



# WORTHY OF *Worship*

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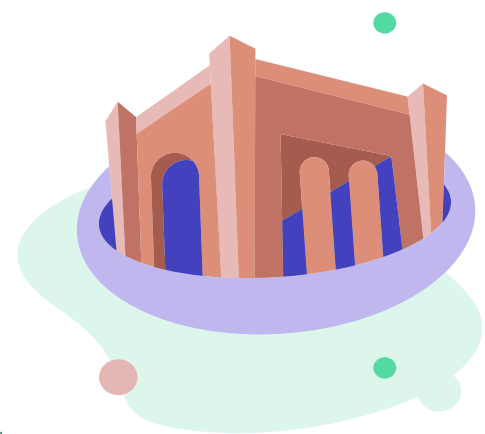
**BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

## TALK TOGETHER

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SONG? HAVE YOU EVER USED MOTIONS TO LEARN A SONG?**

At church, the adults sing songs too. But we don't normally have motions for our songs like you do! Some people raise their hands while they sing. Others sway with the music. Some people like to stand quietly and think about the words or lyrics being sung. There are many different ways to worship God with singing.


**WORSHIP** is how we respond to God as He teaches us about Himself through our everyday lives. It is a way of praising God for who He is and what He has done. When we go to church, we can worship God corporately. Corporate worship means we worship God all together as one big church family. We praise Him and sing about the salvation we have in Jesus.



 **TALK TOGETHER**  
Family conversations with God's Word.

 **MORE TO EXPLORE**  
Discover how this conversation fits into God's Big Story.

 **THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET**  
Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.

 **COLORING PAGE**  
Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.



Christians have been worshipping God together for hundreds and hundreds of years. Although the way people choose to worship Him may have changed over time, corporate worship has been part of the church from the beginning. The people of Israel even worshiped God together, and many of their songs are recorded in the book of Psalms. **Let's read the first three verses of Psalm 96 together.**



***OH SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG; SING TO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH! SING TO THE LORD, BLESS HIS NAME; TELL OF HIS SALVATION FROM DAY TO DAY. DECLARE HIS GLORY AMONG THE NATIONS, HIS MARVELOUS WORKS AMONG ALL THE PEOPLES!***

**PSALM 96:1-3**

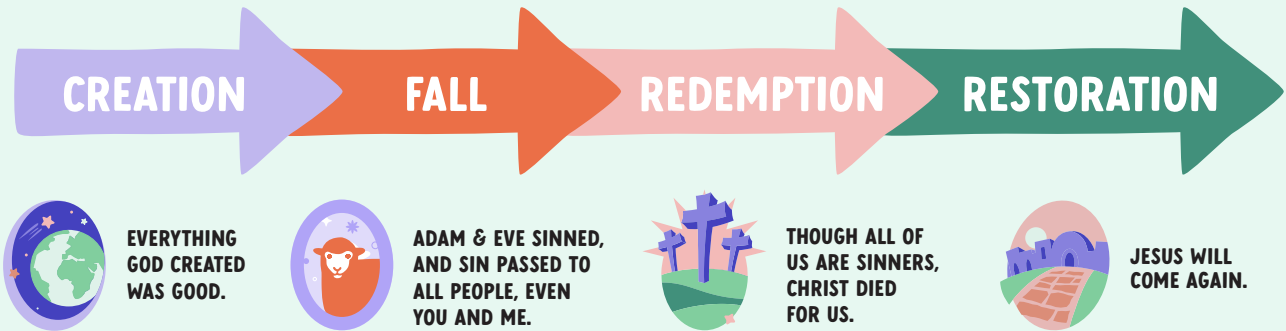
**GOD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS, AND WE CAN RESPOND WITH JOY, GLADNESS AND SINGING WHENEVER WE THINK ABOUT HIS GOODNESS!**

We don't have to wait for Sundays. We can worship Him every single day wherever we are — at home, in the car and even at school! We may not know all the right words, remember every motion or be able to sing well, but EVERYONE can worship Jesus. Everyone can tell others about the good things He has done in their lives.

You know, there is a song that only YOU can sing about God's goodness and faithfulness. He has done great things IN YOU. While you may not go around literally singing about them at school, the grocery store or on the playground, you are able to worship Jesus by telling others about Him. There's no sweeter melody that pleases Him more!



## GOD'S BIG STORY



### FIND IT IN THE BIBLE: PSALMS

Psalms is a book in the Old Testament that was written as poetry and used by the people of Israel like a songbook of praise to God.

In fact, part of Psalm 96 was sung by King David and the Israelites in 1 Chronicles 16, when the ark of the covenant was returned to Jerusalem (verses 23-33).

### READ



We have access to lots of good Christian music today, but there are several Scripture references that talk about singing a "new song" to the Lord.

Read through Psalm 96, Psalm 40:3, Psalm 98:1, Isaiah 42:10 and Revelation 5:9. Discuss the following questions as a family.

- Why should we sing a new song of praise to the Lord?
- What causes a new song of praise to spring up in our hearts?

### OT-NT CONNECTION

Psalm 96:1 tells the whole earth to sing to the Lord. Even Jesus talks about rocks crying out in praise.

**Read Luke 19:37-40 and Psalm 19:1.**

- Can things that are not alive, like the sky or rocks, actually sing praise to God?
- What might the psalmist and Jesus be trying to say about worship?
- How does creation "declare" the glory of God?

### HOW IS THE EARTH SUPPOSED TO SING PRAISE TO GOD?

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, creation (every continent, ocean, plant and animal) was cursed. Natural disasters, food shortages and extreme weather are all examples of the result of sin's effect on the world. Sin's curse literally causes it to groan in pain (Romans 8).

But when people acknowledge God as the King of their life, creation rejoices. (Psalm 96:11-13, 98:7-9). If humans do not praise God, Jesus tells us the rocks will cry out (Luke 19:40)! Let's use our voices to praise God.

### WHY DOES WORSHIP MATTER?

God doesn't NEED our worship. He is complete without us. But we were created for His glory (Isaiah 43:6-7) and to praise Him (Isaiah 43:21). Here are several reasons why we should worship God.

- 1. God is worthy of our worship** (1 Chronicles 16:25-27). He is the only One Who is. He created everything (Revelation 4:11), is right in all He does (Psalm 99:2-5), and faithful to us in every situation (Psalm 100:1-5).
- 2. Worship is our response to His goodness to us** (Psalm 13:6). We do not deserve His goodness. In light of everything He has done for us, we must praise Him!
- 3. Our worship points people to Jesus** so others may also live to glorify God (Matthew 5:16).

### JOURNAL



Consider writing a "new song" of praise to God. Brainstorm ways He's shown His goodness to your family. Write out those thoughts as a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord. Try putting the words to a melody you already know or make something up as you go. Don't expect to write an award-winning song; just focus on your family's **response** to God's goodness and grace.

# ★ THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

## ♥ MEMORIZE

**SING TO THE  
LORD, BLESS  
HIS NAME;  
TELL OF HIS  
SALVATION  
FROM DAY TO  
DAY.**

**(PSALM 96:2)**

**Q: HOW CAN I  
WORSHIP GOD?**

**A: BY SINGING OF  
HIS SALVATION.**

## CREATE



Encourage your child to try drawing or painting something that shows their gratitude to God. Help your child pray and thank God for His blessings.

## SHARE



Explain to your kids what it means to “offer up a sacrifice of praise” (Hebrews 13:15) and tell them about a time when it was difficult for you to sing songs of worship to God.

## WATCH



Help your child learn their verse by watching this week's Memory Melody video!

## PRAY



**GOD, THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
KINDNESS TOWARD ME, FOR  
SENDING JESUS TO SAVE  
ME AND FOR TEACHING MY  
FAMILY ABOUT YOUR LOVE.  
HELP ME TO SING SONGS  
OF PRAISE TO YOU ALL OF  
MY DAYS AND TELL OTHERS  
ABOUT YOUR GOODNESS. I  
LOVE YOU. AMEN.**

## FIND



This week's verse is in the book of Psalms. Help your child find the book of Psalms. Is this book in the Old or New Testament? How many chapters are there?

## MOVE



Take your family's favorite worship song and create your own motions to go along with the music and the words. You might even decide to share it with your church family in their children's ministry!

## CHOOSE



Help your child choose a worship anthem for your family that you can sing in celebration when things are going well (a promotion, a bonus, a family vacation, an answer to prayer) and in faith when things are not (loss of a job or loved one, illness, disappointment, missed opportunities).

Remind your kids that like Job (Job 1:21), your family is making the decision to worship God no matter what.

## SING



Listen to this playlist throughout the series to praise God and God alone!

**SCAN HERE TO LISTEN  
WHEREVER YOU ARE!**

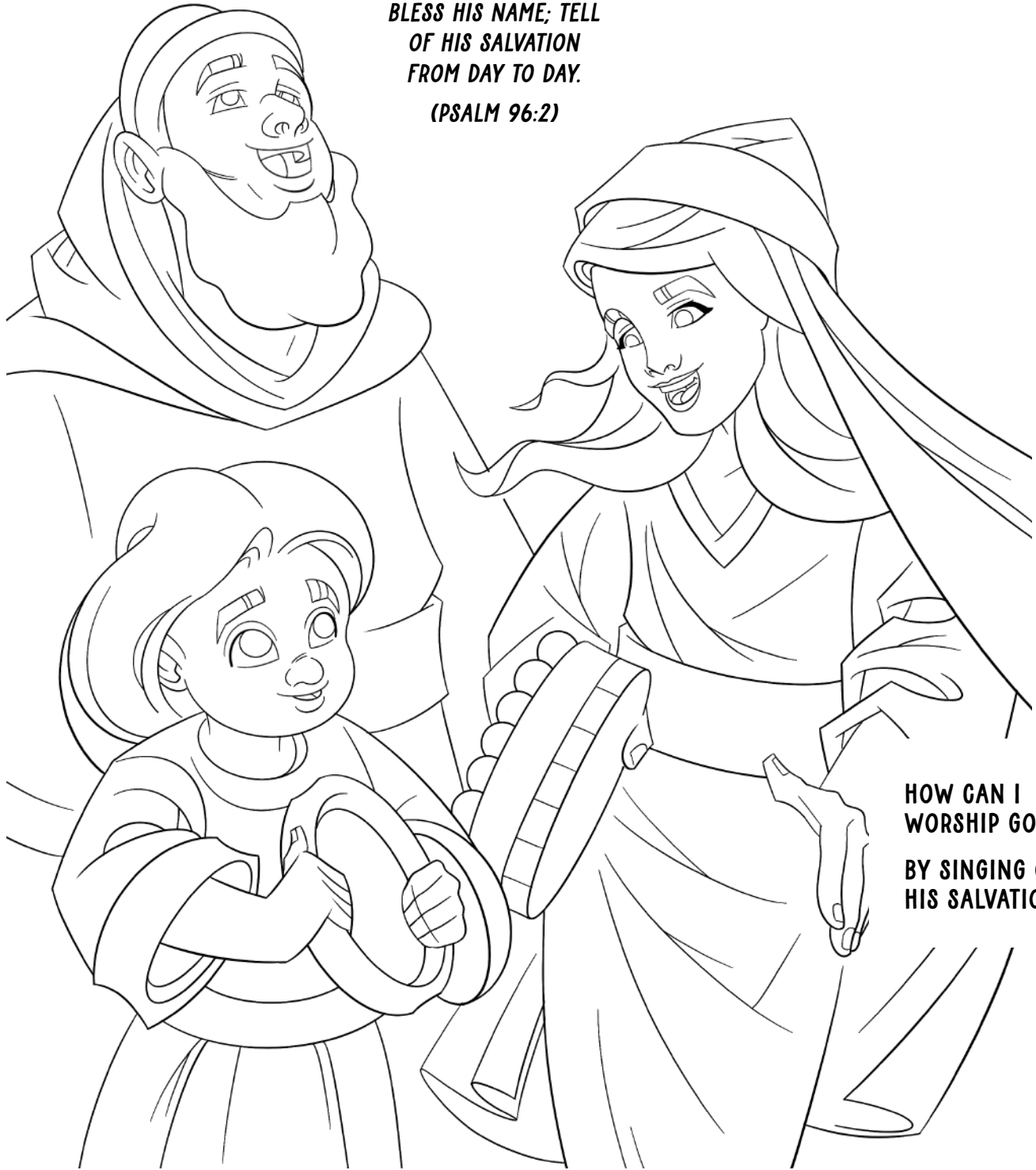


# COLORING PAGE

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BLESS HIS NAME; TELL  
OF HIS SALVATION  
FROM DAY TO DAY.*

*(PSALM 96:2)*



**HOW CAN I  
WORSHIP GOD?  
BY SINGING OF  
HIS SALVATION.**

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