

In the Beginning

Date: 01.25.26 | We will praise God as Creator
Scripture: Psalm 148

CENTRAL TRUTHS

PRESCHOOL:

Everything God made—like the sun, moon, animals, and people—can praise Him! And I can praise God, too!



YOUNGER KIDS (K5-2ND GRADE):

God made everything to praise Him—and I can too!

OLDER KIDS (3RD-5TH GRADE):

God made everything to praise Him—and I can too!

STUDENTS:

God created the world—from galaxies to giraffes—and it all points back to Him. I'm part of His creation, and I can praise Him with my life too!

ADULTS:

God calls all of creation—from the heavens to the earth, from nature to humanity—to praise Him, whose glory and authority reign above all.

MEMORY VERSE

*For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
Colossians 1:16–17*

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:27



DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Divine glory is ‘the end for which God created the world.’ (Jonathan Edwards) We must never suppose that God created the cosmos out of lack--because he wanted a relationship, or he wanted someone to love. God did not create the world because he was thirsty. Rather, God created the world because it is the nature of a fountain to overflow. – Kevin DeYoung

BACKGROUND INFO FOR LEADERS



One of the main themes throughout the book of Psalms is that all people everywhere, are called to praise the Lord, the one true God. The Psalms remind us that God alone is worthy of worship because He is both the Creator of all things and the King who rules over everything He has made.

Psalm 148 is a great hymn of praise that calls on every part of creation to join in giving glory to God. The psalmist begins by calling on the heavens to praise the Lord—angels, heavenly hosts, the sun, moon, and shining stars—all are commanded to lift their voices to their Maker (*Psalm 148:1-4*). Even the celestial bodies, which many ancient peoples worshiped as gods, are shown here to be creations of the one true God who spoke them into existence and established their place in the heavens (*Psalm 148:5-6*).

The focus then moves from the heavens to the earth. All creatures of the sea—great sea creatures and everything that moves in the waters—are invited to praise Him, along with the land, the mountains, weather patterns, animals, and all people (*Psalm 148:7-12*). From kings and rulers to young men, young women, and children, everyone is included in the call to worship. Creation itself becomes a choir, and the whole universe resounds with praise to its Creator.

This psalm reminds us that God’s greatness is seen not only in His power to create but also in His authority to rule over all He has made. Other psalms carry this same theme—*Psalm 19* celebrates how “the heavens declare the glory of God,” and *Psalms 33, 93, 95-99, and 104* describe His sovereign kingship and faithfulness to His creation. Together, these psalms proclaim that the Lord reigns and that His creation reflects His majesty and order.

The final verses of *Psalm 148* turn our attention to humanity’s

special role in this song of praise. While all creation points to God's glory, people have been given a unique ability to praise Him personally and intentionally. Unlike the stars or the animals, we were made in God's image (*Genesis 1:26-27*) and can know Him, love Him, and worship Him in relationship.

Our praise is not just a response to creation—it is a response to redemption. Through Jesus Christ, God's people have been brought near to their Creator once again. The same God who made the heavens and the earth has also saved us through His Son, giving us even more reason to sing His praise. *Psalms 148* ends with the reminder that God's name alone is to be exalted and that His glory is above heaven and earth (*Psalms 148:13*).

In a world that often worships created things instead of the Creator, *Psalms 148* calls us back to our purpose—to join all creation in declaring the greatness of our God.

TELL THE STORY

Psalms 148

Psalms 148 is a song that invites all of creation to praise the Lord! The writer of this psalm wanted people to see that God is the one true Creator and King who rules over everything He made.

The psalm begins by calling on the heavens to praise God—angels, the sun, the moon, and all the shining stars (*Psalms 148:1-4*). God spoke and created them, and they still obey His command every day (*Psalms 148:5-6*). Even the stars, which some people used to worship, were made by God to show His power and glory.

Then the psalm moves from the sky down to the earth. The sea creatures, mountains, weather, animals, and people are all called to join in praising the Lord (*Psalms 148:7-12*). No one and nothing is left out! From kings and rulers to young men, women, and children—every person has a reason to praise God. The whole world becomes like a giant choir, singing together about how amazing their Creator is.

This psalm reminds us that God's greatness is seen in His creation and rule over everything. Other psalms, like *Psalms 19*, say, "The heavens declare the glory of God." *Psalms 33, 93, 95–99, and 104*



also tell us that God is the King over all creation—everything He made points to His power, beauty, and goodness.

But people are special in a different way. Unlike animals or stars, God made humans in His image (*Genesis 1:26–27*). That means we can know God, love Him, and choose to praise Him on purpose. Our voices matter in creation’s song because we can thank God not only for what He made, but also for what He has done to save us.

The Bible says that sin made people stop praising God and start worshiping other things (*Romans 1:25*). But Jesus came to fix that broken relationship. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus made a way for us to be close to God again. When we put our trust in Him, we can live for the reason we were created—to glorify God and enjoy Him forever!

Psalms 148 ends by saying, “Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His glory is above earth and heaven” (*Psalms 148:13*). When we worship God, we join the sun, the stars, the mountains, the animals, and all of creation in praising our great Creator and King.

REBUILD THE STORY

1. How many times are the words “Praise the Lord” found in *Psalms 148*?



2. What is the significance of repeated words or phrases in scripture?

3. Who does *Psalms 148* tell to praise the Lord? *Psalms 148:1-2*

4. What does *Psalms 148:5-6* say about how everything was created?

5. What parts of creation does the psalm say should praise God from the earth? *Psalms 148:7-10*

6. Who among people are called to praise the Lord? *Psalms 148:11-12*

7. What reason does the psalm give for why God deserves all praise?

Psalm 148:13

8. How can you join in creation in praising God this week?

9. What are some things in nature that remind you of God's power and beauty?

10. Why do you think people sometimes forget to praise God?

GOSPEL EMPHASIS

Psalm 148 reminds us that all creation exists to give praise to God. The sun, moon, stars, oceans, animals, and people were all made to glorify their Creator. But sin broke that harmony, and instead of worshiping the Creator, mankind began to worship created things (*Romans 1:25*). The good news of the gospel is that Jesus came to restore what sin ruined. Through His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus makes it possible for us to be forgiven and to live once again for the purpose we were created for—to glorify and enjoy God forever. When we praise the Lord, we join the song of creation and point others to the greatness of the God who made and saved us.



WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE TEACH US ABOUT GOD?

Use your Attributes of God poster as a guide.

PRAYER PROMPTS

Praise God, our Creator. Thank Him for His wonderful creation. Ask God to forgive us for the times that we take His creation for granted. Ask God to remind us to see how creative and powerful He is as we are surrounded by His creation this week.



THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READING

Genesis 2:15-16; 3

