

LESSON 5 I CAN PRAISE GOD WITH A JOYFUL HEART

EXPERIENCE IT! SCRIPT

Today let's pretend you're on a movie set. The Props Master, the person in charge of gathering props for the movie, ran out of time and wasn't able to get all of the props needed. He asked you, the Props Team, to help him create the movie scenes with only these ... Give each kid a half pool noodle.

Oh, no! How in the world are you going to use these pool noodles to make the movie come to life? I have full confidence you can do it! During today's part of God's big story, I'll give you different scenes to create or parts to act out in the story. You must use at least one pool noodle to help the Props Master create each scene! Are you up to the task? Allow kids to respond. **Awesome! And one last thing, you must create as quickly as possible. The movie's completion deadline is fast approaching, and we don't have much time. If you're ready, let's roll the film!**

Play the Film Projector Sound Clip. Then fade the volume of the sound clip.

David wrote many psalms as he prayed and worshiped God. A lot of them were song poems that were meant to be sung to God, who is worthy of our praise. David had seen God do amazing things in his life. God had helped him defeat a giant warrior named Goliath. Props Team, go!

Play the Epic Giant Battle Sound Clip as kids create the scene of David defeating the giant Goliath using the pool noodles. Then fade the sound.

God had protected David from wild animals and from men who wanted to kill him. Props Team, go! Play the Growling Lion Sound Clip as the kids create the scene. Then fade the sound. **God made David king over all of Israel, and He gave him a kingdom that would never end. Props Team, go!** Play the King's Triumph Sound Clip, then fade. **God was always willing to forgive David when he sinned and repented and turned back to God and His good ways.**

Because of all the ways God had been faithful to him, David knew that God was worthy of praise. David wanted to sing songs of joy to Him because our God is amazing! Props Team, go! Play the Joyful Sound Clip as kids create the scene. Then fade the sound.

When David was in the desert in Judah, the southern part of Israel, he wrote Psalm 63. It would have been hot and sunny, which is probably why he starts out this psalm talking about being thirsty. Props Team, go! Play the Desert Sound Clip as kids create the scene. Then fade the sound. **David says his desire for God is like wanting water when you're in a hot desert! God is the only one who can satisfy that thirst!**

David wrote, "I have seen you in the sacred tent. There I have seen your power and your glory" (Psalm 63:2). David had praised God and had seen His power and glory in the tabernacle, the place where God's people worshiped Him and where God's presence was.

Because he had experienced the amazing love of God, David said, "I will praise you as long as I live. I will call your name when I lift up my hands in prayer" (Psalm 63:4). Props Team, go! Play the Prayer Sound Clip as kids create the scene. Then fade the sound. **When David joyfully praises God, he feels like he's just eaten a delicious meal—nothing is better!**

All night long, David remembers how God has helped him and cared for him. He holds on to God,

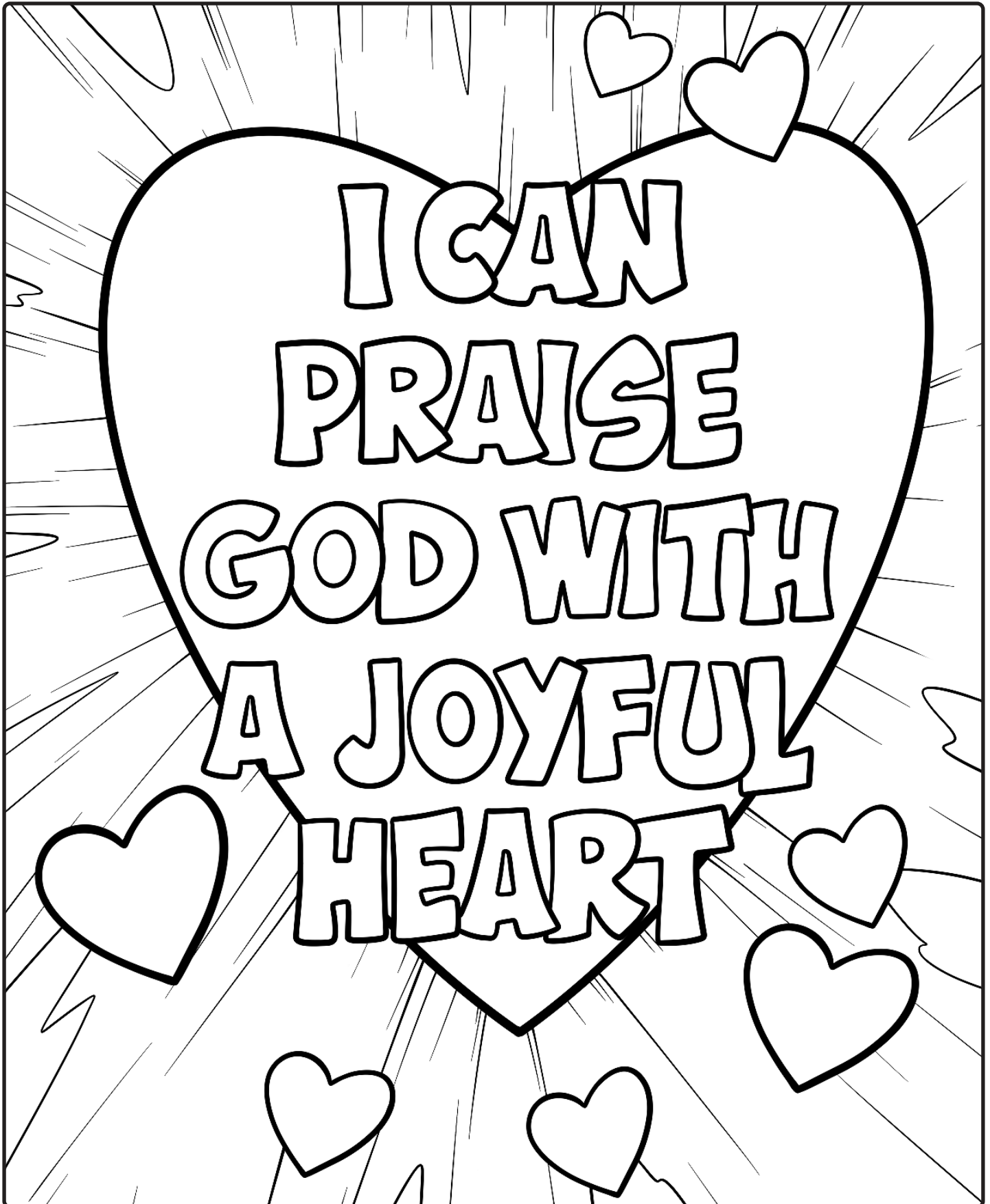
who protects him with His power. Props Team, go! Play the Night Ambience Sound Clip as kids create the scene. Then fade the sound.

In another song poem, Psalm 108, David praises God joyfully because of all He has done. He says he will sing songs of worship on the harp and the lyre—instruments he can use to praise God. David is so excited to praise God that he wants to get up before the sun, so he has all day long to worship!

God is worthy of praise in all parts of the world—every nation and every people need to hear about our amazing God! David wrote, “Lord, I will praise you among the nations. I will sing about you among the people of the earth” (Psalm 108:3). Props Team, go! Play the Around the World Sound Clip as kids create the scene. Then fade the sound.

The love of God stretches beyond the heavens, and His faithfulness reaches to the sky. God’s love and faithfulness are bigger than anything we can imagine. Because of all of God’s great works, He is worthy of honor everywhere. His glory and amazingness reaches throughout the earth—He is good to everything He has made.

David praised God with a joyful heart because God had been faithful to him. God had shown David His great love. God does the same for us—He loves us so much. God created all things, He’s Lord of everything, His great love is amazing, and His glory is incredible. God is worthy of praise! Props Team, go! Play the Final Joy Sound Clip as kids create the final scene. Then fade the sound. Encourage and congratulate the kids for their creativity and hard work in making all the scenes with just those simple props!



Dear God,

**How You
made me**

**is amazing
and wonderful.**

Love, _____

Dear God,

**How You
made me**

**is amazing
and wonderful.**

Love, _____

A Psalm of _____ .
God, You are my God.
I have seen You _____ .
There I have seen Your power and Your glory.
Your love is better than

Lord, I will praise You when

I give You thanks, because You

I think of You when _____ .
I will sing to You when _____ .
You have helped me by _____ .
I reach out for You,
and You hold me up.
Your love is great, and I see it when

You are faithful, God.
Let everyone on earth, including _____ ,
hear about Your goodness.