



PREPARE



BEFORE YOU BEGIN

TALK TOGETHER

TODAY, WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT WORDS.

If you think about it, words are funny things. They show up in different languages throughout the world! We can't touch them, but we feel their impact. Tiny or big, words have power. When we follow God, He helps us use words to encourage friends, spread love and give hope.

But there is something else that's super important we can use words for. **We can use our words to praise God!** That's just what the author of the Old Testament book of Psalms did! Can you think of three positive words that describe God?

Those are some great choices! Let's read Psalm 111 and see what words the psalmist used to praise God!



TALK TOGETHER
Family conversations with God's Word.



MORE TO EXPLORE
Discover how this conversation fits into God's Big Story.



THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET
Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.



COLORING PAGE
Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.



TALK TOGETHER

PRAISE THE LORD! I WILL GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD WITH MY WHOLE HEART, IN THE COMPANY OF THE UPRIGHT, IN THE CONGREGATION. GREAT ARE THE WORKS OF THE LORD, STUDIED BY ALL WHO DELIGHT IN THEM. FULL OF SPLENDOR AND MAJESTY IS HIS WORK, AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER. HE HAS CAUSED HIS WONDROUS WORKS TO BE REMEMBERED; THE LORD IS GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL. HE PROVIDES FOOD FOR THOSE WHO FEAR HIM; HE REMEMBERS HIS COVENANT FOREVER. HE HAS SHOWN HIS PEOPLE THE POWER OF HIS WORKS, IN GIVING THEM THE INHERITANCE OF THE NATIONS. THE WORKS OF HIS HANDS ARE FAITHFUL AND JUST; ALL HIS PRECEPTS ARE TRUSTWORTHY; THEY ARE ESTABLISHED FOREVER AND EVER, TO BE PERFORMED WITH FAITHFULNESS AND UPRIGHTNESS. HE SENT REDEMPTION TO HIS PEOPLE; HE HAS COMMANDED HIS COVENANT FOREVER. HOLY AND AWESOME IS HIS NAME! THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM; ALL THOSE WHO PRACTICE IT HAVE A GOOD UNDERSTANDING. HIS PRAISE ENDURES FOREVER!

(PSALM 111)

What are the first three words in this chapter? Yes! The first three words are, *Praise the Lord!* The psalmist praises God with words like righteous, gracious, merciful, faithful, just and trustworthy. Psalm 111 gives us many reasons to give God our praise. Here are a few:

- We should praise God for His great works.
- We should praise God for being gracious and merciful.
- We should praise God for keeping His promises.
- We should praise God for redeeming, or saving, His people.
- We should praise God for being holy and awesome!

Reasons for praising God don't stop in the Old Testament. Our God is eternal. His good works existed long before you were born and will continue forever. Every single thing God does is worthy of our praise. How awesome is that?!

Every day, challenge yourself to use your words to praise God. On the way to school, think about the incredible things He has done. Admire His beautiful creation when you stare at the sky. **Praise God because He is an awesome God!**



TALK TOGETHER



MORE TO EXPLORE



THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET



COLORING PAGE

* MORE TO EXPLORE

GOD'S BIG STORY

CREATION



EVERYTHING
GOD CREATED
WAS GOOD.

FALL



ADAM & EVE SINNED,
AND SIN PASSED TO
ALL PEOPLE, EVEN
YOU AND ME.



THOUGH ALL OF
US ARE SINNERS,
CHRIST DIED
FOR US.

RESTORATION



JESUS WILL
COME AGAIN.

FIND IT IN THE BIBLE: PSALMS

This week's story comes from the book of Psalms. The book of Psalms is in the Old Testament and is a collection of songs, praises and poems speaking to or about God. The Psalms were written throughout the time period of the Old Testament, and many were written by King David.

READ



Did you know Psalm 112 is meant to be read with Psalm 111? Take some time to read through Psalm 112. What similarities do verse 1 of Psalm 111 and verse 1 of Psalm 112 share?

OT-NT CONNECTION

This week's memory verse talks about God redeeming the Israelites. Many years later, in the New Testament, God sent Jesus to die for the sins of the world so anyone who trusts Jesus as their Savior could be redeemed. **Read Ephesians 1:3-8.**

- What does verse 7 say Christians have because of Jesus' death and resurrection on the cross?
- How can you praise God for the redemption He made available through Jesus?

CAN YOU ONLY PRAISE GOD IN A CHURCH?

No! While a church is a wonderful place to gather with fellow believers and worship God, it's not the only place you can praise Him. In the Bible, we can read about people praising God in various locations including the street (John 12:12-16) and even in jail (Acts 16:25)!

CAN ANYONE PRAISE GOD?

Yes! Anyone and anything that is a creation of God can and should bring Him praise. He is worthy of ALL praise. Psalm 150:6 says anything that has breath should praise the Lord!

JOURNAL



Let's make a word collage! Grab two sheets of paper, glue, scissors and some colorful markers. Use the first piece of paper and some scissors to cut out various shapes in all different sizes. You could make a heart, circle, star or even a lightning bolt! Now, think of different words that describe and praise God. Write one word down on each piece of paper. Finally, combine the shapes with words by gluing them onto the second piece of paper. It's OK if they overlap. Copy down the words you chose in your journal. When you talk to God, look at your word collage and use one of the words to praise Him in your prayer!

★ THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

♥ MEMORIZE

*HE SENT
REDEMPTION TO
HIS PEOPLE; HE
HAS COMMANDED
HIS COVENANT
FOREVER. HOLY
AND AWESOME IS
HIS NAME.*

(PSALM 111:9)

Q: WHY DID THE PSALMIST GIVE THANKS TO GOD?

A: HE IS AN AWESOME GOD!

WRITE

Prayers of praise to God don't have to be said; they can also be sung! Help your child write a prayer of praise for your family to sing before their next meal.

SHARE

What words of praise do you think of when you think about God? Share those words with your children.

WATCH



Help your child learn their verse by watching this week's Memory Melody video!

PRAY

DEAR LORD, YOU ARE HOLY. YOU ARE AWESOME. YOU ARE LORD ABOVE ALL THINGS. THANK YOU FOR LOVING ME. THANK YOU FOR BEING MY GOD AND GIVING ME WORDS TO PRAISE YOU WITH. AMEN.

FIND

This week's verse is found in the book of Psalms. Help your child find the book of Psalms. Is this book in the Old or New Testament? How many chapters are there?

PRAISE

Waymaker by Michael W. Smith is one of the songs on the sing playlist. Listen to that song and help your child pick out three words used to describe God. Now listen to it again and sing along!

CRAFT

Make some noise! Help your child make an instrument to play while you sing along to this week's playlist! Here are two ideas:

Make a Drum

Items needed: Empty oatmeal container, two wooden spoons. Empty the oatmeal container. Let your child use two wooden spoons to hit against the container to make a drum sound.

Make a Shaker

Items needed: Empty toilet paper roll, dried rice or beans, thick tin foil, rubber bands. Take an empty toilet paper roll and fill it with dried rice or beans. Wrap the ends in two layers of thick tin foil and place rubber bands around the ends to hold the foil in place.

SING



Listen to this playlist to give thanks to God all week long!

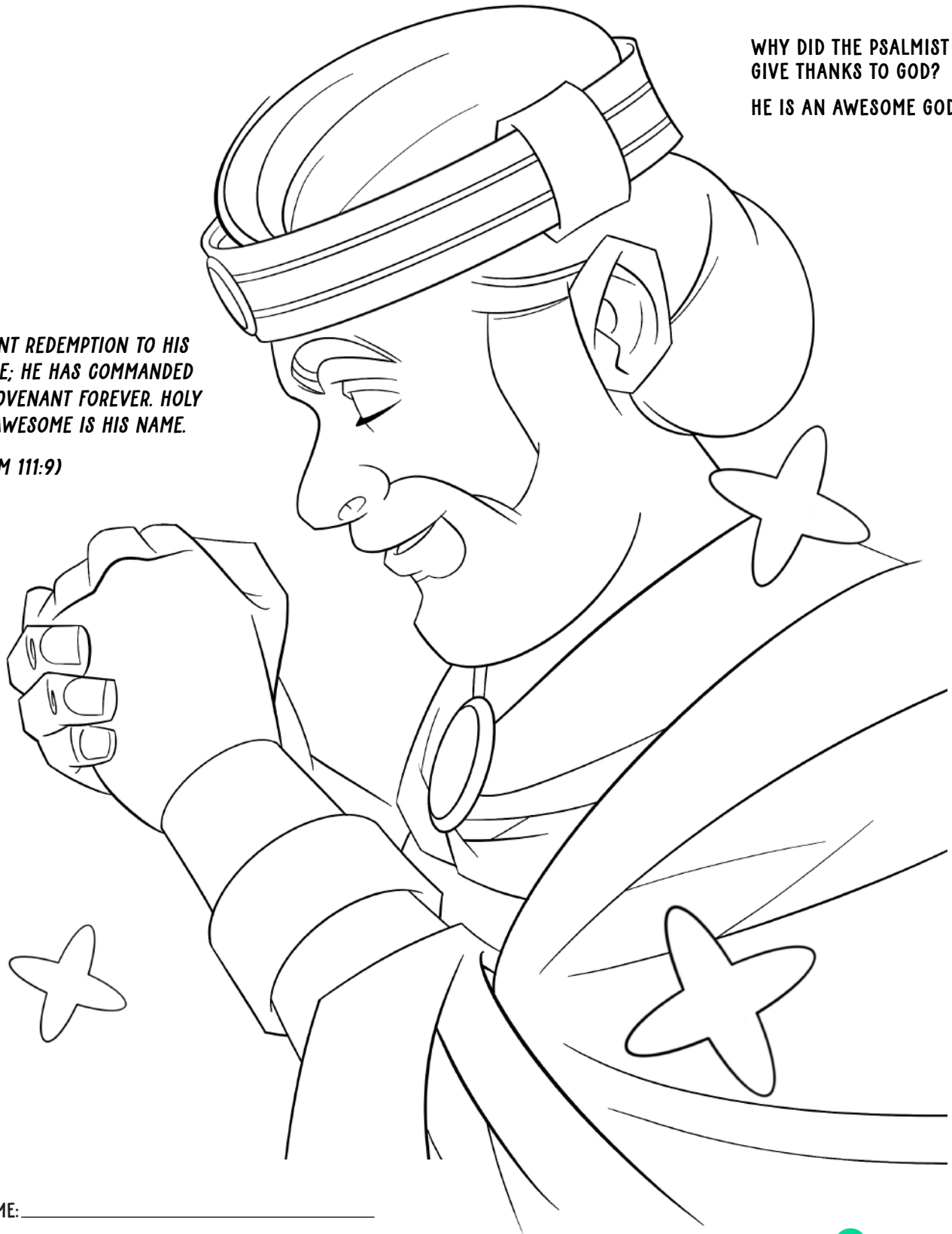
**SCAN HERE TO LISTEN
WHEREVER YOU ARE!**

COLORING PAGE

WHY DID THE PSALMIST
GIVE THANKS TO GOD?
HE IS AN AWESOME GOD!

HE SENT REDEMPTION TO HIS
PEOPLE; HE HAS COMMANDED
HIS COVENANT FOREVER. HOLY
AND AWESOME IS HIS NAME.

(PSALM 111:9)



NAME: _____