

We pray, “Glory to God!”

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Growing and Celebrating with Jesus

Lesson 14, Kindergarten

Lesson 14 Goal

- Your child will focus on praise to God and will relate this to the angels’ song of praise, which we sing at Mass.

Key Points

- Praising God means telling how wonderful he is.
- We praise God in the Mass when we sing “Glory to God.”



Parent Reflection

When we recognize Christ’s presence in our daily lives, we realize that things are not all up to us. We are relieved of the burden of facing overwhelming tasks, decisions, and situations without God’s help. Rather, we can do all things, through Jesus, who gives us strength (Philippians 4:13). God, who is much bigger than we are and worthy of our glory, will help us.

Another way in which giving God glory brings us peace is that this recognition of God brings structure to the chaos of our lives. Our priorities are reorganized when we place God first, giving him the glory he is due. When we know Jesus is with us, and we glorify the father, we put God first. While this also means some limits in our lives, God’s guidelines and rules are more about freeing us to be the people he truly made us to be. We don’t always know what will make us happy, but God knows his purpose for making us.

Finally, when we know Christ is with us, and when we give God glory over all else, wounds are healed and we are drawn closer to one another. The divisions among us begin to disappear, pain from past failures or broken relationships is dissipated, and we are formed as the Body of Christ. This truly is cause for rejoicing!

Reflection Question

How do I give glory to God in my daily life?

Lesson Preparation

Before inviting your child to sit with you for lesson time, prepare all materials.

Materials

- Family Activity Sheet
- crayons, colored pencils, or markers
- safety scissors
- dry beans
- lightweight paper plates
- crepe paper or ribbon

- stapler
- Activity Master #2 – Saint Page (Keep the saint page from each lesson to gather together a Communion of Saints Book created by your child.)

Preparation Steps

- Make sure your child has a copy of Activity Masters #2 (included with this lesson).

Create a prayerful space. You might place a candle on the table, or set a cross in front of you. Invite your child to join you in quietly preparing for prayer.

Say the following or similar words: “Now that we are in this prayerful space, let us find the quiet in our hearts so we can talk with God.”

Sit together for several seconds of shared silence.

Say, “Our God is great. God is so awesome; our minds can’t even understand his greatness! And when our hearts are full of God’s love and greatness, we like to talk and pray about it, so we praise God. We can praise God like the angels who said, ‘Glory to God in the highest!’ Every time we go to Mass, we praise God. Listen carefully to these words and tell me if you have ever heard them before:

*Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.”*

Discuss whether your child has heard this at Mass. Say that it is part of a prayer we call the “Glory to God.” Next, ask if he or she recognizes these words from the Mass:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Say, “Let’s praise God right now! I will say something about God’s greatness, and together we can shout these happy words, ‘Glory to God in the highest!’”

Begin in prayer:

Make the Sign of the Cross together or bless your child by tracing a cross on his or her forehead: “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

Parent: When we wake up in the morning to a beautiful day, we can say,

Together: Glory to God in the highest!

Parent: When we hear the crash of great waves or the rumbling of thunder, we can say,

Together: Glory to God in the highest!

Parent: When we have been sad or frightened and then we felt God was with us, we can say,

Together: Glory to God in the highest!

Discovering

A Good King. Turn to the first page of the Activity Sheet and read about King Hezekiah.

Ask your child, “How do we praise God in Mass

and at home?"

Turn to the second page of the Activity Sheet. Ask your child the "Ask Me!" questions and review the answers.

Exploring

Use the following activities to enrich your child's understanding of the lesson and of our Catholic faith.

1. Glory to God. Turn to the main activity of the Activity Sheet (center pages) and invite your child to describe what he or she sees. Give your child crayons or colored pencils. Explain the activity to your child and have him or her complete it.

2. Paper Plate Musical Shaker. Invite your child to make a musical shaker using the dry beans and paper plate. Have him or her color and decorate one side of a paper plate. Next, place some beans in the center of a paper plate. Fold the paper plate in half and place the ends of four long strips of crepe paper or ribbon inside the edges of the folded plate. Staple the edges of the plate together so that the beans stay inside and the streamers are secure. Invite your child to use his or her paper-plate musical shaker in a dance of praise to God. Have fun with your child in praising God through music and dance.

3. The Communion of Saints: Saint Tutilo. Show your child the picture of Saint Tutilo on the Family Activity page and read about him. Then read more about Saint Tutilo to your child (see page 4).

Ask your child:

► "What are some ways Tutilo and his friends used their talents to praise God?"

► "How did the monks make the music books they needed?"

► "What did you like most about this story?"

Have your child write and draw about Saint Tutilo using Activity Master #2.

Sending

Pray a prayer of praise with your child.

Begin by making the Sign of the Cross together, or bless your child by tracing a cross on his or her forehead.

Say, "Here is a wonderful prayer from the Bible where we praise God and tell him how wonderful he is!"

Praise God with trumpets.

Praise him with harps and lyres.

Praise him with drums and dancing.

Praise him with harps and flutes.

Praise him with cymbals.

Praise him with loud cymbals.

Praise the Lord, all living creatures!

Praise the Lord!

(Psalm 150)

Together:

Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory.

Amen!

(Roman Missal)

Saint Tutilo

Many Ways to Praise God

Note: *Explain to your child that a monastery is a place where religious brothers, sisters, or monks live, work, and pray.*

In the snowy mountains of Switzerland there was a large monastery, where holy men worked and prayed. They praised God through their prayer, but they also praised God by using their talents.

One day, travelers from Ireland arrived. Some of them decided to stay at this wonderful place. One was a young man named Tutilo. He was very smart, but he had many other talents from God, too.

Tutilo could paint colorful pictures. He carved statues. He made amazing things from

gold. He also wrote poems and music. His music was beautiful. Soon, most of the music the holy men used in their prayers was written by Tutilo.

Then, monks in other monasteries wanted to use Tutilo's music too. They would need music books. Since there were no computers or copy machines then, each music book was written by hand. Carefully, with ink and special pens, they wrote every page of music. Then they decorated the books with paintings in bright colors too. The music, the printing, and the paintings were all ways they praised God. And when the beautiful books went off to other monasteries, the men there could sing the music Tutilo wrote, and the songs of praise of God went on and on for years and years.

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**Saint
Tutilo,
pray for us!**