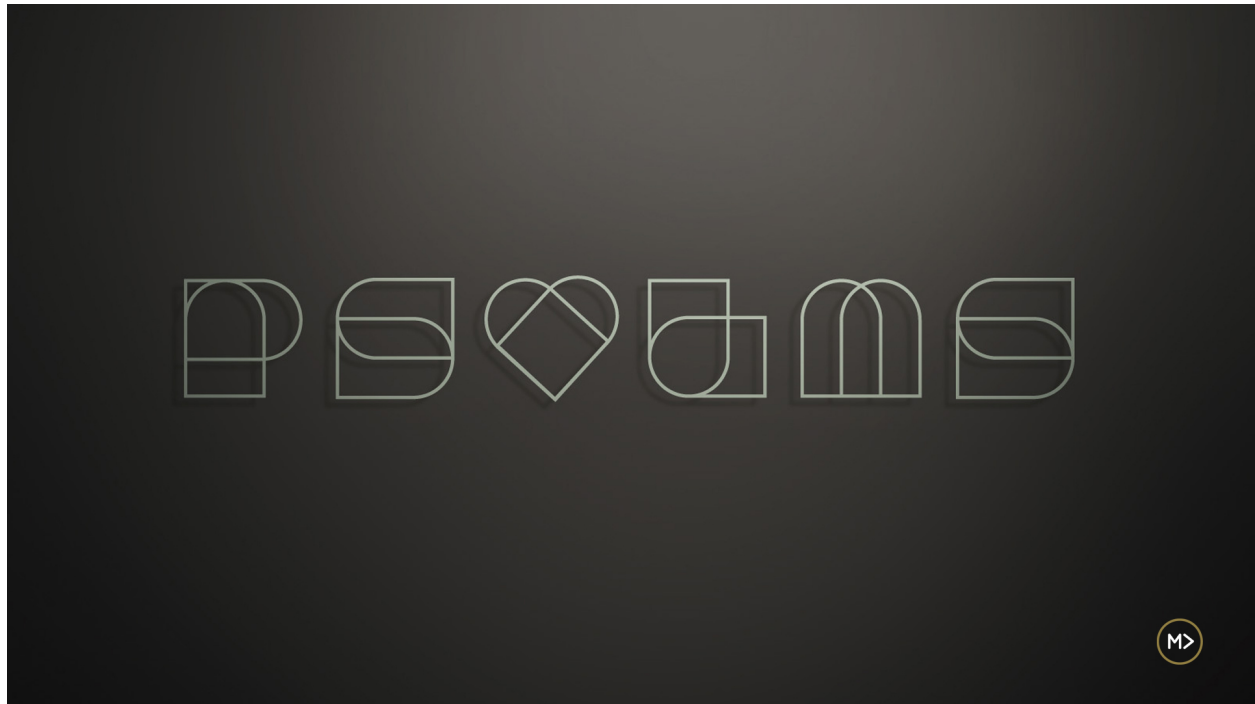


A MONTH IN THE PSALMS



Psalm 148

A Note to the Parents/Teachers

As we've journeyed through the Old Testament the past 6 months, we've seen a people who have endured a lot and need constant reminders of who God is, what He has done, and what He has promised. The Psalms were written to remind God's people of that Story, even in the midst of exile, loss, or hardship. Pray that it will also serve as a reminder for us.

- **Big Idea:** All things were created by God and all creation praises God!

Starter

- **Evidences of Grace**

Ask kids to share ways they've seen God at work lately. Anything, big or small, which is good is from God. When a kid shares, encourage everyone to thank God together.

- **BLESS Rhythms**

Go over the BLESS rhythms with the kids:

Bless, Listen, Eat, Speak, Sabbath.

Ask how they have lived these rhythms. Ask how we see Jesus do these in the Bible.

Sing Together

Psalm 148 (a summary)

The Psalms were written to help remind God's people, Israel, of the true story of the world they lived in, so that even during difficult times they would remember who created all things and who was in control of it all.

Psalm 148 says:

*Praise the LORD! Praise God from the skies,
praise him from the mountaintops;
Praise him, all his spiritual beings,
praise him, all his heavenly armies,
Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, you shining stars;
Praise him, highest heavens,
praise him, waters above the heavens;
Praise, oh let them praise the name of God—
for he spoke the word, and there they were!
He set them in place from all time to eternity;
He gave his orders, and that was it!*

*Praise the LORD from the earth,
all sea monsters and deepest oceans;
Fire and hail, snow and ice,
hurricanes obeying his orders;
Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and cedar forests;
Wild beasts and herds of cattle,
snakes, and birds in flight;
Earth's kings and all nations,
leaders and important people,
Young men and young women,
old gray hairs and little children.*

*Let them praise the name of God—it's the only Name worth praising.
His majesty covers all the earth and sky;
He has raised a horn of victory for his people,
Israel, all who trust the Lord, all who are close to him,
Praise the LORD together!*

For people back then, a horn was a sign of victory. When an army won in battle, they blew and shouted into rams horns to signify victory over enemies. Many years after this psalm, a man named Zechariah said that God raised a horn of salvation as Jesus was about to come into the world — because through Jesus God gave victory over sin and death, for all who trust Him!

[Dialogue Questions - you may use some or all]

- Which parts of creation did you hear about in this psalm? Which parts of creation praise God?
- Were there any scary parts of creation mentioned in the psalm? Do they also praise God?
- Why do we praise God? What does it mean that He has raised a horn of victory or salvation for us?
- What does praising God look like? Is it just singing? How can you live the rest of your life in praise to God?

Breakout Time

- **Prayer:**

God, thank You that You rule over everything and You are a good Ruler!

- **Craft:**

Color the attached paper and cut out on the lines. Roll the cutout and tape the sides together to make a horn shape. The kids can use it as a horn to speak through. Remind them that God has spoken victory over sin and death by raising a horn of salvation for us!

**He has raised up a horn of
salvation for His people!**

Luke 1:69 & Psalm 148:14