

Come, let us
worship God.
—PSALM 95:6

MATCH it UP

In the Bible story, the people played instruments when they praised God. People today use instruments to praise God, too. Match the musical instruments on the left to the ones on the right.



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WORD to KNOW

worship

to give honor, respect,
and praise to God
and Jesus



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CONVERSATION

The People Sang

EZRA 2:68–3:13

God's temple in Jerusalem needed to be rebuilt. People gave money for building the temple and making clothes for the priests.

Zerubbabel and some other men led the people to build the altar first. According to God's law, the priests took the people's offerings and burned them on the altar to worship God. These offerings were called sacrifices. The priests made sacrifices every morning and evening.

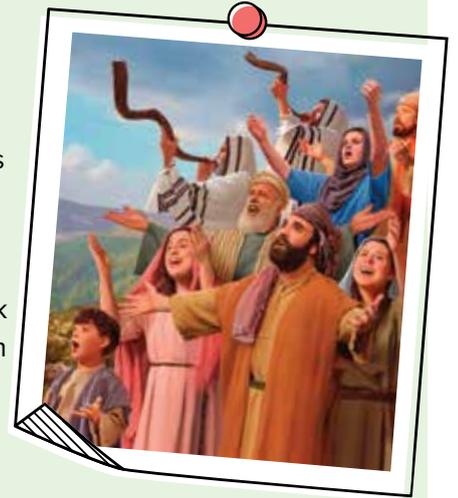
The people celebrated special festivals and gave more offerings. Zerubbabel and the other men led the workers to build the temple foundation. The foundation would hold up the temple building.

When the foundation was complete, the priests dressed in their special clothes and held trumpets. Others held cymbals as they all began to praise and thank God. They said, "For He is good; His faithful love to Israel lasts forever."

Some of the older people cried when they saw the foundation of the new temple. Other people celebrated with great shouts of praise. The joyful shouting was so loud that people from far away heard the people praising God.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Come, let us worship God. Psalm 95:6

LIFE POINT: People at church sing and thank God.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today's Bible story taught that people at church sing and thank God. After people returned to Jerusalem from Babylon, they sang and thanked God that the temple was being rebuilt.

LIVE IT OUT

Use time driving in the car, waiting in line, or playing outside to praise God with your preschooler. Sing simple praise songs such as "God Is So Good," or play some preschool songs on a CD. Tell your child that he can sing as a way to thank God.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

People at church worship by praying, giving, singing, reading the Bible, and learning more about God and Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Psalm 95:6

Monday: James 5:13

Tuesday: Psalm 100:1-2

Wednesday: Acts 16:25

Thursday: Revelation 15:3

Friday: Psalm 9:11

Saturday: Ezra 3:11

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the *The People Sang* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.