

BIG IDEA

We can worship God out loud.

THE BIBLE

The Rocks Cry Out Luke 19:37-40

There are many ways we can worship and celebrate God! We can worship God at church or at home! God wants us to worship Him through prayer, by living for Him and not for ourselves, and even through difficult times. This week we are learning we can worship God out loud. Today, we're going to talk about what could happen if we *don't* worship. I'll give you a hint: it has to do with rocks.

BIBLE STORY | Luke 19:37-40

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Look up the story in your Bible and encourage your child to read it.*
- In this Bible story, Jesus was coming into Jerusalem for the Passover. As He was coming down the road, a big group of people gathered and started shouting praises to Him for the miracles they had seen Jesus do.
- But there were some people who were standing there who weren't happy: the Pharisees. Pharisees were religious teachers who were annoyed by the disciples praising Jesus, so they told Jesus to make them be quiet.
- **How did Jesus respond?** Jesus told them that if the people kept quiet, the rocks would cry out. Could you imagine? If the people didn't praise God, Jesus said the stones would praise Him.
- **Do you want the rocks to praise God in your place?** I don't know about you, but I don't want to be so quiet that a rock has to start worshiping in my place.
- We don't have to be quiet. We can sing and shout and praise God for what He has done for us. **We can worship God out loud.**
- The Bible talks a lot about praising God through song. It says to "sing praises to God" 115 times!
- **Why do you think singing is an important way to praise God?**
- **Do you enjoy singing to God?**
- **Do you think singing is a good way to worship, even if you don't feel like you're a good singer?**
- **Do you think you're more like the Pharisees or the disciples, and why?**
- **How can you worship God when you're not at church?**

MEMORY VERSES | John 1:1**MUSIC | Worship**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *You can select any songs you'd like, but for this lesson we like, "Ain't No Rock" by Shout Praises Kids. Also, "Sing where ever I go" by We the Kingdom. We will sing this song together when we all gather again in Worship!*
- Remember, when you worship, you can let loose and have fun as you sing and dance for God!
- Let's praise Him together, because He is good!

PRAY WITH YOUR CHILD

ACTIVITY | Make Your Own Musical Instruments

- Since we're talking about worshipping God, let's make our own instruments and praise God out loud!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Choose any of the following instruments and supplies:*
 - **Paper Plate Tambourines:** *Let kids decorate paper plates. Then lay one plate down, put a handful of dried beans on it, put the other plate on top, and staple it all the way around.*
 - **Maracas:** *Fill empty Easter eggs with dried beans and then close them. You can also tape two spoons to the outside of each egg using masking tape, to make handles.*
 - **Drums:** *Gather a variety of objects, like boxes, bowls, plastic Tupperware, and wooden spoons to make drums.*
 - **Bells:** *String jingle bells on yarn and let the kids wear them like bracelets or tie them to sticks.*
 - **Clapping Sticks:** *Decorate paint stirrers with paint or markers and then hit them together.*
 - **Rubber Band Music Box:** *Put a variety of rubber bands around a box lid so they are tight. Then the kids can strum them and pluck them to make music.*

When they are done, have your own praise parade and let them play their instruments while they sing and shout praises to God.

ACTIVITY | Alphabet Praise

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Have the kids sit in a circle (or split them into small groups to sit in a circle). Go around the circle and each person will say one thing that starts with a letter of the alphabet (go in order) that is a reason they are thankful or a reason they can praise God. Examples: A = Animals; B = Bible; C = Christ; D = Dad; E = Eternity; F = Family. See which group can keep it going the longest or see which group can get to the end of the alphabet first.*
- There are so many reasons we can praise God. All the good things in our lives are from Him. We just have to remember to say thank you.