.

Mining for Words

See how many common words you can write from the letters in the phrase "CELEBRATING TOGETHER." Write the words on the lines below. Words can be any length. Thinking of words that rhyme with each other (such as *rat*, *hat*, *cat*, *bat*) can help you remember more words.



CELEBRATING TOGETHER

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____