

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. We can worship God through prayer, by living for Him and not for ourselves, God wants us to rejoice, even when we go through hard times. This week we are learning we can worship God out loud by singing! If we are going to sing God's praises by singing out loud, we need to make an instrument.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *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 or any small container with dried beans and then close them.
- **Drums:** Gather a variety of objects, like boxes, bowls, plastic Tupperware, and wooden spoons to make drums.
- Let the kids dance and play their instruments while you play some music or sing songs with them.
- Let's play our instruments celebrating God!

BIBLE STORY | Luke 19:37-40

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Set out some large or interesting looking rocks on a table before you tell the Bible story. Look up the story in your Bible and read it to your preschoolers.
- **Do you see these cool rocks? Do they look special? Do you think they can do any tricks?** How about singing? It's not likely! But let's hear a Bible story about a time when Jesus said some rocks might *have* to start singing.
- In this story, Jesus is traveling down the road when a group of people start singing songs about how awesome God is. But there were some other people there too. These people didn't like how loud the others were praising and told Jesus to make them stop. **Do you think Jesus listened to them?** No! **What did Jesus say would sing if the people stopped singing?** He said the rocks would sing! How crazy would that be! So He's saying that if the people didn't sing and worship God out loud, the rocks, like these, would start praising Him? Yeah! Singing is just one of the ways we can worship God. However, when you worship Him, He wants you to do it with all your heart and with passion! Worship is just us telling God thank you and telling Him how awesome He is. We can worship Him every day!
- What did the Pharisees say to Jesus? (They wanted Him to make the people stop praising God.)
- What did Jesus say would happen if they stopped singing? (He said the rocks would cry out.)
- Can you praise God out loud?
- What is something you are grateful for that you can thank God for?

PRAYER

Let's spend time with God in prayer. Today, we're going to tell God how amazing He is.

• Dear God, thank you for being so amazing! Thank you for loving us more than we can even understand. Help us to be bold and sing out our praises to you loud and proud! We love you, in Jesus name, amen.



MEMORY VERSE | John 1:1 IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, (make a book with your hands in front of you) AND THE WORD (spread your hands apart like an open book) WAS WITH GOD (point both arms up) AND THE WORD (bring hands back down like an open book) WAS GOD. (bring arms back up and point again).

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!

ACTIVITY | Shout Contest

- Does God want us to praise Him with a quiet, sad voice? No! He wants us to praise Him loudly and with excitement! In our game today, we're going to see who can shout the loudest.
 Does that sound like fun? Let's review the Big Idea before we start. We can worship God out loud.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Take turns shouting the Big Idea.*
- Wow! You were so loud! Never forget that God wants us to be excited to worship Him!

ACTIVITY | Rock Sculptures

• **INSTRUCTIONS:** Using rocks in different sizes and shapes, get creative and make something unique.