

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

GIVING THANKS AND PRAISE!

Objectives to be Understood: 1) there are different ways to give thanks and praise, and; 2) to practice giving thanks and praise to God!

Materials: Set out materials such as: paper, markers, crayons, pencils, glue, scissors, streamers (for dancing or let child choose use), musical instruments (such as bells, play guitar, tambourine), etc.

Parent/Teacher Script: When you thank God, it lets Him know that you appreciate what He has done for you. When good things happen to you, know that it is always your heavenly Father because He only does good things, so remember to thank Him! Let's each thank Him now! I'll start. Father, I thank you for _____. Does anyone else want to thank heavenly Father?

Praise blesses and glorifies your heavenly Father! Can you think of some ways that you can offer your heavenly Father thanks, praise and worship?

Here are some ideas:

- ❖ You could write a love letter or a poem and read it to Him-- that's praise from your heart and your mouth.
- ❖ You can make up a beautiful new song and sing it to Him.
- ❖ You can thank God and let Him know that you appreciate His love to you and others.
- ❖ You could bow down and worship Him and say wonderful words to Him that you think of from your heart, like Alleluia!
- ❖ You can worship Him by lifting up your hands to Him and singing or talking to Him.
- ❖ You can move your body in a beautiful dance before Him in praise to His Holy name.
- ❖ You can draw your heavenly Father a picture of things you like and enjoy that He has created. Then speak to Him with your words to say how much you appreciate Him for creating all things.
- ❖ Rejoice and talk about your God! Your heavenly Father loves you! So think of what you want to do to give heavenly Father your love with thanks, praise and worship!

After you make or plan something, if you want to share, we will thank and praise God with you for your special gift to Him!

Scriptures:

James 1:17; I Thessalonians 5:18; Psalm 34:1, 50:23; Psalm 145:21; Psalm 149:1; Psalm 136:1; Psalm 95:6; Revelation 19:1; Psalm 134:2; Psalm 149:3; Psalm 107-21-22