

Teaching Plan - Learning more about Jesus in everyday things.
(Musical instruments)

Aim - To show that we should never forget to praise God
and there are lots of ways to do that.



Welcome - Sing We are Here Together



Game/Activity

What's in the bag? Pass it round and give people the opportunity to feel it and guess what is in it.

Item: A musical instrument

Have a selection of musical instruments - out of sight of the group, someone has to choose a musical instrument and play it - others try to guess what it is.



Bible reading: Psalm 150

Explain that, when we say the word 'praise', it means we are saying good things; so, when we say, 'Praise God', we are saying good things about God



What an exciting day.

Today we are in Jerusalem - it's a town about the size of Falkirk - something exciting is happening today - do you want to come along and see what it is? **(Everyone walks together)**

Person 1: My feet are getting sore. Where are we going?

Person 2: Where have you been - everyone knows - it's the opening of the new Temple?

Person 1: Big deal - what's a Temple - can I get a burger there, or is it a shop - I like shopping - or is it like a cinema - I love films - and popcorn

Person 2: The Temple - is God's House - some people call it a church - this is the best church ever - look at it - look at the lovely stones, the windows and the golden doors - it's amazing and guess what - it's opening today - I am so excited.

Look everyone has a trumpet **(group mime playing a trumpet)**

Person 1: That's a great sound - all those trumpets. Who's is opening it - is it a famous pop star - that would be cool. Or someone in the Royal family?

Person 2: Look - there is the King - his name is Solomon.

Person 1: I've never seen the king before - he looks very - wow - like a king. This is turning into a very special day.

Person 2: Listen - people are singing - listen to the words - people are singing **God is good and His love never ends.** **(group say or sing the words a few times)**

Then as well as singing music started - lots of different musical instruments **(group play musical instruments as well as singing)**

Person 1: This is wonderful - praising God is great - better than a burger, better than shopping and even better than the cinema (but I still like those things as well)

Then everyone went very quiet.

King Solomon (in a loud king voice): Thank you God for the wonderful things you have done for me and for all your people.

Everyone shouted out Amen.

Person 1: I am feeling very happy. It's just a shame we can't praise God like this every day.

Person 2: So, what's stopping you?



God is good and loves us all the time - He never changes. But we do - sometimes we are in a good mood - sometimes a bad mood - often we do things wrong. Sometimes, we forget to thank God and praise him - sometimes we just "can't be bothered" God made us to praise Him and tell people about Jesus. When we are feeling sad, angry or just in a bad mood - even then the Bible tells us to praise God at all times - in good days and bad days - we know that when we praise God - something happens to us - we feel better, happier - closer to our Father God - closer to Jesus. So, let's make a choice today to Praise God. Let's start now



You know this one (Hokey Cokey) - just different words!!

Put your left hand in, your left hand out,
In, out, in, out and shake it all about.

You shout praise Jesus and you turn around

That's what it's all about

Oh Oh praise Jesus

Oh Oh praise Jesus

Oh Oh praise Jesus

That's what it's all about

And / or

Sing 'Praise God' over and over, to the melody of 'Amazing Grace':

Praise God, praise God, praise God, praise God,

Praise God, praise God, praise God.

Praise God, praise God, praise God, praise God,

Praise God, praise God, praise God.



Prayer Time

Encourage people to say or sign something that they want to praise and thank God for - either people pray individually or leader prays for everything that has been mentioned - could do that as an echo prayer.



Possible Craft -

A whole range of opportunities to make musical instruments, flags, streamers etc



Possible Songs

- God's love is great (Prospects)
- The Father himself loves you (Prospects)
- Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia, praise ye the Lord
- Praise him on the trumpet