

# A Song of Thanksgiving

Psalm 100 - day 2

## Foundation



### Bible passage: Psalm 100

This unit follows on from the previous one in looking at Psalm 100, and also as an opportunity to learn the song “Oh, shout for you”. Whilst we are learning a song, and verse 2 mentions singing, the Psalm begins with making “a joyful noise”, or shout, to the Lord.

Some people sing happily in public whilst others are awkward because they don’t think they sin well. But this Psalm reminds us that we are made by God and the human voice in an incredibly wonderful and complex thing. Our voices should be used to praise and thank God. But, whilst we read about choirs in the Old Testament, mostly the singing was done by all the people. From Psalm 100 it seems that the quality of the singing is not what matters to the Lord, but that we use our voices to make a joyful noise to the Lord.

Either in worship or reflection help the children to see the different ways this Psalm uses to describe how we can give thanks to God. It is a Psalm of thanksgiving, and there is mention making a joyful noise, serving the Lord, singing (all v1), praise, entering his courts (which may mean public meeting or privately coming before God) and blessing His name.

“Make a joyful noise to the LORD”

In the song the writers develop the theme of Psalm to give thanks for other things in the light of the coming of Christ. For example, in verse 2 there is mention of God’s grace, of the fact that through Christ, who was without sin, we can be forgiven because He has taken our sin on Himself and that through Him we can become righteous.

### Verses 2 & 3

Oh, shout for joy unto the Lord!  
See the way is open  
To live in peace beneath His grace,  
Every sin forgiven  
For He who knew no mark of sin  
Took our sin upon Him,  
That we might be the righteousness  
Of the God of Heaven.

Oh, shout for joy unto the Lord  
Through the hours of darkness.  
For day by day His faithful hand  
Ever stays upon us.  
With every morning rise, we kneel;  
All our lives we offer  
To be a living sacrifice,  
Wholly to the Saviour.

### Booklet

What different ways does the Psalm mention in which we can give thanks to God? (see text above)

### Reflection

What different ways have we seen already this term that we can give thanks to others, or to God? Can you think of others we have not seen yet?



**We don't have to be good singers to sing praise God, what matters is our joy and gratitude.**