

Looking Back at It All - December 27

Parents: During the holidays it's easy to get caught up in the details and lose focus on celebrating the birth of our Savior. Let's look back and center our attention on why all praise and worship belongs to the Lord.

Read: [Psalm 96](#) 1 Sing to the **Lord** a new song;
sing to the **Lord**, all the earth.
2 Sing to the **Lord**, **praise** his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
3 Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
4 For great is the **Lord** and most worthy of **praise**;
he is to be feared above all gods.
5 For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the **Lord** made the heavens.
6 Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.
Ascribe to the **Lord**, all you families of nations,
ascribe to the **Lord** glory and strength.
8 Ascribe to the **Lord** the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts.
9 Worship the **Lord** in the splendor of his holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.
10 Say among the nations, "The **Lord** reigns."
The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.
11 Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.
12 Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.
13 Let all creation rejoice before the **Lord**, for he comes,
he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Discuss: Who is Psalm 96 talking about? *The Lord.*

What does it say we should do? *Praise the Lord.* How do we do that? What are some action words in the passage? *Sing, proclaim, ascribe (which means give credit to), declare, worship, rejoice, be glad, be jubilant.*

Why should we do these things? *The Bible tells us to because the Lord is great, He is the one and only true God, He is worthy of praise, He made everything...*

Key Point: Praise the Lord

Praise (Raise hands to the sky)
The Lord (Make the letter "L" with hand and bring it from
shoulder to waist like a sash)

Family Activity: Find a praise song to sing with your child(ren) this week. Post the coloring sheet as a reminder to sing with your family. It can be in the car, at the dinner table, or wherever you decide to sing a song of praise to the Lord.



Prayer: Dear God, You are great! You deserve endless praise and thanks. We're sorry when we forget to praise You. Fill us with hope and joy. Help us pass the good news of Jesus to others. We thank and love You. Amen.

Next Steps: Memorize Psalm 96:1 - Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

