

# SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES FOR GOD'S WILD KINGDOM

## Week 9: The Red-eyed Vireo (8/2/20)

**Bible Verse:** "My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendor all day long."

Psalm 71:8

**EXPLANATION:** When are we to praise God, according to this verse? All day long! Just like the red-eyed vireo we are to praise God during all that comes our way during the day. Are you happy? Praise God. Are you sad? Praise God. Are you afraid? Praise God. Are you thankful? Praise God. Our mouths are to be filled with praise all day telling God how wonderful He is!

**Verse Activity:** Have your child say the verse using these different voices! A baby, a robot, a giant, a soldier, a princess, Minnie Mouse

**Journal:** Supplies needed: Journal page, pencil

**EXPLANATION:** The red-eyed vireo sings all day long, every single day. God tells the followers of Jesus to praise Him in the same way. We are to praise Him when we are happy and thankful. We are to praise Him when we are sad, or mad, or scared. Praising God helps our mind to think about God, and rest in HIS goodness! Let's pray.

**Dear God, You are worthy of our praise. You deserve every good thought, word, and action that we can give to you. It is easier to praise you when we are happy and thankful, but sometimes we forget to do that. Help us remember to praise you when times are good. When we are mad, sad or scared our minds turn and churn with our sadness, anger or fear. Help us remember to give our sadness, anger and fear to you and turn instead to praise.**

**AMEN**

Use the journal page (either below or in the journal in the activity pack) to allow your child to respond to the Bible lesson.

**Bird of Praise:** Supplies needed: paper plate, google eyes, feathers, tissue paper, glue, maybe a stapler

**EXPLANATION:** Remember the red-eyed vireo? How long do they sing? That is how God wants us to praise Him. All day long, in good times and in bad. We are going to make a project that helps us remember to give praise to God, just like the bird of praise, the red-eyed vireo, sings...all day every day!

As age appropriate, have children write praises to God on the bird. Have them fold the tissue paper like a fan and slide it through the cut opening in the side of the plate for the bird's wings. Glue on the eyes and beak and staple on the tail feathers.



**Praise With Musical Instruments:** Supplies needed: 2 jumbo craft sticks, two ½" pieces of straw, 1 thick and 2 thin rubber bands

EXPLANATION: People can do many different things to praise the Lord: sing, play music on instruments, dance, write poetry, talk to others, in fact, you could even play sports, create art or do school work and praise the Lord. All you need to do is think thoughts of praise (giving thanks, love and respect to the Lord) while you do ANY activity and it becomes an activity of praise! Today you are going to make an instrument to help you praise God.

1. Stretch the wide rubber band lengthwise over 1 of the craft sticks.
2. Put one of the straw pieces under the wide rubber band, about 1/3 of the way up from 1 end of the stick.
3. Put the other piece of straw ON TOP OF the rubber band, about 1/3 of the way from the other end of the stick.
4. Take the other craft stick and place it on top of the first one.
5. Wrap one of the thin rubber bands a few times around the end of the stick, near where you placed the second piece of straw-about 1/2 inch from the end. Make sure the rubber band pinches the 2 sticks tightly together.
6. Wrap the second thin rubber band around the other end of the stick about 1/2 inch from the end. When you are done, both ends should be pinched together and there should be a small space between the 2 craft sticks.

The children can blow air in, or suck air out from between the popsicle sticks and slide the straws to create different sounds/music. They can also squeeze the sticks together to create different tones.



Play some of your child's favorite praise and worship music. Have your child play the wooden harmonica along with the music, thinking thoughts of praise to God as you sing!

**Why Is God Worthy?** Supplies needed: poster paper, pencil, markers or crayons, Bible

EXPLANATION: It is good to praise God, to thank Him and show Him love and respect for all He is and does. God is worthy of our praise...he deserves it because He is good all the time. God tells us to praise Him all the time! Let's look at His Bible and find reasons to praise God. Look up these verses with your child and discover what reason they share to praise God. Write down the reasons to praise God on their Praise Posters.

Genesis 1:1

1 Chronicles 16:34

Psalms 29:1

Psalms 71:22

Psalms 138:3

Luke 1:68

Daniel 2:20

Luke 7:16

Luke 19:37

John 3:16

Romans 5:8

Revelation 21:4

What other things have you noticed about God that make you want to thank Him, show Him love and respect. Maybe you have learned something from a Bible lesson or you have

*known Him to do something for you or someone else in your life. Write them on your praise paper.*

**Praise Walk:** Supplies needed: Sheet to record reasons for praise, pencil

*EXPLANATION: God asks us to praise Him all day, every day. When we praise Him, we focus on His goodness. This helps us to turn away from fearful or discouraging thoughts. God is worthy of our praise all the time! Let's take a walk and look for things that give us a reason to praise God.*

Take a walk. As you walk notice the things that make you praise God. Challenge each other to think of ways God has worked in your lives as a family or as individuals that give you reason to praise Him. Does someone get tired, or hurt, or frustrated on your walk? Challenge him or her to turn from these thoughts to praising God!





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# Red-Eyed Vireo

## Time With God: Grades 1-3

*"My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendor all day long."*

*Psalm 71:8*

Draw a picture of you praising  
God during a happy time.

Draw a picture of you praising  
God during a hard time.

Think about why you might praise God. Why is He special and good and worthy of (or deserving of) your praise? Draw at least 3 reasons you would praise God.

Take time to tell God that you love, respect and are thankful for Him now.

# Red-Eyed Vireo

## Time With God: Grades 4-6

*"My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendor all day long." Psalm 71:\**

Write at least 2 times when you could find praising God an easy thing to do.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Write at least 2 times when you could find praising God a very difficult thing to do.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Think about God and all that He is and all that He has done. Write praises to God below. Can you fill the whole box with praise?

# praise poster

Use with “Why is God Worthy?” Activity.