

**Scripture Passage:** Psalm 100

**Memory Verse:** Psalm 100:1-2

**Theme Song:** All the Earth

**Big Idea:** We praise God joyfully because His love lasts forever.

## **READ**

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Read Psalm 100 aloud to your family. If your kids can read, consider having one of them read or letting them take turns reading.

### **Psalm 100**

<sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.

<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

## **SING**

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Play “All the Earth” from the *Doorpost Songs: This Is Love* album and sing together. If you have small children, find a toy instrument and let them bang away! If needed, print copies of the lyric sheet for your family.

## **MEMORIZE**

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Pick a section of the verses to memorize as a family. Use the suggestions below or choose your own. Use the long version for older children and the short version for preschoolers.

### **Long Version (Psalm 100:1-2)**

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### **Short Version (Psalm 100:1)**

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## **LEARN**

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Read the Big Idea and short devotional aloud to your family. If you have time, use the discussion questions at the end of the devotional.

### **What's the Big Idea?**

We praise God joyfully because his love lasts forever!

### **Family Devotional**

What's your favorite song? Do you ever find yourself humming it under your breath, or singing it by yourself in your room, or belting it out in the shower using the shampoo bottle for a microphone? Singing alone can be fun, but imagine going to a big concert and singing your favorite song with tens of thousands of other people. That would be awesome!

Now can you imagine if the whole world was singing your favorite song at the same time? That would be unforgettable! There's just something about everyone singing together that makes the song seem better, the melody richer, the words more meaningful. But there's no way that everyone on earth could ever sing the same song at the same time, right?

Actually, the Bible says one day it really will happen! Philippians 2:10-11 tells us that one day everyone will get down on one knee – that's a sign of respect you give to a king – and say that Jesus Christ is Lord!

The apostle John gives us an idea of what that day will be like in the book of Revelation. He writes in Revelation 5:13, "Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: 'To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever!'" Turns out we're all going to be singing that song together – and we'll sing and praise for eternity!

Psalm 100 reminds us that this was God's plan all along. He wants the whole earth to shout and sing and praise him because it's what we were made for! He knows that when we praise God it fills us with joy and gratitude because of his amazing love and unfailing goodness.

So what do you want to praise him for today? What has God done for you that fills your heart with joy? Now, turn on your favorite song of praise and shout and sing for joy! After all, you might want to get some practice for the day that all the earth joins you in singing along!

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## **TALK**

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Talk about what you have learned as a family. Use the questions below or ask some of your own.

1. What are some reasons we have to praise God and “shout for joy”?
2. Verse 5 says that God’s “faithfulness continues through all generations.” Parents, can you think of a time that God has been faithful to you? Share some of those memories with your kids.
3. Verse 5 also tells us that God’s love “endures forever.” What are some ways that God demonstrates his love for us? Read Romans 5:8 for one really big way that God showed his love.

## **PRAY**

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Pray together. Here are some ideas:

- Thank God for all of the reasons we have to “shout for joy.”
- Thank God that he takes care of us like a shepherd takes care of his sheep
- Thank God that he demonstrated his love for us by sending Jesus to die on the cross.
- Pray that God will fill your hearts with joy and thankfulness for everything he has done.