

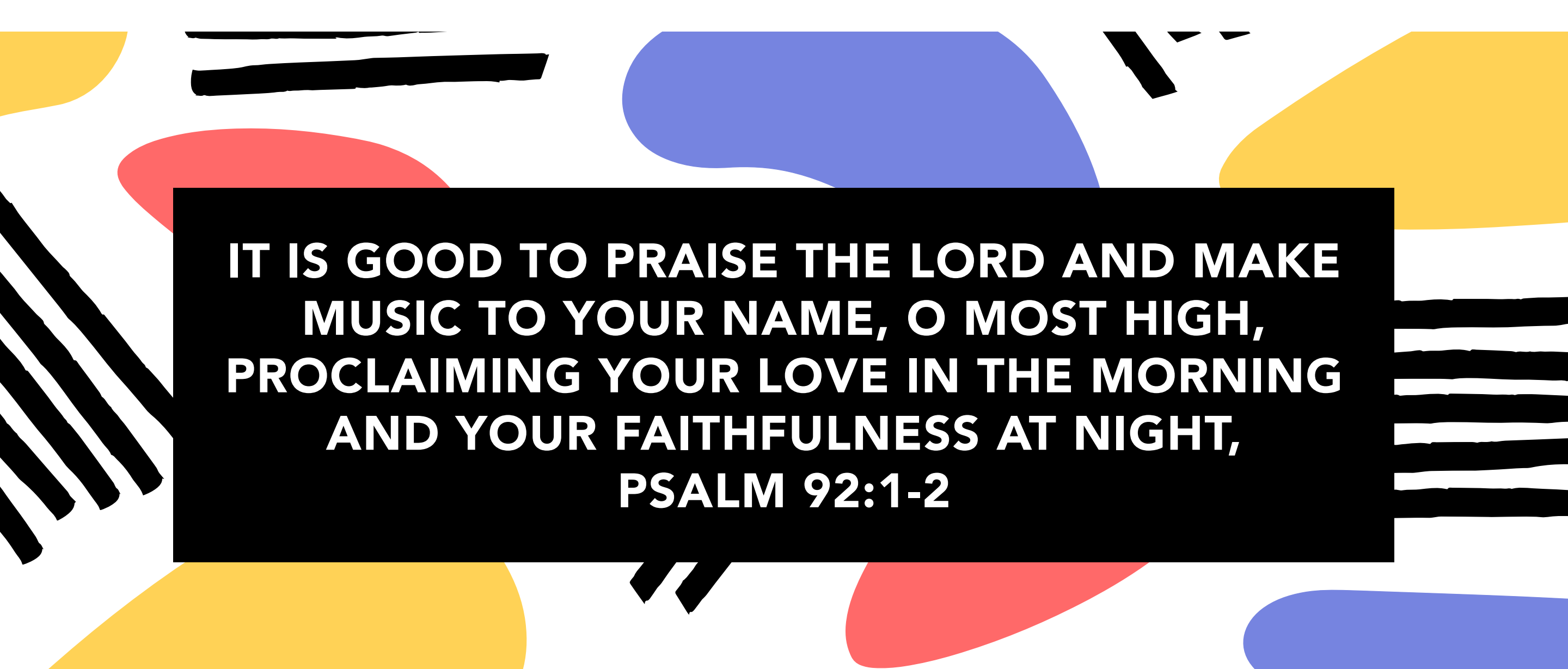
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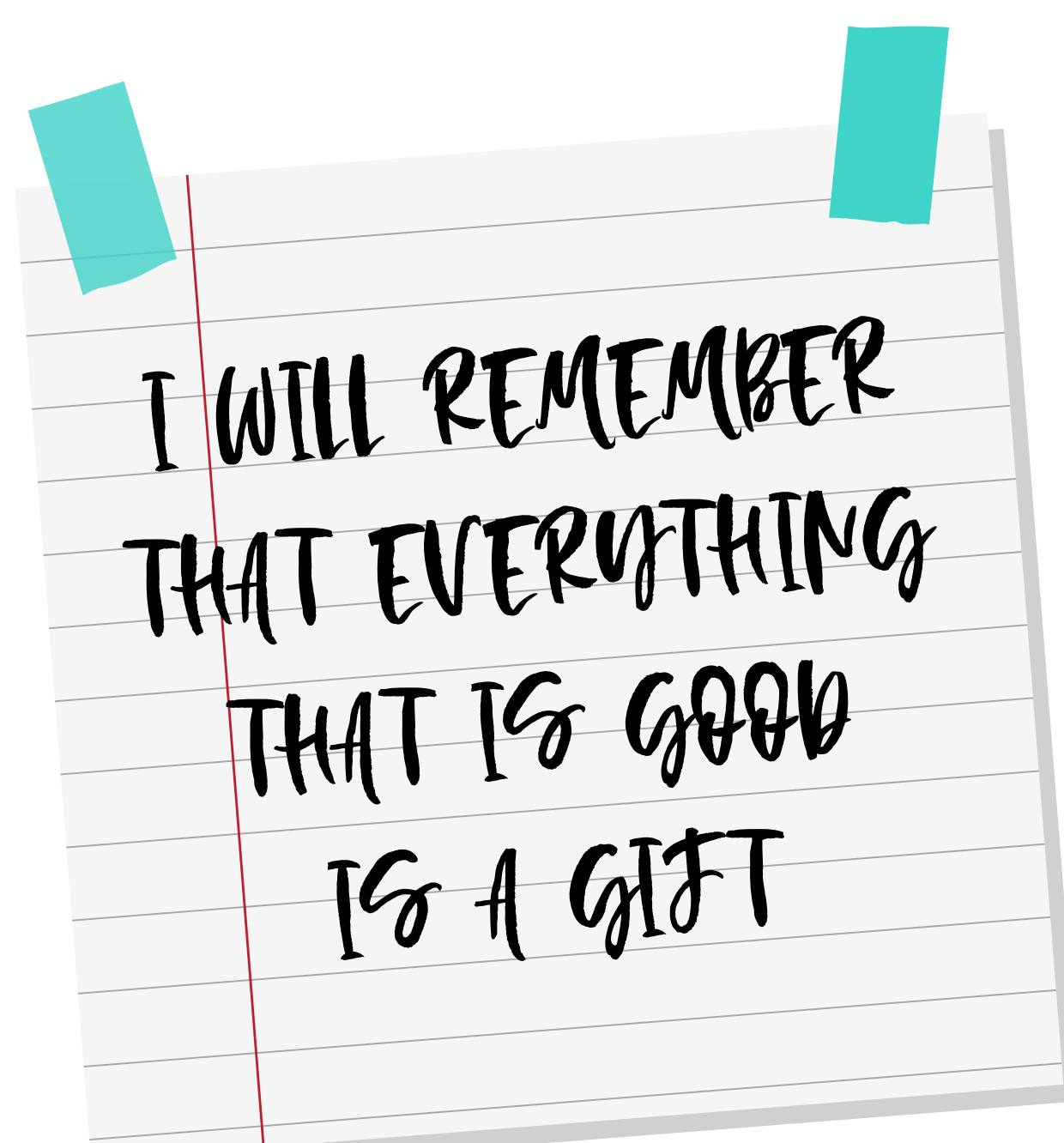
Worship is "Thank you!"

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Devotional 11 - Written by Evan Green



**IT IS GOOD TO PRAISE THE LORD AND MAKE
MUSIC TO YOUR NAME, O MOST HIGH,
PROCLAIMING YOUR LOVE IN THE MORNING
AND YOUR FAITHFULNESS AT NIGHT,
PSALM 92:1-2**



I WILL REMEMBER
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IS A GIFT

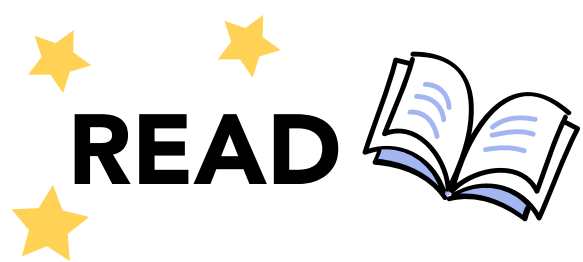
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**READ THE FOLLOWING
SCRIPTURES:**

★ **PSALM 92:1-2**

★ **James 1:17**

★ **Psalm 103**



Henry was going to his friend's birthday party. He was super excited to see Millie and he had the best present to give to her. Millie was going to love it, and Henry just couldn't wait to see how happy she would be to open it!

"Happy Birthday!" he shouted more excitedly than you've ever heard it shouted before! Henry held out his gift to Millie, "Here," he said, with a beaming grin, "this is for you."

"Right." Millie didn't smile back, "You can put that over there with the rest of them." She pointed to a large stack of presents in the corner in the room.

"Oh, ok," said Henry, putting the present with the rest of the pile, "what are we going to –"

Henry's sentence trailed off. Millie had already left to go to the garden where the rest of her friends were playing on the trampoline. Henry looked around, confused and sad. What had he done wrong? He thought to himself. And why was Millie acting so strange?

Hopefully, you've never had this happen to you, but it is worth thinking about this story for just a little while. Try answering these questions:
How do you think Millie's actions made Henry feel?
Had Millie been a good friend to Henry?
Is there anything Millie should have done differently?

In this story, Millie was very ungrateful. She never said thank you for Henry's gift, she didn't even bother opening it to see what Henry had got her. She seemed like she didn't really care about Henry or his gift at all! ★

Sometimes we can be very ungrateful too, even if it isn't quite like this. You see, God really loves us! He even gave us His son, Jesus, to die for us and forgive us. And if that wasn't enough, the Bible tells us in James 1:17 that "every good and perfect gift comes from Him!"

God knows us perfectly, and He knows how to give us not just good things, but the best things! He wants to bless us and He loves it when we are happy with the good gifts He gives us. But sometimes we can forget to say thank you to God for the things He has given us. When we forget to say thank you, it's almost as if we're showing God that we don't much care for Him or for what He's given us, we are acting like Millie!

So how do we show God that we are grateful for what He's given us? Worship is one of the ways we can say thank you to Him for everything He has done for us.

The book of Psalms is full of songs that worship God by saying thank you to Him. Psalm 103 is an amazing example, this is how it starts: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, with everything that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and remember all the good things He has done for you!"

The song goes on to list all the things that the David is thankful to God for. He thanks God for his health, for God's love and forgiveness, for His kindness and so much more!

But this isn't the only song of thanksgiving! All the way through the Bible, God's people worshipped Him by giving Him thanks, maybe you can find more examples for yourself!

Giving God our thanks is something that we should do in our daily lives too. Worship isn't just for Sunday mornings, we can sing to God at any time and thank Him for all He's done. And He loves it when we do!

ACTIVITY

GET CREATIVE...

Write down a list of some of the things that you are thankful to God for. Keep this list near you when you pray to God and use it to remind you of the things you can thank Him for. Whenever you remember something else God has done, and when God continues to give you good gifts and answer your prayers, add those to the list too. That way, you'll always have something to thank God for!

You could even write your own worship song to God. Use verses from the Bible and your own words to tell God how much you love Him. Then come up with a tune to sing those words to! If you're struggling with a tune, you could use a song we already sing at church and write another verse to it! Then sing it with your family, sing it all around your house! God loves it when we worship Him with our singing and our dancing, even if it's at home in our slippers and pyjamas!



PRAYER

LET'S TALK TO GOD...

Thank you God for loving me! Thank you for every good gift you have given me! I'm sorry for the times when I have been ungrateful. Please help me, Jesus, to always be thankful for all the things you do in my life. Amen

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