



Look around! Do you see God's handiwork? There is so much to be thankful for! Let's explore a Psalm that teaches us why we should praise God! Follow the curiosity of your kids as they explore how they can praise God!

Choose your Exploration Stations, practice the story, and gather supplies. It's time to go exploring!

## Before You Explore

### The Basic Supplies

- ☐ *Discovery Guide* for each kiddo
- ☐ *Eureka! Jr. Stamps*
- ☐ *Eureka! DVD or CD*
- ☐ DVD or CD player
- ☐ *Story Cards*
- ☐ Child-size parachute or bed sheet

### Exploration Station Supplies

- ☐ **Tambourine Building**
  - Paper plates, dried beans, stapler, crayons
- ☐ **Let's See! Story**
  - *Story Cards*, 46-50
- ☐ **Picture the Story**
  - *Discovery Guides* and crayons
- ☐ **Sculpt the Story**
  - Play-Doh
- ☐ **Play the Story**
  - Dolls, action figures, toys from a kid's meal



## 1 Here We Go!

- ❑ Use a child-size parachute or a bed sheet. Have kids hold edges and corners. Raise the parachute and call out a child to run underneath before the parachute lowers down. Repeat with each child.
- ❑ Option: Hide the Kai and Scout cards (#51-52) from the **Story Card** deck. Have kids try to find the cards when they arrive.
- ❑ Play *The Come Along Song* from the **Eureka! Jr. DVD** or **CD**. Invite kids to come to your gathering spot (at a table, on the floor, etc.).

## 2 What's That Word?

- ❑ Show the Bible picture from page 1 of this lesson. Invite kids to find the hidden word in the picture. Say **praise** out loud as a class. (Option: Pass out the **Discovery Guides (DG)** now and let kids find the hidden word in the picture on their own **DG**.)
- ❑ Chat about the word. **Does anyone know what praise means?**
  - **Praise is something we do with our words and actions!**
  - **To praise God is to give thanks and say good things about Him. We praise God because we are thankful and happy for all that He has done and continues to do in our lives.**
  - **We should praise God all the time! Even when things are hard, God is still good! He is worthy of all our praise!**
- ❑ When we explore our story later today, listen for the word **praise** or **praising**.

## 3 Remember Verse

- ❑ Invite everyone to stand up. Play the **Remember Verse Video** for **Ephesians 3:20** on the **Eureka! Jr. DVD**. (Find descriptions of the motions on FoundryLeader.com.)
- ❑ Ask for volunteers to say the verse from memory.
- ❑ **“God is able to do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine. He does everything by his power that is working in us.” Ephesians 3:20 (NIRV)**



## 4 Happy & Sad

- ❑ Invite kids to share something happy and not-so-happy that happened this past week. Pray together.

## 5 Explore the Story

- ❑ Since Psalm 98 is a short passage, read it out loud from the Bible if you have time.
- ❑ Invite kids to prepare themselves to listen to this week's passage. Gather them to a place where they can all see the spot where you will be laying out the cards.
- ❑ Play the **Let's See! Bible Story** audio from the **Eureka! Jr. DVD** or **CD** while you set out the cards, as directed in the pictures on page 3.
- ❑ Option: Read (or have another adult read) the **Let's See! Bible Story** script on page 3 and place the cards out as directed in the pictures.





# Explore the Story

## Let's See! Bible Story

- = Place a card
- = Remove a card
- = Move a card

A young boy looked outside his window and saw people singing and dancing. The boy was curious and went outside. It was a beautiful scene filled with happiness and joy! **I wonder what the crowd was celebrating?** The boy moved closer; he wanted to hear what the people were singing about. He recognized the song; it was Psalm 98. The crowd was singing and praising God.



The boy was puzzled; he wondered why the crowd was praising God. He asked an older man. The man was surprised! He exclaimed, "God is good! God has done incredible and wonderful things! We should praise God every day!" **I wonder, do you praise God every day?**

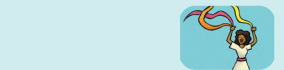
The boy knew God was great but wondered what God had done. The man chuckled and told the boy to look around. Everything you see, everything you have, is because of God. God has given us more than we could ever imagine. The greatest gift God gives is our salvation. God came to save and rescue us! We live in a world that is full of hurt and filled with sadness. However God remembers us! He made a way for us to live with Him forever through Jesus.



This is such good news! The boy wanted to join in and praise God too! The man told him to find an instrument, a harp, a horn, or anything that could make some noise! **I wonder what instrument you would choose?** The man encouraged him to play along with the music! He told him to shout and sing praises loudly! The boy was so excited to praise God! It was almost impossible to stop!



It was such a fun celebration! The boy loved singing praises and thanking God! The man wanted to teach the boy more about praising God. He asked the boy to identify some of the creations of the world that surrounded them. The boy pointed out some trees, plants, mountains, and the seas! They were beautiful!



The man told the boy that God created each of these things! God made the entire world! The man taught this boy that each thing God created—the trees, seas, and mountains—all praised God too! The boy saw it! He saw how the colors, shapes, and sizes were ways to point to God's glory! The entire earth was singing praises to God!

Together they were singing to the Lord a new song! It was beautiful! Before they finished the man shared one more special promise with the boy. The Lord is going to come back! **Can you imagine what a day it will be when Jesus comes back?** There will be no more tears or sadness! What a joyful day that will be! But until that day, we will shout, sing, and praise God for all that He is and all that He does. God is worthy of all our praise!



## 6 What's This Say about God & Us?

- ☐ I wonder why this story is important?
- ☐ I wonder what we can learn from this story?
- ☐ I wonder how you praise God?
- ☐ I wonder what words you would use to praise God?

## 7 Exploration Stations

- ☐ Introduce the Exploration Stations you'll be doing. Review your rules for the Exploration Stations (quiet voices, share items, etc.).
  - **Tambourine Building Station:** Color the outside of your paper plate. Fold the paper plate in half and fill with dried beans. Staple shut. Shake your tambourine as you praise God with your words.
  - **Let's See! Story Station:** Re-create the story with the **Story Cards**.
  - **Picture the Story Station:** Color the picture on your **Discovery Guide**.
  - **Sculpt the Story Station:** Use Play-Doh to make something from the story.
  - **Play the Story Station:** Set out an assortment of toys (dolls, action figures, toys from a kid's meal). Act out and play through the story with the different toys.
- ☐ Invite kids to choose which station they go to. Kids can stay at one or visit multiple stations.
- ☐ As kids play, visit each station and ask questions about their play and how it relates to the story.
- ☐ Allow 15-20 minutes to explore. Announce when it's almost time to stop. Bring kids back to the gathering area before cleaning up.

## 8 Share Your Discovery

- ☐ Invite kids to share what they discovered about the Bible story. Share what you discovered as you interacted with the kids.
- ☐ Remind kids to use their **Discovery Guide** to keep exploring at home. Pray as a group, thanking God for leading their discoveries.
- ☐ Use a **Eureka! Jr. Stamp** to stamp each kid's **Discovery Guide** to show that they completed today's expedition.
- ☐ Play *Tidy-Up Song* from the **Eureka! Jr. DVD** or **CD** as the kids clean up the room.

## 9 Goodbye Blessing

- ☐ Using the other **Eureka! Jr. Stamp**, stamp each child's hand as you share the following blessing with each one.
  - **God is good! God is great! God made you! There is so much to be thankful for! Shout for joy and praise God!**

