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CONVERSATION

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today your child heard that the church sings to praise and thank God. When the Israelites returned from Babylon, they thanked God that the temple was being rebuilt. How does your family praise and thank God?



LIVE IT OUT

We can praise and thank God by singing to Him. Remind your child that the Book of Psalms is a book of songs. Help your child memorize Psalm 95:6. Lead your child to kneel and give thanks to God for who He is and what He has done.



BIBLICAL LEARNING

God wants people to gather to worship Him.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Psalm 95:6 Monday: James 5:13 Tuesday: Psalm 100:1-2 Wednesday: Acts 16:25 Thursday: Revelation 15:3

Friday: Psalm 9:11 Saturday: Ezra 3:11

The People Sang

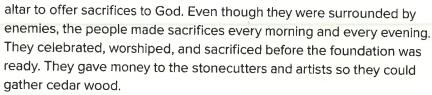
EZRA 2:68-70; 3:1-13

The people of Israel were held as prisoners in Babylon for many years. Finally, they were allowed to return home. When they arrived in Jerusalem, some of the family leaders gave offerings of gold coins, silver, and clothes for the priests so that God's house could be rebuilt.

The people settled in their towns.

After several months they gathered in
Jerusalem, and the work on the temple

began. The first thing the workers built was an



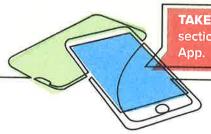
When the workers finally completed the temple's foundation, the priests put on robes and played trumpets. The Levites played cymbals. Together they sang with praise and thanksgiving to God: "He is good! His faithful love to Israel endures forever!"

All the people gave great shouts of praise. Many of the older people remembered the first temple. They wept loudly when they saw the foundation of the new temple. Others shouted for joy. People could not tell the difference between the weeping and the shouts because everyone was so loud. The sound was heard far away.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Psalm 95:6

LIFE POINT: The church sings to praise and thank God.





TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out *The People Sang* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.

