

Praise the Lord Skit

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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.