

# Praise the Lord Skit

PRAISE Skit

Characters

1. Child (seen)      2. GOD (unseen)

Stage Setting • No particular setting is necessary, but you could have props: a large cut out heart, a small plant, a watering can and a lantern or light.

**All Children:** *Our Father, who art in heaven...*

**GOD:** Yes?

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: Oh, hello! We're praying again.

**GOD:** I know. I'm here. Go on.

**All Children :** *Hallowed be thy name...*

**GOD:** Thank you.

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: You're welcome.

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: Wait. Thank you for what?

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: Yeah! Why did you say, "Thank you?"

**GOD:** You said, "*Hallowed be thy name*"? Do you know what it means?

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: (asking the other kids) Do you know?

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: I think I know! It means...it means.... I don't really know.

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: It's just part of the prayer.

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: Ummm. What DOES it mean?

**GOD:** It means honored, holy, wonderful.

**Child:** \_\_\_\_\_: Oh, that makes sense.

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: Yeah! Because You are all of those things!

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: Ohhhh! I know! Is it praise?

**GOD:** Yes! Praise. Praise is an important part of prayer.

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: Why is praise important?

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: Why can't we just say what we want?

**GOD:** You can, but, YOU can hear ME better when you are thinking only of me. I want you to be near to me so I can help you with everything.

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: Huh? I don't get it.

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: You are always near us, right?

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: Yeah! You said your love is everywhere.

**GOD:** Yes. It is, and I am. One of my friends wrote: *"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise."*

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: I know that song! (starts humming the song)

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: But, what does it mean?

**GOD:** Remember that I am the King in Heaven? When you thank me and praise me, it's like coming into my throne room with the right attitude instead of just barging in.

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: Oh! I never thought about it like that!

**All children:** Me neither! I didn't know that!

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: So, praise helps us enter into Your throne room?

**GOD:** Yes. Praise is the perfect preparation for your prayers.

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: Wow! The perfect preparation for our prayers.

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: That's great!

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: Wait, — remember last time, when you said our hearts were like a garden?

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: Yeah! Is praise important for our hearts? (*Pick up large heart*)

**GOD:** That's a good question! Praise is like water that helps the plant of my spirit grow stronger in your hearts and it grows up to the light.

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: Hmm. Let's see. (*Pick up plant and put in front of heart*) Your spirit is like a plant growing inside...

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: (*Pick up the watering can and water the plant*) and praise waters your spirit to help it to grow?

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: ... and it grows up to the light! (*point to the lights*)

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: Oooh, I know who the light is! Jesus! Jesus said that **He's** the "Light of the World"!

**GOD:** YES! Jesus IS the light! You've been reading my love letters to you!

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: Yes, we have! They're helping us know you and Jesus better.

**GOD:** I'm so glad. Praise also activates your faith! So, how about preparing your hearts before going on the rest of your prayer?

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: *(Asking the other kids)* I don't really know how. Do you guys know how?

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: Not me.

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: Me neither.

**GOD:** Do you know a song or scripture of praise?

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: I do! *(Starts singing and the rest join in)* Praise Him, praise Him all of God's children, God is love, God is love...

**GOD:** That's great! Have you noticed my gifts for you more since the last time we talked?

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: I have!

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: Me too!

**GOD:** Then just tell me thank you! Be specific.

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: Thank you, God, for my \_\_\_\_\_

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**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: Thank you God, for \_\_\_\_\_

**GOD:** And, remember all of my names and all that I have done for you? Just tell me what you love about me and it will focus your heart on me and make my spirit stronger!

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: God, you are my savior!

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: You are my king!

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: You are mighty!

**Child** \_\_\_\_\_: And you are holy and .... and.... and...*(to the audience)* Can you help us?