

I REMEMBER!

Start with the first letter in each row. Cross out the first letter and every other letter to find important words from today's Bible story. If you know how the word was important in the story, say, "I Remember!" Tell your answer to a friend.

UNIT VERSE

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!  
PSALM 95:6 (ESV)

K P E R V A M I W S O E  
L T D H O A S N P K C S  
H S R I Y N Z G K I D N J G  
W M F U O S P I N C  
I T B E X M U P E L A E  
B O W F N F K E M R G I Q N D G  
Z R S E P B J U K I R L M D

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PLAY BALL!

Circle each ball that contains words a person might use to thank or praise God. Place a check mark beside each circled ball that has words a church might use to sing praise or thanks to God.

~~You give us what we need.~~

~~God is loving and kind.~~

~~I love You.~~

~~I am glad You give us everything we need.~~

~~I can do anything all by myself.~~

~~What a mighty God we serve!~~

Can you think of a praise song you like? Sing it with your friends as praise and thanks to God!

Now, read with your group the ones you marked with a check mark. That is praising God together.

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## CONVERSATION

### The People Sang

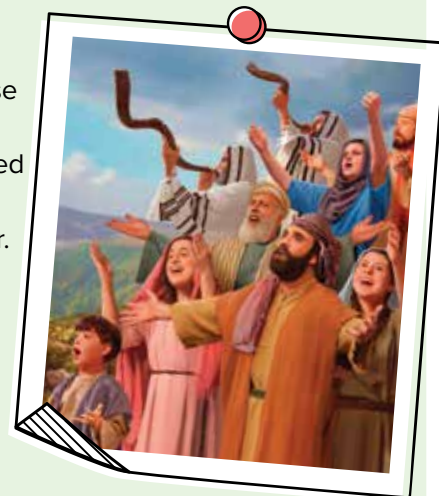
**EZRA 2:68-70; 3:1-13**

When God's people arrived at the house of the Lord in Jerusalem, they willingly gave offerings. Their offerings were used to help pay for the temple to be built again. They gave gold. They gave silver. They gave clothing for the priests.

The people began building the altar for the temple. They set up the altar. They were afraid their enemies might attack while they gave their offerings. Even though they were afraid, they gave their special offerings. They gave them in the morning. They gave them at night.

They found stonemasons to build more of the temple. When the base of the temple was finished, the people dressed in their best clothes. They brought trumpets and cymbals. They played music. They sang praise to God. They sang thanks to God. All the people gave great shouts of praise.

Some of the older people cried as they remembered the first temple. The noise from the people could be heard from far away, but those hearing the sounds could not tell the difference between the crying and shouting because everyone was so loud.



#### THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today your child heard that the church sings to praise and thank God. When the Israelites returned from Babylon, they thanked God that the temple was being rebuilt. How does your family praise and thank God?

#### LIVE IT OUT

We can praise and thank God by singing to Him. Remind your child that the Book of Psalms is a book of songs. Help your child memorize Psalm 95:6. Lead your child to kneel and give thanks to God for who He is and what He has done.

#### LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God wants people to gather to worship Him.

#### DAILY BIBLE READING

**Sunday:** Psalm 95:6

**Monday:** James 5:13

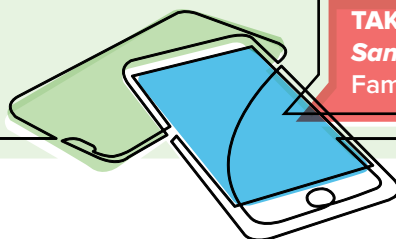
**Tuesday:** Psalm 100:1-2

**Wednesday:** Acts 16:25

**Thursday:** Revelation 15:3

**Friday:** Psalm 9:11

**Saturday:** Ezra 3:11



**TAKE IT FURTHER:** Check out the *The People Sang* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.