# Family Worship

# MAKE US A BLESSING TO OTHERS

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Opening Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, thank you for our family.

And thank you for the privilege of coming together for worship.

Help us to understand Your Word and obey it with a joyful heart.

In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

LET PRAISE ARISE 让赞美飞扬



在这美丽的时刻,我们相聚在一起。 神的爱拥抱着我们,神的灵充满这地。 当称谢进入他的门,当赞美进入他的院, 击鼓跳舞扬声欢呼,凡有气息都要赞美他。 让赞美从四处响起,让音符在空中飞舞, 让我们的心向神敞开,让赞美从四处响起, 让音符在空中飞舞,让我们的心向神敞开。

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CfYmsU0xbf4

## Catechism Time! Bible truths for teaching children

#### Question 5

- Q: What else did God create?
- A: God created all things and all his creation was very good.

#### This means that

- 1. God created the Universe, everything visible and invisible
- 2. From everything small like a snowflake to large like a galaxy
- 3. God's creation is His masterpiece!



A snowflake under a microscope (Met Office)



M31: The Andromeda Galaxy Copyright: Robert Gendler

Genesis 1:31 - God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

### Let's read Psalm 67.

This Psalm was written at least 2500 years ago. It was probably sung by the Israelites at harvest time.

Psalm 67 celebrates God's blessing and goodness to His people. It also encourages us to share the good news of Jesus with others.

- 1 Our God, be kind and bless us! Be pleased and smile.
- 2 Then everyone on earth will learn to follow you, and all nations will see your power to save us.
- 3 Make everyone praise you and shout your praises.
- 4 Let the nations celebrate with joyful songs, because you judge fairly and guide all nations.
- 5 Make everyone praise you and shout your praises.



- 6 Our God has blessed the earth with a wonderful harvest!
- 7 Pray for his blessings to continue and for everyone on earth to worship our God.

Let's study the first 2 verses:

- 1 Our God, be kind and bless us! Be pleased and smile.
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Story Time: There is a STORY behind these 2 verses. Long ago, the Israelites were suffering as slaves in Egypt. God rescued them and defeated the Egyptian army. After that, Aaron (Moses' brother) blessed the people, saying "Our God, be kind and bless us! Be pleased and smile." (v1)

- God was good to the Israelites. He rescued them, even adopted them as His people.
- But were they supposed to fold their arms and just enjoy God's blessings? Of course not ! God wanted his people to show everyone on earth how to follow God (v2)



https://youtu.be/wkru9sTnurU

YES....God wants everyone on earth to know and follow Him !

Next we look at verses 3 - 5

3 Make everyone praise you and shout your praises.

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#### □ Verses 3-5 are like a…hamburger

- What makes them look like a hamburger? Which verses are the bread? Which is the meat & vege?
- Why should the nations celebrate? (Hint look at the rest of verse 4...)

## Finally, verses 6-7 remind us of God's goodness, blessing us with plenty of food at harvest time.



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- Verse 7 contains 2 short prayers. What are they?
- Why did the Israelites pray for everyone on earth to worship God?

## Sharing Time !

There are 150 Psalms in the Bible. Some are happy, some are sad. Is Psalm 67 a happy Psalm? Why should the people be happy?

God saved the Israelites from slavery and adopted them as His people. He wanted them to follow Him and make Him known to other people as well.

Similarly, God saved us from death resulting from our sins, and adopted us as His children. He gives us eternal life (remember last week's lesson?)

What would you do to make God happy? (Hint: Think about what He wanted the Israelites to do?) God has blessed us with a loving family, food to eat, and hope of a wonderful life with Him !

Psalm 67 teaches us to share God's love and blessings with others, so they can know God through us.

How are we going to do this?

## Family Prayer Time

1. Thank God for His Word and help so we may grow in our faith.

2. Ask your children to pray for what they have learned just now.

3. Ask your family how you can pray for them specifically.

### May The Peoples Praise You (Psalm 67)



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EakiLL70s6k

You have called us out of darkest night Into Your glorious light That we may sing the wonders of The risen Christ May our every breath retell the grace That broke into our strife With boundless love and deepest joy With endless life May the peoples praise You Let the nations be glad All Your blessing comes That we may praise May praise the Name of Jesus All the earth is Yours and all within Each harvest is Your own And from Your hand we give to You To make Christ known...