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# ELCIC Praise

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## CHILDREN'S TIME

### Let All the Peoples Praise You!

Gather the children in worship together. Speak with the children, but also to the adults present. Welcome the children, helping them to find a place to settle.

Engage the children, asking questions such as:

*"Has anyone ever praised you?"*

*"Why were you being praised?"*

*"What kinds of words do people say when they are praising you?"*

*"How does it feel to be praised?"*

Move the discussion toward the worship service theme:

*"Did you know that all worship services, including this one, praise God?"*

*"In Psalm 67 (which we'll read soon) we say 'Let All the Peoples Praise You!' Why do we praise God?"*

*"What kinds of words do we use when we praise God?"*

*"What other ways do we praise God?"*

If the children haven't suggested singing as a way to praise God, say,

*"One of my favourite ways to praise God is making a joyful noise with music."*

**\*\*Provide a rhythm shaker to each child OR make them on the spot. (See *OPTIONAL ACTIVITY*)\*\***

Lead the children in a short prayer using the rhythm instruments.

#### **\*\* OPTIONAL ACTIVITY\*\***

Take out the tablecloth and spread it out to catch any dropped rice.

Allow each child to make a rhythm shaker with materials provided—simply add a small scoop of rice to the container and replace the lid. Take a moment to shake and enjoy the rhythm instruments.

First practice saying "WE PRAISE YOU GOD!" while shaking the rhythm shakers and then hold them quietly. Tell the children this is a "THANK YOU" prayer—and if they want to say something they are thankful for, they can take a turn saying their "thankful prayer."

Begin with a simple petition, let the children join in to lead as they will. If they choose not to lead use petitions such as written below:

*Thank you for our church!*

*WE PRAISE YOU GOD! (With shakers)*

*Thank you for our homes!*

*WE PRAISE YOU GOD! (With shakers)*

*Thank you for our Moms and Dads!*

*WE PRAISE YOU GOD! (With shakers)*

*Thank you for loving us – no matter what!*

*WE PRAISE YOU GOD! (With shakers)*

*AMEN! WE PRAISE YOU GOD! (With shakers)*

#### **MATERIALS REQUIRED WITHOUT ACTIVITY:**

- Rhythm shakers or similar—enough for all children and leader

#### **\*\* OPTIONAL ACTIVITY \*\***

##### **MATERIALS REQUIRED:**

- Small containers with lids—any kind—one per child (plastic eggs also work well);
- Rice or small beans or other sound creating filler to make simple rhythm instruments;
- A basket or box lined with a tablecloth into which all the rhythm instrument making items are placed.
- Pre-make a shaker for yourself to use in leading the prayer.