

# 4.4 We Give Thanks and Praise

## Bible Verse:

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. – Psalm 100:4

Proclaim: *Let us come to God with thanksgiving and sing joyfully to Him.*

**Truth:** All the earth shall praise the Lord jubilantly and come before Him with singing. For we are made by Him and we belong to Him.

## Main Lesson Points:

- **Enter God's presence with thanksgiving** – Mat 2:11
- **Praise God loudly and joyfully** – Psa 109:30
- **Praise God exuberantly** – Psa 150:5, 149:3, 42:5
- **Give thanks to God in everything** – Lam 3:21-23, Psa 34:1, Isa 43:19-20

## Scripture:

Matthew 2:1-12

## Interesting Questions:

(Choose 1 or more to discuss)

- **Why is it important to express our gratitude and praise to God?**
- **How are we blessed in thanking and praising God always?**
- **What does Psalms 103: 1,2 indicate about King David who was greatly blessed by God?**

**Notes of Praise:** The God of Israel, our Lord, is the resurrected Savior! No longer is He in the tomb of Jerusalem! This is why we want to shout joyfully and praise Him, hailing all the earth to bless Him. It can be difficult to praise God in the difficult times, but that is what we are called to do. We must focus on Him and His blessings at all times, and especially during the hard times. Make a list of all the things you're grateful to God for and all the reasons He deserves your praise. Think about these things the next time you face difficulty or struggle.

**Think:** Besides our words, how else can we praise and offer thanks to God?

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**Pray:** Use the space below to write a prayer of praise to God for His divine ways and gracious love:

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**Act:** Praise God in all things—the good, and yes, even the ugly. When we praise God, He can do great things. Is there something bad or ugly in your life? Praise and thank God that He's with you even now.

