

let's play

Everyday Worship

Worshipping God as a family sounds like a great idea—but how? Here are simple, age-appropriate ideas:

- Ask, “What can we thank God for that is red?” After each family member tells, pray briefly and mention every idea. Ask a different question each day. Thanking God together IS family worship!
- Read a short Bible story at bedtime.
- Sing a praise song your children understand and love while you ride in the car or walk to the park. (This can quickly become a family tradition!)

Begin each meal with a thank-You-God prayer—even at the drive-thru.

For small children (and maybe for the rest of us, too), family worship is most meaningful when we incorporate it into the everyday moments of our lives!

Signs of Spring

Go on a scavenger hunt together. Before you go, use different colors of crayons to make a color list on a sheet of paper. Encourage your child to find things that match each color. You may walk around the block or drive to a nearby hiking trail. For older children, also search for different shapes. Ask, **What do you see that you want to praise Jesus for?**



“Sing the praises of the LORD.”

Psalm 9:11

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Today I learned:

People praised Jesus because they loved Him. We love Jesus. We can praise Him, too!

Ask me:

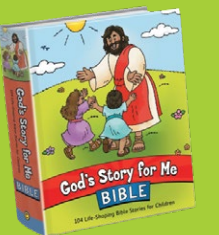
When do you like to sing? What song could you sing to praise God?



I see children shouting. Why are they shouting? What do you think they are saying?



Read the story on the next page and on pages 409-414 in *God's Story for Me Bible*.



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Bible Story

Matthew 21:1-11,15-16; Luke 19:28-38

Walk your fingers whenever you say the word **walk**. Cup your hands around your mouth whenever you say the word **shout**. Invite your child to copy your motions. **For older children:** How many branches can you find in this picture?

Jesus told His friends, “**Walk** to the place I tell you to go to. You will find a donkey there. Untie it and bring it to Me.”

Jesus’ friends **walked**. They found the donkey. They brought the donkey back to Jesus. Jesus’ friends spread their coats on the donkey’s back. Jesus sat on the donkey. The donkey began to **walk** down the road to Jerusalem. Jesus’ friends came, too.

Many other people **walked** on the road. They began to **shout**, “Look! Jesus is coming!”



People wanted Jesus to know they were glad to see Him! They **shouted** praises to Jesus. Some people laid branches on the road. Some people laid their coats on the road. The road looked like a colorful carpet!

People **shouted** praises to Jesus. They **walked** with Him and waved branches. It looked like a big parade!



Jesus **walked** into the Temple. Many children **walked** with Him. They **shouted** praises to Jesus. It was a wonderful day in the big city of Jerusalem! People everywhere showed love for Jesus by praising Him. It’s good to praise and show love for Jesus!

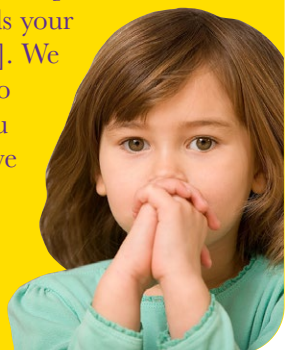
Prayer Time

Things to talk about:

- What Bible verse do you know about praising Jesus? [Repeat today’s Bible verse with your child.]
- What are some words we could say to praise Jesus? To tell Him we love Him?

Words to pray together:

Dear Jesus, thank You for loving us. We [repeat words your child said]. We are glad to praise You because we love You! Amen.



Family Talk

Show your child a leaf. Help your child notice details about the leaf. Ask,

- What color is this leaf? Is it large or small?
- Are the edges of the leaf pointed? Is the top of the leaf smooth or fuzzy?
- When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, what did people do with leaves and branches?