

# LARGE GROUP



SCRIPTURE: PSALM 63; 108

WONDER TRUTH:  
GOD IS WORTHY OF PRAISE

## Countdown Clock

\*\*5 minute countdown clock with music to let kids know it's large group time

## Leader Introduction

Hello friends, my name is \_\_\_\_\_, and it's so good to see you today! Let's start by checking out our ping pong jar. What do we need to do to earn a ping pong ball?

Allow kids to answer: Bring a friend, say Word of Wonder, bring your Bible, bring an offering.

**Great job! Now, why do we bring an offering?**

Allow kids to answer.

**That's right! Everything we have is a gift from God. When we give money, it helps us do special things on Serve the City days. We use the money to help people in our neighborhoods and to show them God's love.**

**Giving is one way we can help others and tell them about Jesus!**

**Thank you for giving! Let's have a fun time today!**

**Let's start by doing our Declaration together. Remember these are truths from the Bible we can hold onto always.**

## Declaration Video

## Worship

## Bible Time Rhyme

I open my Bible and What do I see? God's Big Story, Waiting for Me!

Let's hear part of God's big story, which comes from the book of Psalms.

# God's Big Story

Our God's big story today is from the book of Psalms in the Bible, written by David. Can you say, "David"? *Pause and encourage the kids to repeat you.* Good job! David wrote poems that were like songs telling God how awesome He is.

Let's find out more from the Bible as we read some of the song poems.

When I say, "Praise God," wave your hands in the air. *Allow kids to practice.*

Throughout his whole life, David went through a lot. He was sure to praise God *(wave hands in the air)*. God protected David from wild animals in the desert, and David was sure to praise God *(wave hands in the air)*.

David was chased by bad guys who wanted to hurt him, but God kept him safe, and David made sure to praise God *(wave hands in the air)*. God also made David king over all Israel, and David made sure to praise God. *(wave your hands in the air)*.

David wrote one of his song poems to God when he was having a hard time in the desert. He was so thirsty, but instead of a drink, he said that all he wanted was God!

He said he thought about God at night, and about how we can praise God *(wave your hands in the air)* any time of the day or night. He also said it's good to praise God *(wave your hands in the air)* in church or the place where His people come to learn about God and worship Him.

David was sure to praise God *(wave your hands in the air)* because he had felt God's amazing love. David said he would joyfully praise God *(wave your hands in the air)* all the time, as long as he lived—and that there's nothing better in life than to praise God! *Wave your hands in the air.*

In another song poem (**Psalm 108**), David was sure to praise God *(wave your hands in the air)* joyfully because of all that God has done. David said he would play music for God to praise God *(wave your hands in the air)*.

He would wake up early so he could praise God *(wave your hands in the air)* all day long! David was sure to always praise God *(wave your hands in the air)* with a happy heart when things were going well and when things were hard because God was always there for him.

God is so amazing. He deserves our praise all day long! Praise means telling God how awesome He is—and we can do it at any time and in any place.

# Watch God's Big Story

## Connecting the Wonder Truth

Our Wonder Truth Today is...

**GOD IS WORTHY OF PRAISE.** Where did you see our Wonder Truth in the story? Allow kids to answer freely.

When David was in the desert, it was hot, dry, and lonely. But David looked to God, and God gave him strength and helped him. A long, long time later, Jesus also spent time in the desert. Jesus had a really hard time in the desert too. But Jesus also trusted God, and God helped Him and gave Him strength. Just like David and Jesus, when we have things that are hard, we can trust God to help us and give us strength too.

### WORD OF WONDER:

ENCOURAGE THE KIDS TO SAY IT WITH YOU

- HOW GOD—Point up with both hands.
- MADE ME—Point to yourself with two thumbs.
- IS AMAZING—Put one arm out to your side for each word.
- AND WONDERFUL.—Burst both arms up and out to the sides at the same time.
- FROM PSALM 139:14—Hold your hands open in front of you, as if holding a book.

### PRAYER JOURNAL:

LEAVE THESE QUESTIONS FOR SMALL GROUP LEADERS TO DO IN PRAYER JOURNALS:

- When you look around, what are some amazing things God made that make you want to praise Him?
- What are two things about yourself that you're thankful to God for?