

LESSON

READ: Let's read through Psalm 8 together.

Suggest the ESV version.

Optional:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BNu4z5B0xqk> (NIV)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PHTqxAUETEQ>

What is a psalm?

A psalm means a song or a hymn. It can be read as a poem or a prayer.

Who wrote most of the psalms in the Bible?

David. He was the shepherd boy who became king. During his time as a shepherd boy taking care of sheep, he spent a lot of time writing psalms to worship God. And even as a king, David also wrote psalms to praise the Lord.

Why?

Perhaps he spent a lot of time outdoors in nature, and he could see God's masterpieces everywhere, in everything around him. What he saw made him in awe. He was amazed by how great and wonderful God is. So He couldn't help but to express it in praise and worship.

And as a king, he recognized the hand of God upon his life. All his power, wealth and splendor was not of his own doing but from God.



Let's see what David wrote in **Psalm 8:1-2**.

*O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

God is majestic. Majestic comes from the word "majesty", which is used to address the king (e.g. "Your majesty"). In some versions, they use the word "excellent", which means top of the top.

This means that God is so wonderful, beautiful, and grand. He is superior in all ways. Is it not amazing that a king said this about God? King David was so captivated by God, that he had to praise Him. One would usually think that a king would not praise anyone, but David did because He knew whatever he had could not compare with God's majesty.

You have set your glory above the heavens.

God is glorious. God created the world and everything in it to worship Him. So the heavens show us how glorious God is, how magnificent, how wonderful He is. Every star shines and proclaims the greatness of our God.

In another Psalm (19), David writes, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands." If you ever wonder whether God is real, or if He cares about you, take a look outside at night and see His work in the skies.

God is majestic in ALL the earth ... and in ALL the heavens.

*Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.*

We all can worship God. Praise should not only come from adults; they should come through you (children) too. Do you know that children's praises are powerful? When children praise God, we are telling the devil to "shut up", that he has no place here, that only God is deserving of all praise and glory.

God especially loves it when His little children call out to Him. Just like your mommy and daddy loves it when you say "I love you, daddy" or "Thank you, mummy." God also loves it when we tell Him how much we love Him or how thankful we are for what He has done for us. So when we have a chance to, we should sing out loud and raise our hands and tell God how great He is.



Let us worship Him always!

When we see how great and wonderful God is, we cannot help but praise and worship Him. God doesn't NEED our worship. He already has everything He needs. But God loves it when we worship Him. And He certainly deserves it. We praise God because He loves us. We worship Him because he has given us this world. We worship Him for giving us Jesus to die on the cross and take all our sins away.

How do we praise and worship God?

We sing songs of praise. We raise our hands in honor of Him. We dance. We make music. We talk well about Him. We live our lives in a way that make people see Jesus in us.

HUDDLE TIME:

Kids to break up in small groups — normally a girls group and boys group works best.

Get kids to take turns sharing what they can praise God for. E.g. "I praise God because He is ..."

Pray for one another.



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PSALM 8 (Part 1)

ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

SONGS/WORSHIP:

How excellent your name is

<https://youtu.be/-a2Ayo8dXtE>

CRAFT: Majestic Crowns

Have kids write "God is majestic" on cardboard crowns and decorate them.

Close in prayer.