

MAKE an Instrument

Pinch one end of a cardboard tube closed and cover with tape. Help your child spoon a small amount of uncooked beans inside the tube.

Pinch the other end closed and cover with tape. Show your child how to shake the tube to make sound. Reflect on the people in the Bible story singing and playing instruments in the new church (reverse side). Sing a song together, encouraging your child to shake the instrument along with the music.

BABIES

LOOK at Your Church

Drive by your church or look at photographs of your church on your church's website. Talk with your baby about what you do at church. Tell your baby that the people came to Jerusalem to bring offerings, pray to God, and sing songs to Him like we do at church. Thank God that we can go to church.

VERSE

When we pray,
God hears us.

1 JOHN 5:14

PLAY with Toy Money

Let your child place toy money inside a container and remove it. Talk about the Bible story (reverse side). Mention that people gave money to help rebuild the temple (church). Explain the importance of giving money to God. Say a prayer thanking God for giving us all we need.

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BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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CONVERSATION

People Sang to God

BASED ON EZRA 2:68-70; 3:1-13

WEEKLY VERSE: Praise God for He is good. *Psalm 135:3*

LIFE POINT: God hears His people praise Him.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

The Bible story taught that God hears His people praise Him. People were happy that the temple was being rebuilt. They sang to God to worship Him.

LIVE IT OUT

As you ride in the car with your child, sing songs of praise to God. Tell your child that one way we worship God is by singing, and God always hears His people praise Him.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God hears me.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Psalm 54:2

Monday: John 4:23

Tuesday: Psalm 150:6

Wednesday: Hebrews 13:15

Thursday: Isaiah 25:1

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Saturday: Hebrews 2:12

BABIES

The people came to Jerusalem.

They brought money to give as offerings to help rebuild the temple (church).

The people prayed to God and sang songs to Him.

1s

The people gave money to build a new temple (church) building.

The workers worked on building the temple.

The people were very happy. They celebrated.

The people sang songs, played music, and shouted to show love to God.

2s

Many families gave gold coins, silver, and special clothes so the temple (church) could be rebuilt. All the people worked together to build a special temple for God.

After they worked a while, the people celebrated. Temple leaders put on their special clothes and played music on their instruments. Others played cymbals while the people sang, "God is good."

Many people shouted happy words to God when they saw the new temple. Other people cried. The sound of the people could be heard far away.



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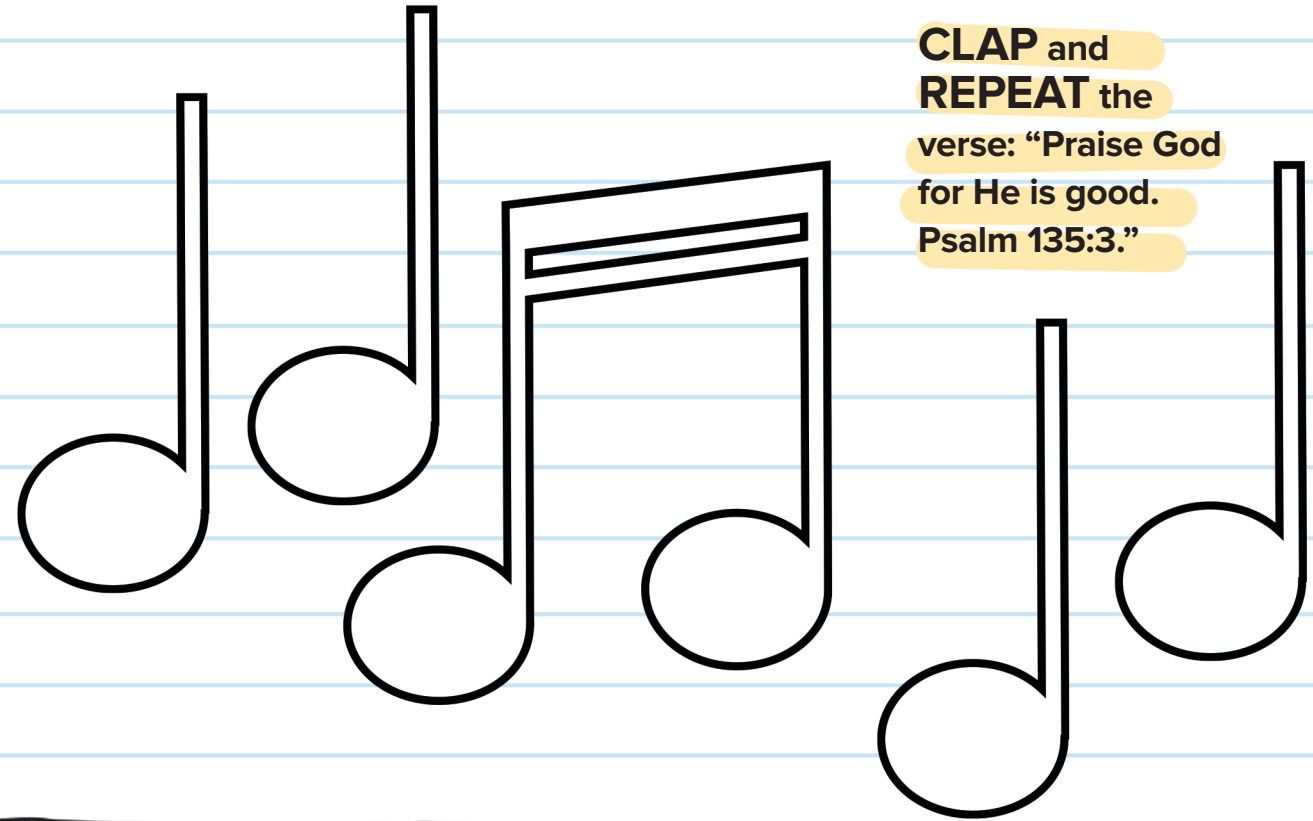
VERSE

Praise God for He
is good.
(Psalm 135:3)

COLOR Music Notes

Fill the music notes using dot markers or crayons.

**CLAP and
REPEAT** the
verse: "Praise God
for He is good.
Psalm 135:3."

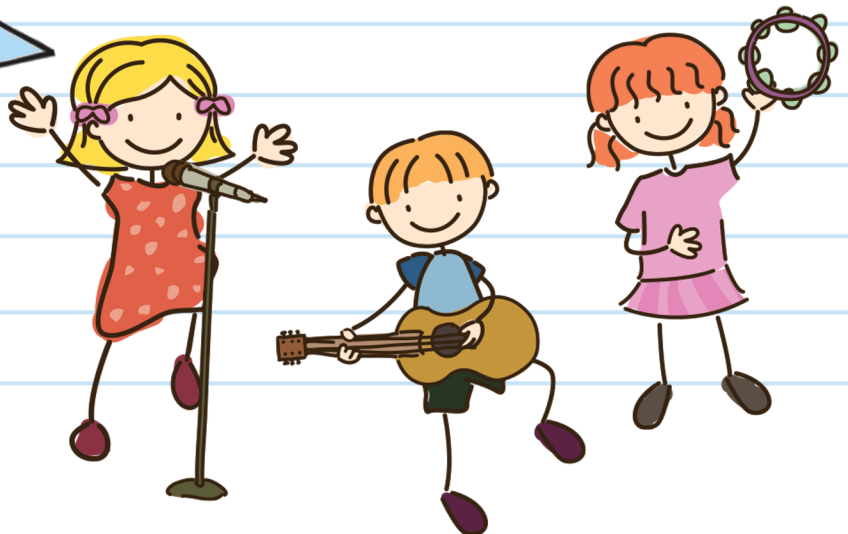


SING

Sing to the tune of the chorus of "Bingo":

God is good to me.
God is good to me.
God is good to me.
He's so good to me.

God loves us, He does.
God loves us, He does.
God loves us, He does.
He loves both you and me.



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LIFE POINT: God hears His people praise Him.

The people in Jerusalem wanted to rebuild the temple (church). All of the people decided how they could help.

Many families helped by giving money. Other people gave food and drink to the workers who were building the temple. The people paid to have big logs from cedar trees brought to Jerusalem to be used in building the temple. All the people worked together to build the temple.

The workers were busy working on the building. After they worked a while, the people celebrated. The church helpers put on their special clothes and brought their trumpets and cymbals. As the church helpers played music, the people sang to God. They thanked Him. The people sang, "God is good. God loves us."

Everyone was so happy that the temple was being rebuilt! Some people shouted happy thank-you words to God. Other people cried as they celebrated. Everyone around Jerusalem knew the people were thanking God on this special day.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

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LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God hears me when I pray.

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Listen to my prayer, O God.
Pay attention to my plea.
-Psalm 54:2

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Unscramble each word and write it on the line to see the Weekly Verse. God hears His people praise and worship Him.



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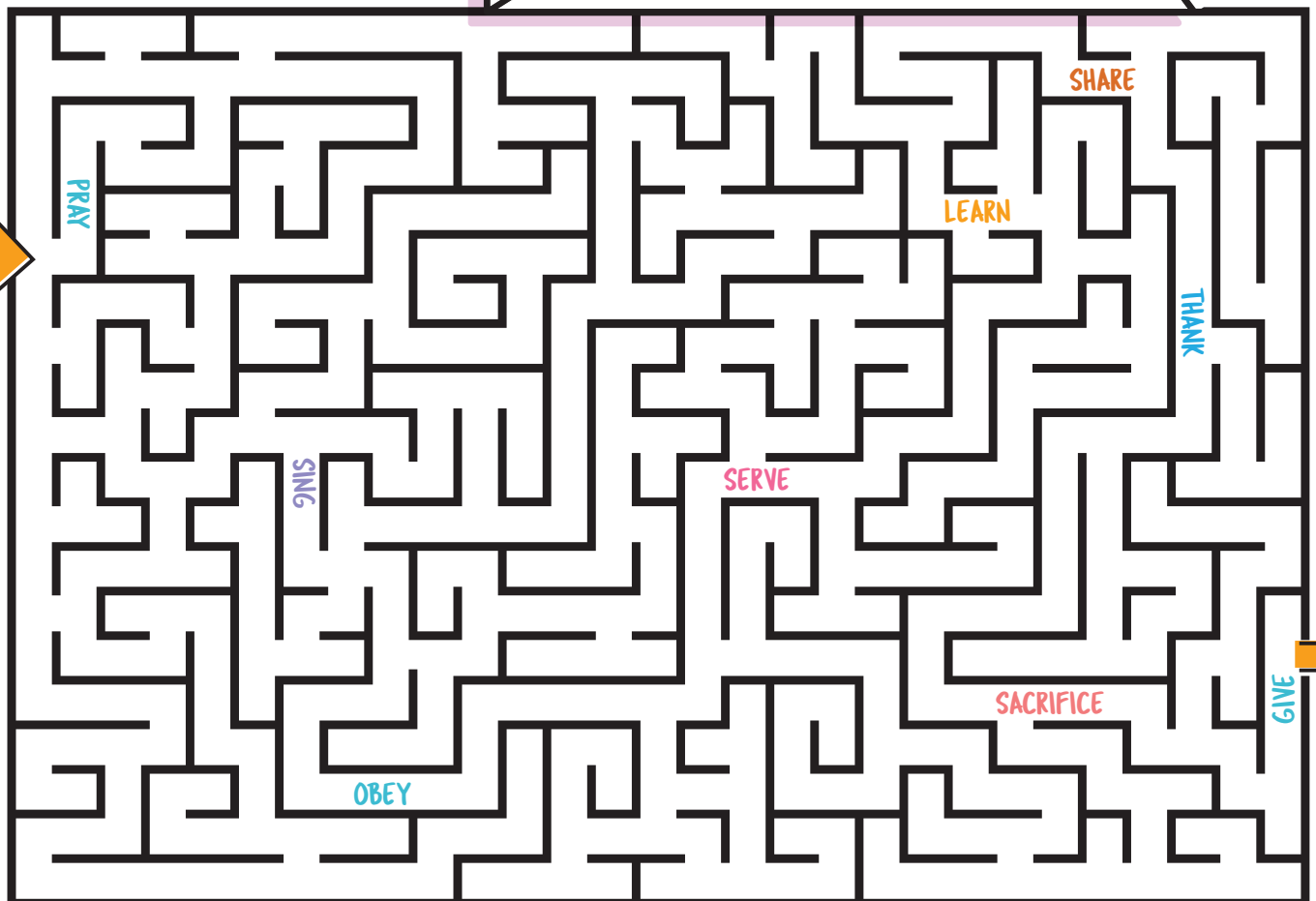
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WORSHIP WAZE MAZE

Find your way through the maze. Along the way look for ways you can worship God.



BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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CONVERSATION

LIFE POINT

God hears His people
praise and worship Him.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

This Bible story helped your child learn that God hears His people praise and worship Him. The people who returned to Jerusalem from Babylon praised God by singing. They were happy that the temple was being rebuilt.



LIVE IT OUT

Remind your child that the Israelites praised God as soon as the foundation of the temple was ready. Explain that God deserves and is worthy of our praise, too. As a family make a playlist of Christian music. Play the songs and praise God together.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God is worthy of worship.



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People Praised God

EZRA 2:1,68-70; 3:1-13

The people of Israel were held as prisoners in Babylon for many years. Finally, they were allowed to return home. When they arrived in Jerusalem, some of the family leaders gave offerings of gold coins, silver, and clothes so that they could rebuild God's house.

The people settled in their towns. After several months they gathered in Jerusalem, and the work on the temple began.

The first thing the workers built was an altar to offer sacrifices to God.

Even though the Israelites were surrounded by enemies, the people of Israel made sacrifices to God every morning and every evening. They celebrated, worshiped, and sacrificed before the foundation was ready. They gave money to the stonecutters and artists so they could gather cedar wood.

Finally, when the workers completed the temple's foundation, the priests put on robes and played trumpets. The Levites played cymbals. Together they sang with praise and thanksgiving to God: "He is good! His faithful love to Israel lasts forever!"

All the people gave great shouts of praise. Many of the older people remembered the first temple. They wept loudly when they saw the foundation of the new temple. Others shouted for joy. People could not tell the difference between the weeping and the shouts because everyone was so loud. The sound was heard far away.

WEEKLY VERSE Psalm 54:2



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SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
				1 John 8:29	2 Luke 22:42	3 Philippians 2:8
4 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18	5 Psalm 9:1	6 Psalm 100:3	7 Daniel 2:23	8 Philippians 4:6	9 Hebrews 12:28	10 Colossians 4:2
11 Psalm 17:6	12 Ephesians 3:12	13 Hebrews 4:16	14 John 9:31	15 James 5:16	16 Matthew 7:7	17 John 14:14
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25 1 John 5:14	26 Psalm 66:19	27 1 Peter 3:12	28 Psalm 34:17	29 Psalm 6:9	30 Romans 10:13	31 Proverbs 15:29

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