

Lesson Four — Part Two

## Praising God In Song Is Pleasing To Jesus

**Scripture:** Acts 16:16-25; Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16.

**Lesson Aim:** To review the last lesson and to sing songs of praise to God.

**Bible Words:** Do that which is good (Romans 13:3).

**Pre-Class:** The picture-to-color shows a hymnal like those used during worship. Give each child a picture and crayons when they arrive for class. They could also glue a ribbon, for a bookmark, to the picture.

As the children color, get them to help you sing familiar songs such as *Jesus Loves Me* and *Jesus Loves The Little Children*. Tell them God hears them when they sing.

Label and take up the pictures when it is time for class to begin. Return the papers during **Closing**.

**Attendance And Welcome:** As the children come forward to add to their attendance charts, encourage everyone to help you sing *The Welcome Song*.

This will be the last day to use these particular attendance charts. Be sure to remove them during **Closing** and give them to the children to take home. After class put up the new attendance charts for next week.

**Bible Lesson:** You will need the picture for **Lesson Four** from the Visual Aid Packet. Briefly review the lesson from last week.

*Do you remember these two men? One is Paul and one is Silas. They were in jail because some people in the town did not want them teaching about Jesus.*

*What did Paul and Silas do while they were in jail? Did they scream and yell? No. Did they cry? No. What did they do? They sang songs of praise to God. The other men in the jail heard Paul and Silas singing. Who else heard Paul and Silas singing? Yes, God did.*

*When you and I sing songs of praise to God, here in our classroom, He hears us, too. Do you think it pleases Jesus when we sing? I do, too. Now I want you to help me sing some songs to God.*

Have everyone move to the song area.

**Songs:** Use the songs to review the Bible lessons. In order to encourage the children to participate in the singing, allow one or two at a time to come forward and stand beside you as you sing.

Following *The Prayer Song*, thank God for the beautiful songs of praise you have just sung.

**Application Lesson:** You will need an audio recorder. As you and the children sing *Jesus Loves Me; Praise Him, Praise Him;* and *Do Good To All*, record yourselves and then play it back so the children can hear themselves singing praises to God.

Talk about the songs and explain their meanings. The songs will not teach the children if they do not understand them.

**Take-Home:** Give each child a picture and cut-out for **Lesson Four** from the workbooks. The picture shows a little girl handing her mother some slippers. Help the children glue the slippers to the pictures. Have a completed picture to show them, so they will know where to glue the slippers.

As the children work tell them this story. *In our picture we see a little girl named Betsy and her mother. The mother is tired. She has been busy all day and she has just sat down to rest and read her Bible.*

*Mother said, "Betsy, my feet are tired. Please bring me my slippers. They are much more comfortable than these shoes."*

*The little girl wanted to play with her toys, but she remembered the song her teacher had taught her about being good, so the little girl put down her toys and brought the slippers to her mother. Betsy liked pleasing Jesus.*

*"Thank you," Mother said. "You are a good girl."*

*Betsy said, "My Bible teacher taught me a song about being good. Would you like to hear it?"*

*"Yes," said Mother. Betsy sang **Do Good To All** for her mother. Mother liked the song and gave Betsy a big hug. Betsy was glad she had learned to sing praises to God. Let's all sing **Do Good To All**.*

*Is Betsy pleasing Jesus? Yes. When you do good things for other people, you please Jesus. Bringing her mother's slippers to her was a good thing for Betsy to do.*

**Bible Lesson Review:** Show the picture used during the lesson and review. Say the Bible words and sing *Praise Him, Praise Him*.

Since you will begin a new theme next week, also review the other pictures from previous lessons.

**Closing:** Return work pictures and personal belongings to the children. Remove the attendance charts and give them to the children. Invite everyone to return next time when you will be teaching about a man who climbed a tree.

Say a prayer for those who could not be in class due to illness.

**Other Ideas:**

1. Invite the song leader to your class to teach the children some songs. Remind him the songs should be ones the children can learn easily.
2. Make a mobile of musical notes to hang in the room. Use a wire hanger, yarn and black poster board as illustrated in the sketch. Let the children add glitter to the notes or let them cover the poster board with aluminum foil.
3. Repeat the action poem from **Lesson Three**.

