

# 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.

**Child:** *Our Father, who art in heaven.*

**GOD:** Yes?

**Child:** Oh, hello! I'm praying again.

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

**Child:** *Hallowed be thy name...*

**GOD:** Wait! What do you mean by that?

**Child:** By what?

**GOD:** By "*Hallowed be thy name?*"

**Child:** It means...it means.... I don't really know. It's just part of the prayer. (pause) By the way, what does it mean?

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

**Child:** Oh, that makes sense. You are all of those things! So, it's like...ummm, praise?

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

**Child:** Why is praise important? Why can't I just say what I 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:** I don't understand. You are always near me, right? 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:** Enter into his gates? Courts? What does that mean?

**GOD:** Remember that I am the King in Heaven? When you pray and praise me, it's like coming into my throne room instead of shouting from outside the castle walls.

**Child:** I never thought about it like that! So, praise helps us enter into the throne room? So, you're my father and a king?

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

**Child:** Wow! The perfect preparation for my prayers. I love it! Wait, — remember last time, when you said my heart was like a garden for seeds? *(Pick up large heart)* Is praise important for my heart?

**GOD:** That's a good question! Praise is like water that softens the seed of my spirit in your heart and it grows up to the light.

**Child:** Let's see. Praise is like water that softens the seed. *(Picks up watering can and pretends to pour on heart)* and it grows up to the light. *(Picks up plant)* Oooh, I know who the light is! *(Picks up light)* Jesus! Jesus said that He's the "Light of the World"!

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

**Child:** Yes, I have! They're helping me know you and Jesus better.

**GOD:** I'm so glad. So, what about praising before going on the rest of your prayer? It will power up my spirit in you and bring you closer to me.

**Child:** I'm...I'm not really sure how.

**GOD:** Have you noticed my love for you more since the last time we talked?

**Child:** Yes—yes I have.

**GOD:** Then just tell me. You can say, "God, you are loving." Or, "God you are good." Just open your heart and tell me how much you love me. I love to hear what you have noticed. Did you see the sunset I painted for you last night?

**Child:** Yes, You are an amazing artist!

**GOD:** And, did you notice the hymn that went through your mind last night when you couldn't sleep? Did you have good food to eat and a warm place to sleep? Those were just a few of my many gifts to you.

Child: Oh thank you Father! You are a good gift giver! You are mighty and wonderful and holy and .... and.... and...(to the audience) Can you help me?

*What are some more words to praise God? Let's help her/him with words to praise the Lord.*