

PRAISES TO GOD

PSALM 117:1-2, 150:1-6, 3:1-8, 43:1-5, 136:1-3

LEARN THE WORD

Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

- God chose many writers to write the book of Psalms, which contains songs and prayers of praise, lament, and thanksgiving.
- The psalms teach us to praise and thank God for who He is and what He's done. And some psalms remind us that we can cry out to God when we are sad or afraid, and He hears us.

WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

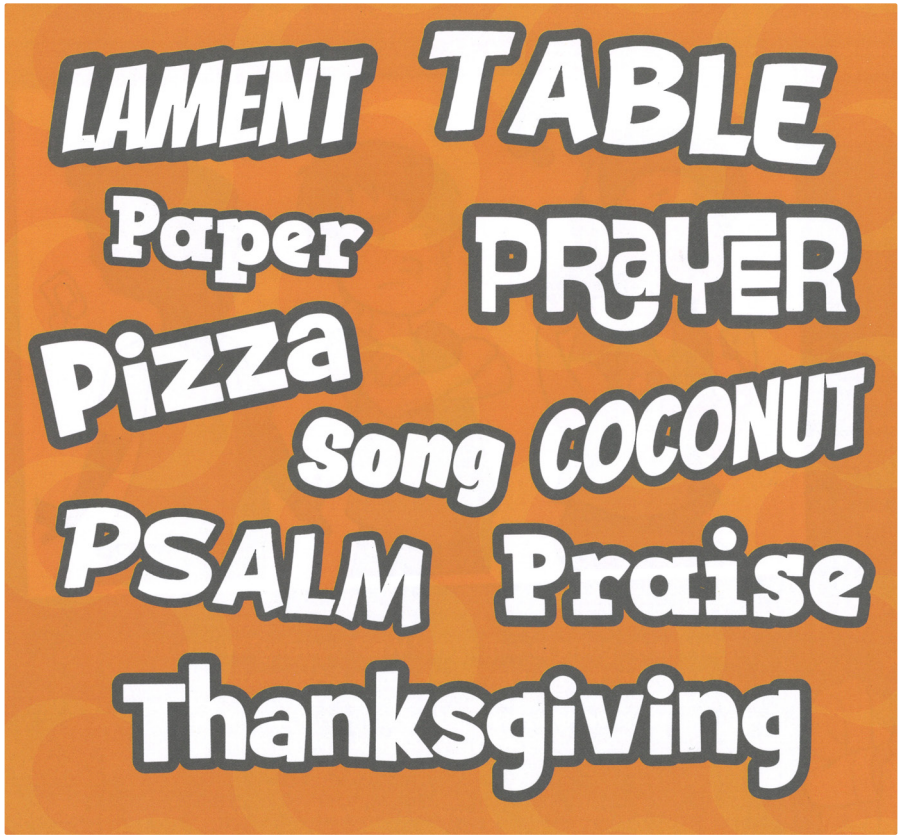
OUTWORD FOR FAMILY DISCUSSION

What if you heard someone say that he is so miserable he doesn't feel like praying anymore?

What could you say?

Even when we feel lousy, God wants us to come to Him. God has even made a way to help us pray when we can't find the words. In the book of Psalms in the Bible, you'll find many songs and prayers that were written by men who were often in trouble. If you're so miserable that you don't know what to pray, read the psalms out loud as a prayer. The psalms will help you remember that God cares about you and wants to help you.

Activity: Circle the words from today's lesson then color in all the letters.



HOMESWORD FOR PARENTS

Psalms is a book of prayers and hymns meant to draw our attention to our mighty God. The psalms teach us how to worship God with our words. The psalms made up the “hymnbook” for the Jews. To them, the title simply meant “praises,” and that is what the psalms were used for—songs of praise. Most of the psalms emphasize man’s position before the incomprehensible, holy God. This sets God in His rightful place—as ruler over the affairs of the world and all mankind. As the psalmist speaks, God and His attributes are exalted.

God’s sovereignty is constantly affirmed by the psalmists as they offer Him thanks and praise, as they cry out to Him for help, or as they boldly claim their confidence in what He will do in the future. The psalms have been classified into various groupings, but today we looked at three common types of psalms: praise (Psalm 117, 150), lament (Psalm 3, 43), and thanksgiving (Psalm 136).

The different types of psalms show us how to offer worship to God. Whether we are praising and thanking Him in the good times, recalling His faithfulness and love, or crying out to Him in times of anguish, He alone is worthy of our praises.