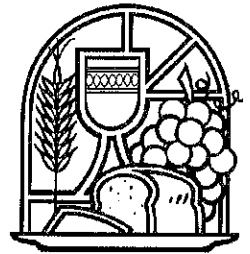


2nd Grade – Session 8 – We Praise and Thank God November 22/December 1, 2020



This Week's Lesson: Ch. 4 in the *Blest Are We* textbook
(we will have copies of the book pages for each child to use)

Gathering Activity:

- ☺ There is a worksheet called "Ways to Pray" that talks about different kinds of prayer. This would be a good way to start out your discussion.

Prayer Corners Ideas:

- ☺ Ask each child to name one thing in their life for which they are thankful. After they do respond together; "We praise and thank you Lord!"
- ☺ You could sing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow". This is called the Doxology. It's a short hymn of praise used in many Christian churches. Words are included in your lesson plan. I have a VBS video that has instrumental music and the words for you to follow. Remember, singing is a form of prayer!
- ☺ It might be fun to try to create some hand motions that would show praising God.

Share:

- ☺ Have the children draw a picture of their favorite holiday and ask them what they are most thankful for in that holiday. Share pictures.
- ☺ There is a worksheet you can use called "Special Days to Remember" to review this section.

Hear and Believe:

- ☺ The short video, "Angel's Prayer Lesson" helps us to learn why we pray and praise God. It is 12 minutes long.
- ☺ There is a worksheet available on times of day to pray. The important message with this activity is that we can pray anytime, and God will always listen!
- ☺ You might want to have the kids find the book of Psalms in the Bible. We attribute these 150 prayer/Psalms to David. Try looking up Psalm 92:1-5. This is included in the story from the textbook, and gives them good practice using the Bible.
- ☺ We have a nice book called "Thanksgiving Graces" that you could read to the class. Even if your class meets after Thanksgiving, it is good to talk about thankfulness and what an important part of our faith that is.

Respond:

- ☺ Decorate the Gloria Prayer that we use at mass. Glue it on construction paper and decorate the edges. Pray it together for your closing prayer. Send it home to put on the refrigerator. This would be a good prayer to pray before supper each night.
- ☺ Depending on your class date, Thanksgiving will be approaching soon or will just have been celebrated. You might want to ask the children if their families have any special prayer traditions that they do at Thanksgiving. Or talk about how we celebrate and offer thanks during this time of year.

4 We Praise and Thank God

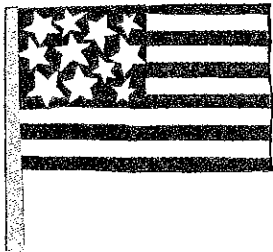


Sing to the LORD a new song.

Psalm 149:1

Share

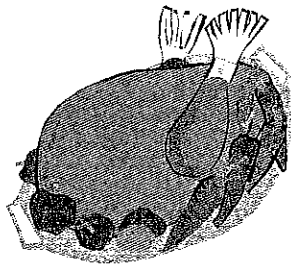
Celebrations are important times.
People come together to give thanks.
They say "thank you" for special people or gifts.



On the Fourth of July, we give thanks for freedom.



On birthdays we give thanks for life.



On Thanksgiving we give thanks for all our blessings.



On Valentine's Day we give thanks for friends.

1. Write the name of a celebration you enjoyed.

2. Write why you gave thanks.

Why do God's People give thanks?

Hear & Believe

Scripture King David Gives Thanks

King David loved God. He liked to lead the Jewish people in prayer. David liked to play the harp, dance, and sing. He sang about God's goodness. He thanked God for giving the people many gifts.

One day Jewish leaders brought the ark that held God's laws into David's city. David ordered musicians to play on their harps, lyres, and cymbals. Then David sang out,

"How good it is to give God thanks and glory!
I sing praise to your name, O God.
Every morning you are kind to me.
You are with me all day and all night.
Your goodness fills me with gladness.
I am happy because of the gifts you
give to me."

Based on 1 Chronicles 15 and Psalm 92:1-5



We Give Praise and Thanks

King David wrote many song-prayers called **psalms**. Our parish community sings special songs at Mass. We give **praise** and thanks to God with holy music.

Our Church Teaches

Prayer is talking to and listening to God. There are many kinds of prayer. Some prayers give thanks to God. Some prayers give praise for God's goodness. We can pray alone. We can pray with others. We can sing or play music as we pray.

We Believe

We pray when we sing, dance, or listen to holy music. Holy music helps us give praise and thanks to God.

Faith Words

praise

Praise is a joyful type of prayer. It celebrates God's goodness.

prayer

Prayer is talking to and listening to God.



How can we
praise and
thank God?

Respond

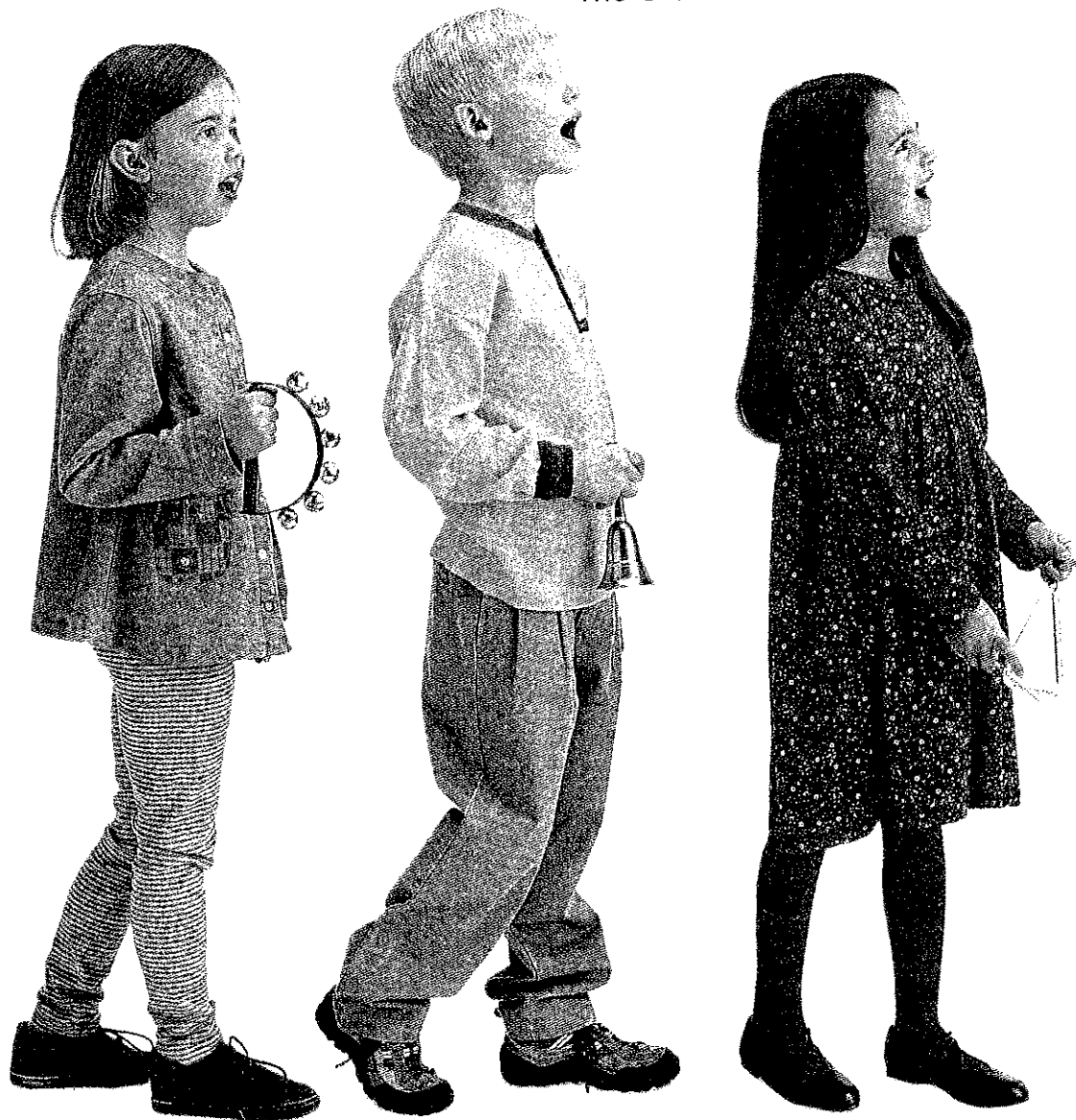
Glory to God

In the first part of the Mass, we usually sing "Glory to God." This special song is called the Gloria. It is a prayer of praise and thanks. This is how it begins.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

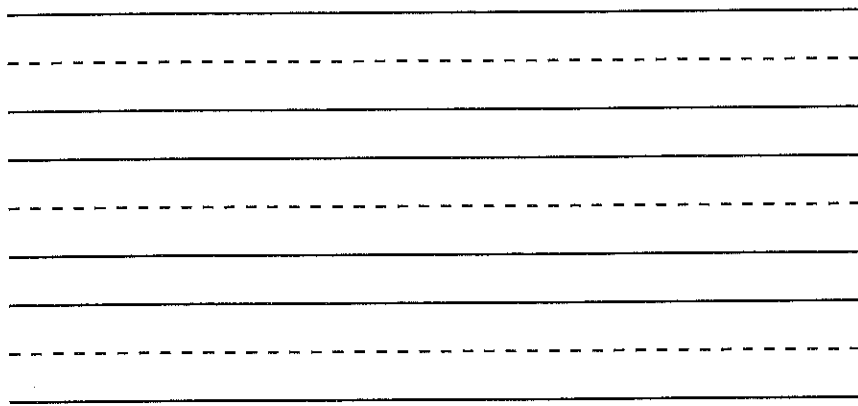
The Order of Mass



Activities

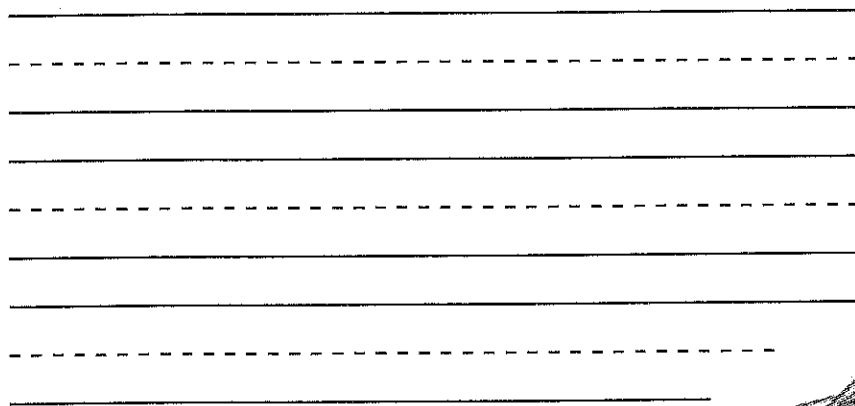
1. Write your own prayer of praise.

O God, I praise you for being

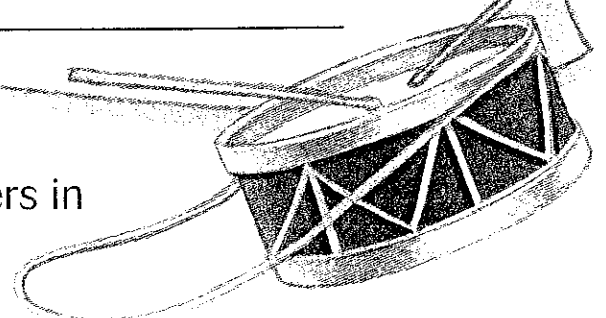


2. Write your own prayer of thanks.

O God, I thank you for



You will use these prayers in the Prayer Celebration.



How can we praise and thank God with song?

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

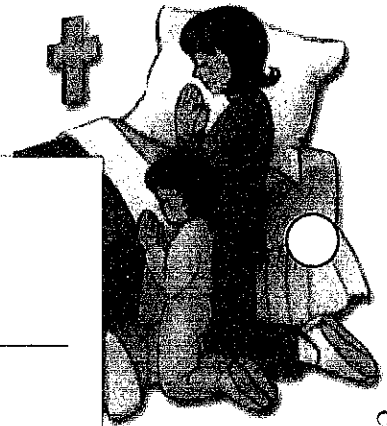
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

Amen!

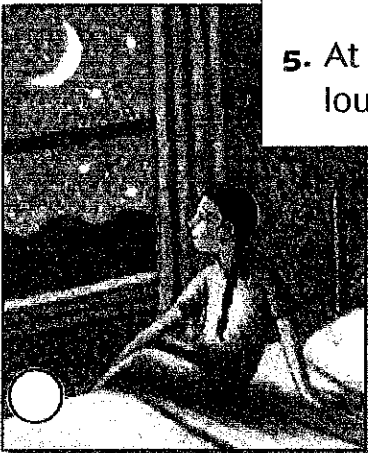
Ways to Pray

There are different kinds of prayer.
There are different ways to pray, too.

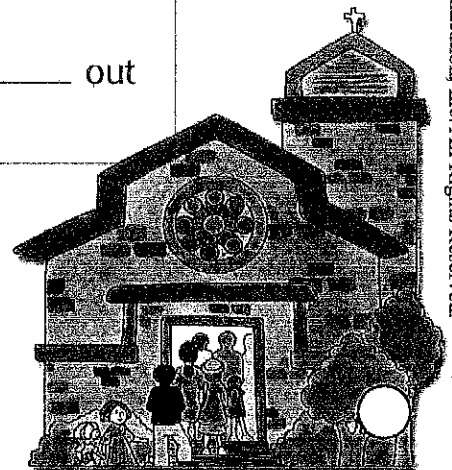
Write the best word for each sentence.
Then, match the pictures with ways to pray.
Put the matching number with the picture.



1. We pray in _____ with our parish community.
2. Together at Mass, we _____ "Glory to God."
3. With our _____, we can 'sign' prayer.
4. Sometimes in prayer we are quiet and just _____ to God.
5. At home, we can _____ out loud to God in prayer.



CHURCH
TALK
SING
HANDS
LISTEN



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BLEST ARE WE

Name _____

A Prayer of Praise

Here are some words that rhyme. Choose words from the box to make up your own prayer of thanks and praise.

I praise you, God, for all your help.
When I am weak, you make me

I thank you, God, for being near.
I'm never lost with you

I love you, God, for teaching me
the path of right instead of

I give my heart to you today.
That's why I sing to you this

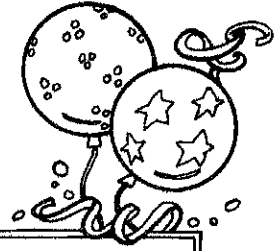
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wrong

To the Teacher: Use this activity to reinforce what the children have learned about prayer from Chapter 4.

Name _____

Special Days to Remember

Write the name of each family member. Then write the date of each person's birthday. Don't forget yourself!



Family Member	Birthday
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Which birthday will your family celebrate next?

How long is it until your birthday?

To the Teacher: Use this activity to expand the Share experience in Chapter 4.

Name _____

Time for Prayer

What is a good time for prayer? Read the clues one by one. Use these words to fill in the puzzle. Then read in the box the answer to the question.

Clues

1. The hours between lunch and dinner.
2. What we call 12:00 P.M.
3. The present day.
4. When it starts to get dark.
5. When most people sleep.
6. When most people wake up.
7. The time between dinner and bedtime.

afternoon
morning
sunset
evening
night
today
noon

1.		_____
2.		_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.		_____
6.		_____
7.	_____	_____

To the Teacher: Use this activity to extend the Share experience in Chapter 16.