

## Praise the Lord - March 28

**Parents:** Genuine words of affirmation and praise are vital for our relationships. In fact, it's often the number one love language for people in our lives. It makes sense. We like when others appreciate us and give us recognition for a job well done. What about our relationship with the Lord? He has done immeasurably more than we can comprehend. The Lord is surpassingly great! He deserves our adoration and praise.

Read: Psalm 150: 1-6
1 Praise the Lord.
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.
2 Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.
3 Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,
4 praise him with timbrel and dancing,
praise him with the strings and pipe,
5 praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.
6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord.

**Discuss:** What does the word praise mean? *Praise means to tell of, to give, to admire.* How can we praise the Lord? We can thank God and declare what He has done to others. We can do it in songs, words, and/or actions.

What does Psalm 150 say to praise God for? *His power and greatness*. How does it say to do it? *To praise with trumpet, harp, lyre, timbrel, strings, pipe, cymbals—all musical instruments*. Did we miss anything? *Dancing*. What if we don't have instruments to make music? How can we praise the Lord, today? *We can sing God's praises or make artwork. We can praise Him in prayer or tell a friend of God's greatness*.

Why would everything that has breath praise the Lord? He created the world and gave breath to everything in it. He deserves our praise.

## **Key Point: Praise the Lord**

Praise (Take pointer finger towards mouth, extend it and clap hands twice)

The Lord (Make an "L" with one hand and make a sash from one shoulder to opposite hip)

**Family Activity:** Today is a very special day, Palm Sunday. As Jesus, our King of kings, rode into Jerusalem on a donkey over 2,000 years ago; He received honor and praise from the people lining the streets. They waved palm branches as He passed by. Let's make an art project and while your family does it sing or listen to praise music. Color and cut out the palm leaf. Hang in your home to remind your family of this special day and to continue to "Praise the Lord!".

**Prayer:** Dear God, You are great and all powerful! You sent Jesus, our King of kings, to save us from our sins. Let our hearts continually sing of Your praise. We thank and love You. Amen.

**Next Steps:** Memorize Psalm 150:6 - "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord."



