

# Activity Pages

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## Fall Quarter 2021 Celebrating God

### *THESE ACTIVITY PAGES ARE DESIGNED TO:*

- Engage students in a way that lecture and open-ended discussion don't.
- Gain insight on what has been learned and what hasn't.
- Encourage students to learn from one another and build vital relationships, in keeping with Proverbs 27:17 and Galatians 6:2.

### *TIPS FOR USING ACTIVITY PAGES:*

- Instructions are on each lesson's "Involvement Learning" page (for teachers) and Activity Page (for students).
- Use these pages as optional alternatives for "Involvement Learning" activities.
- Limit individual work time and focus on facilitating discussion among learners.
- Encourage students to complete take-home work by discussing their results in the next class session.

### *MAXIMIZE GROUP ACTIVITY TIME!*

- Instead of viewing group activities as empty time for you as the teacher, look for opportunities to encourage and challenge your students.
- Pray silently during the activity for the participants' spiritual growth! Pray for them by name, calling on the Lord to bless each person.
- Circulate among the groups of learners and observe their interactions to discover your learners' level of spiritual maturity.
- Pray that the Spirit will fall on your classroom, equipping your students with knowledge and filling them with passion to boldly proclaim the good news.

# PRAISE WITH MUSIC

*Lesson 1, Exodus 15:11-21, NIV*

## THE PROBLEMS BEFORE THE PRAISE

The praise in today's text came only after God's people were terrified for their lives! In the spaces below, work with a partner to list the events that caused confusion or fear before the praise.

- A. Exodus 14:1-4 \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Exodus 14:5-9 \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Exodus 14:10-14 \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Exodus 14:15-20 \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Exodus 14:21-31 \_\_\_\_\_

In the space below, jot down one problem that caused you to fear until God helped you with the problem—and then you praised him for it. Share this with your study partner.

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In the space below, jot down one problem you're facing today. How does the above study, combined with your own experience with God, strengthen your courage to praise him even though the problem is not yet solved?

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## HIS LOVE LASTS MY WHOLE LIFE

After describing each mighty act of God in Psalm 136, the psalmist uses the phrase "His love endures forever." What has God done that causes you to say the same thing? Write your own psalm of praise by filling in the three blanks below. Time limit of one minute.

*God gave me* \_\_\_\_\_.

*His love endures forever.*

*God rescued me from* \_\_\_\_\_.

*His love endures forever.*

*God sustained me when* \_\_\_\_\_.

*His love endures forever.*

## NEW TESTAMENT WORSHIP

Work with classmates to complete this listing. The “other” entries at the bottom offer you opportunities to include additional texts not listed.

<u>Scripture</u>	<u>What the Text Implies About Worship Today</u>
John 4:23-24	_____
	_____
Romans 12:1	_____
	_____
1 Corinthians 14:26	_____
	_____
Hebrews 12:28	_____
	_____
Revelation 14:7	_____
	_____
[Other?]	_____
	_____
[Other?]	_____
	_____

Would you describe the above in terms of an “artist’s conception” (general principles) or more in terms of a “blueprint” (exact details)? Why?

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# PRAISE BY EXPECTING AND FOLLOWING

Lesson 3, Mark 10:46-52, NIV

## ONE STORY, THREE VERSIONS

Underline in **brown** the wording that is common to all three accounts.

Underline in **blue** the wording that is common to Matthew and Mark but not Luke.

Underline in **green** the wording that is common to Matthew and Luke but not Mark.

Underline in **orange** wording that is common to Luke and Mark but not Matthew.

Underline in **red** any wording that is unique to one of Matthew, Mark, or Luke.

Matthew 20:29-34	Mark 10:46-52	Luke 18:35-43
As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"	Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "son of Timaeus"), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"	As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"
The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"	Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"	Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"
Jesus stopped and called them.	Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you."	Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him.
	Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.	When he came near, Jesus asked him,
"What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. "Lord," they answered, "we want our sight."	"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."	"What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord, I want to see," he replied.
Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.	"Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.	Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.

What do you learn from this exercise? \_\_\_\_\_

Why might Mark's account be longer than the other two, even though his is the shortest of the Gospels? \_\_\_\_\_

## MORE ON BAPTISM

Work with a partner to summarize what each of these passages says about Christian baptism. You can add additional passages if you think others should be included.

Matthew 28:19-20 \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 2:38-39 \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 19:1-7 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 6:1-7 \_\_\_\_\_

Galatians 3:27 \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 4:5 \_\_\_\_\_

Colossians 2:9-12 \_\_\_\_\_

Titus 3:4-7 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Peter 3:20-22 \_\_\_\_\_

[Other?] \_\_\_\_\_

[Other?] \_\_\_\_\_

Based on your study above, summarize baptism in these terms:

Who? \_\_\_\_\_ What? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

When? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_ How? \_\_\_\_\_

## IMPORTANT IDEAS FROM PSALM 100

Find each of the words listed below in this word-search puzzle. Then find the words in Psalm 100. Why is each significant?

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

### WORD BOX

ENTER  
LORD  
GENERATIONS  
PASTURE  
GLADNESS  
PRAISE  
GOD  
THANKSGIVING

## GOD IS KING

Psalms 95–100 are sometimes grouped as “kingship psalms” because of the way they focus on God as ruler of all. List reasons God deserves to be called king, according to each of the following.

Psalm 95:1-7 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 98:1-3, 9 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 96:8-10 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 99 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 97:1-9 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 100 \_\_\_\_\_

# PRAISE FOR GOD'S ULTIMATE JUSTICE

*Lesson 6, Psalm 9:1-12, NIV*

## WHAT'S THE TRUTH ABOUT POVERTY?

Do internet searches to discover answers to the questions below.

How is poverty defined? \_\_\_\_\_

What percentage of the world's population lives in poverty? \_\_\_\_\_

What are major causes of poverty? \_\_\_\_\_

What are some widely held myths about poverty? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is poverty an important issue? \_\_\_\_\_

In what ways, if at all, is poverty linked to oppression? \_\_\_\_\_

## TALKING ABOUT POVERTY

Based on your Scripture and internet studies today, how would you respond to someone who made any of the following statements?

“Really, there’s nothing we can do about poverty. No matter how we try to help, poverty won’t go away.”

“It’s terrible that people suffer from poverty. But our biggest concern should be the eternal salvation of people, not their earthly troubles.”

“I’ve worked hard to earn my blessings. Why don’t all these poor people work as hard as I do?”

“I don’t understand why God is so concerned about poverty when this world will all come to an end someday anyway.”



# PRAISE GOD FOR PAST DELIVERANCE

*Lesson 7, Psalm 107:1-9, 39-43, NIV*

## TO CRY FOR HELP

Look at all of Psalm 107 to discern a pattern of crying for help in times of trouble and the ways God answered. Describe them below:

Psalm 107:6-7 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 107:13-14 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 107:19-20 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 107:28-30 \_\_\_\_\_

Examine Psalm 107:8, 15, 21, and 31, which are all worded identically. Describe how the psalmist desired people to respond to God's help.

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## PSALM 107 REFLECTED IN SCRIPTURE

Read each of the following passages and jot down the words or themes present in both places.

Reference	Repeated Words or Themes	Psalm 107 verse
Isaiah 62:12		
Psalm 38:6		
Psalm 50:15		
Psalm 99:3		
Hosea 14:9		
Luke 1:53		
Luke 13:29		

# PRAISE GOD FOR HIS PRESENCE

*Lesson 8, Psalm 84, NIV*

## WHERE GOD DWELLS

Consider the following passages to discover what the Bible says about God's heavenly and earthly dwelling places. What new concept is present in the New Testament era?

Exodus 15:13, 17 \_\_\_\_\_

Exodus 25:8 \_\_\_\_\_

Exodus 29:45-46 \_\_\_\_\_

Leviticus 26:11 \_\_\_\_\_

Deuteronomy 12:5 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 43:3-4 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 74:2 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 135:21 \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 66:1 \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 2:19-22; 3:16-18 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Timothy 1:1 \_\_\_\_\_

James 4:5 \_\_\_\_\_

## HEART TEST

Take a moment three times daily in the week ahead to jot down ways you know God is in your heart and/or steps you're taking to welcome him to stay there.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning							
Afternoon							
Evening							

# PRAISE GOD FOR HIS GREATNESS

*Lesson 9, Psalms 149:1-5; 150:1-6, NIV*

## PRAISE GOD ANYWAY!

Consider these quotes from men and women who have discovered the value of praise in difficult times as well as in easy situations. Put an X next to the quote that most speaks to you; write a sentence at the bottom to explain why.

\_\_\_\_\_ “The point is not to completely understand God but to worship him. Let the very fact that you cannot know him fully lead you to praise him for his infiniteness and grandeur.”  
—Francis Chan

\_\_\_\_\_ “When we complain about our current situation, we remain in it; when we praise God in the midst of difficulty, he raises us out of it.” —Joyce Meyer

\_\_\_\_\_ “Praise is declaration, a victory cry, proclaiming faith to stand firm in the place God has given you. Praise is a proclamation that the enemy’s intent to plunder you will not rock you. Praise declares that you will not be moved by the enemy’s attempt to snatch you away.” —Darlene Zschech

\_\_\_\_\_ “We can always find a reason to praise. Situations change for better and for worse, but God’s worth never changes.” —Matt Redman

\_\_\_\_\_ “Satan’s aim is to destroy our joy and trust and delight in God, and to make God look worthless in the world’s eyes. Every time someone forsakes God for the world, gets angry at God when part of the world is taken away from them, they highlight the world as valuable . . . and every time someone stays with God, when the world is taken away, and praises God, they highlight the value and glory of God.” —John Piper

\_\_\_\_\_ “The deepest level of worship is praising God in spite of pain, trusting him during a trial, surrendering while suffering, and loving him when he seems distant.” —Rick Warren

\_\_\_\_\_ “In a sense, we are better prepared to praise God than the angels are, for angels have never known the joy of redemption.” —David Jeremiah

Reasons for my choices:

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## POWER AND AUTHORITY

Not everyone who has *the power* (the ability) to do something has *the authority* (the right) to do it, and vice versa. In the two boxes on the left, put some examples of each. Then enter facts in the two boxes on the right as indicated.

<b>Has Power but Not Authority</b>	<b>Power Words in Today's Text</b>
<b>Has Authority but Not Power</b>	<b>Authority Words in Today's Text</b>

Complete this sentence: God's power and authority are complete because \_\_\_\_\_

## NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD

The song "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus" has been sung by generations of Christians. How well do you know it? Find out by seeing if you can unscramble its lyrics below.

<b>W R O N G</b>	Flow precious the is O Snow me white makes that as Fount know I other no, Jesus blood of nothing but the	my see for this pardon I Jesus blood of nothing but the my cleansing for this plea my Jesus blood of nothing but the
<b>R I G H T</b>		

# GOD OF POWER

Lesson 11, Revelation 11:15-19, NIV

## THE PERFECT NUMBER

Using the text of Revelation alone, take no more than one minute to put an X under chapters that have one or more occurrences of the perfect number. No concordances or Bible-search apps allowed!

### Chapters in Revelation featuring the words *seven* or *seventh*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22

(Hint: you should have 14 or 15 chapters marked with an X.)

## HOW LONG?

In what single way does each of the following reflect the conclusion of Revelation 11:15?

Exodus 15:18 \_\_\_\_\_

Daniel 7:14 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalms 10:16 \_\_\_\_\_

Micah 4:5 \_\_\_\_\_

Daniel 2:44 \_\_\_\_\_

Zechariah 14:9 \_\_\_\_\_

## TODAY AND TOMORROW

How does the text's picture of future reality encourage you to deal with your present reality?

The most pressing issue I'm facing this week is \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Scripture encourages me to deal with today because of this that it says about the future:

# MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB

Lesson 12, Revelation 19:1-8, NIV

## WEDDINGS

Circulate among your classmates and have each person put his or her initials beside *one* of the affirmations below.

- \_\_\_ 1. I am married.
- \_\_\_ 2. I have been married 10 years or more.
- \_\_\_ 3. I have given a wedding toast.
- \_\_\_ 4. I have a child who is married.
- \_\_\_ 5. I have been a best man or maid of honor.
- \_\_\_ 6. We eloped.
- \_\_\_ 7. I have a grandchild who is married.
- \_\_\_ 8. We were married in a church.



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## OT IN NT

Match the verse from the Old Testament with the verse in Revelation 19 that best reflects it.

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| _____ 1. Revelation 19:2 | A. Deuteronomy 32:43 |
| _____ 2. Revelation 19:3 | B. Psalm 134:1       |
| _____ 3. Revelation 19:5 | C. Isaiah 34:9-10    |
| _____ 4. Revelation 19:6 | D. Ezekiel 1:24      |



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# GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

Lesson 13, Acts 10:34-47, NIV

## WHO IS MY GENTILE?

In the spaces below, write down the name of three nonbelievers and a way you'll demonstrate God's love to at least one of them this week.

Name	Loving Action

## BROKEN BARRIERS

In the spaces below, write down places or relationships—ones you're very familiar with—where barriers need to be broken.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_



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In what way can you bring the love of Christ into one of these situations in the week ahead?

## Lesson 1

### The Problems Before the Praise:

- A—Pharaoh would chase after the Israelites.
- B—Pharaoh chased after them with his army and chariots and overtook them by the Red Sea.
- C—The Israelites were extremely afraid and cried out to God.
- D—God told Moses to lift up his rod and part the sea so the people could go through on dry land.
- E—The Israelites passed through safely, but all the Egyptians were drowned when the sea returned to its place.

**His Love Lasts My Whole Life:** *responses may vary*

## Lesson 2

**New Testament Worship:** *responses may vary*

## Lesson 3

**One Story, Three Versions:** *responses may vary*

## Lesson 4

**More on Baptism:** *responses may vary*

## Lesson 5

### Important Ideas From Psalm 100:

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

**God Is King:** *responses may vary*

## Lesson 6

**What's The Truth About Poverty?:** *responses may vary*

**Talking About Poverty:** *responses may vary*

## Lesson 7

**To Cry For Help:** *responses may vary*

### Psalm 107 Reflected In Scripture:

Isaiah 62:12, “the Redeemed of the Lord” (compare Psalm 107:2); Psalm 38:6, “bowed down” (compare Psalm 107:39); Psalm 50:15, “call on me in the day of trouble” (compare Psalm 107:6); Psalm 99:3, “Let them praise” (compare Psalm 107:8); Hosea 14:9, “Who is wise? Let them realize these things” (compare Psalm 107:43); Luke 1:53, “filled the hungry with good things” (compare Psalm 107:9); Luke 13:29, “from the east and west and north and south” (compare Psalm 107:3)

## Lesson 8

**Where God Dwells:** *responses may vary*

**Heart Test:** *responses may vary*

## Lesson 9

**Praise God Anyway!:** *responses may vary*

## Lesson 10

**Power and Authority:** Several answers are possible. But at least, the word *throne* should be categorized as an authority word; the words *feed them*, *lead them*, and *might* are power words.

### Nothing but the Blood:

O precious is the flow  
that makes me white as snow;  
no other fount I know;  
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see:  
nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
For my cleansing this my plea:  
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

## Lesson 11

### The Perfect Number:

Chapters in Revelation featuring the words *seven* or *seventh*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
X	X	X	X	X	X <sup>a</sup>		X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X					X

<sup>a</sup>Note: Some versions of the Bible don't have the number in chapter 6.

**How Long?:** They all stress the eternal nature of the reign of God.

**Today and Tomorrow:** *responses may vary*

## Lesson 12

**Weddings:** *responses may vary*

**OT in NT:** 1–A; 2–C; 3–B; 4–D

## Lesson 13

**Who Is My Gentile?:** *responses may vary*

**Broken Barriers:** *responses may vary*