

PAUSE  
REJOICE

prayer



ASK  
YES

## REJOICE

THE THANKFUL LEPER (LUKE 17:11-19)

PSALM 100



*When we pray, we rejoice  
by thanking Jesus and  
telling Him how good He is.*



### KEY VERSE

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him and praise his name.

**Psalms 100:4**

## FAMILY NOTES

- Reminder that these come out every second Sunday when our River Kids Video is out
- Check out the app Lectio for Families for more great opportunities for family discipleship
- We have some exciting things coming up at Christmas to bring Jesus into your homes including a Advent prayer resource and host a Christmas party initiative. Stay tuned!

## PRAYER EXERCISE

### REJOICE - Words for God

Spread these words out and explain they are words to describe God in the bible.

Have a look and a read and when you feel ready, pick the one you feel stands out to you and something you want to keep as a way of rejoicing in how good God is!

### Poem of Praise

Using a blank page in your booklet, write down this word down the left hand side of your page and turn it into an acrostic poem to rejoice in God's goodness!

### PRAISE TREE

Give each child a leaf or 2 (or however many they would like, who are we to get in the way of praise!?)

Have them write on the leaf something they are thankful to God for, a praise point or something they love about God! (if your kids are old enough, you might give them a full or half page and let them cut their own leaves out)

Then, using this template on an a3 page, add the leaves to make one big group praise tree to decorate your Pod space! Get creative with this and see if the kids would like to add anything else (other decorations, flowers etc)

## EXPLAINING REJOICE

### OBJECT LESSON - MEGAPHONE

Make a little megaphone out of cardboard.

**Ask:** What does a megaphone do??

**Explain:** It makes your voice louder! You use it when you need to be heard!

**Say:** I love to tell people about the things that I love, like my favourite music or movies, who else likes to tell people about their favourite things? What things do we like to share?

**Ask:** If you could use a megaphone to share something with Jesus, what would you share?

**Explain:** Today we're going to learn about one of the best things to share with Jesus where we want our voices to be super loud like a megaphone is when we REJOICE by saying THANK YOU and telling Jesus how good he is.

## LECTIO ON THE PSALM

Let's look at our Rejoice Psalm! Psalm 100

Lead them through Lectio Divina steps:

1. Pray that God would speak to us
2. Read through once
3. Pause and be quiet for 10 seconds and then go around the circle and each person share the word or phrase that stood out to them without explaining why (they could all highlight it too)
4. Read it through again
5. Have 30 seconds - 1 minute of quiet for the kids to 'ponder' what their phrase might mean. *You may want to use the calm jar you made to act like a timer.* Explain it's okay if they think of other verses / concepts and things. That is Holy Spirit making connection.
6. Thank Jesus for speaking and this time.
7. Share about what God drew their attention too.
8. Have everyone fill in the question at the bottom of the booklet, 'What does this bible passage tell me about REJOICING in prayer?'