

Weapons of Warfare

Power in Praise

*Praise
and give thanks to
the Lord*

Psalm 18:3

I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised;
so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

Prayer Point Focus

Leader's Lesson Overview

- Praise is a natural response to someone we love and cherish.
- In the life of a seed of prayer, we can water the seed with praise and worship of our Heavenly Father. Water helps growth and keeps the sap (God's spirit in us) flowing.
- Praise not only draws us closer to God, but **it is a weapon of spiritual warfare** like in the story of Jehoshaphat 2 Chronicles 20:21-23
- Here is a great video of Max Lucado making the point that worship is warfare:
- <https://youtu.be/dFOHIDggcLE>

Preparation

Weapons of Warfare - Power in Praise

This is the basic format of meetings. You can use whatever works for you.



Come Into His Presence

Begin with songs, scripture and the Kingdom Kid pledge. MEMORY VERSE

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SONGS

- I Will Call Upon the Lord
- I Can Do All Things - add your own verses!

SCRIPTURE STORY - 2 Chronicles 20:21-23 Jehoshaphat



Enter the Gates (opening prayers)

Open with prayers of thanksgiving and praise. Praise is giving God the glory and focusing on who He is and what He does.

Prayers for the Church and Family

Pray for the service and the pastor. Pray for strength, courage to speak the truth.

Pray for the congregation and those that need to hear God's word today.

Pray for protection from the enemy. Pray on your armor and "suffer us not to be led into temptation..."

Other Prayers

Invite God's presence and ask him to be your teacher today.

Follow the Spirit's lead during this time of prayer.



Story from the Scriptures

Have you heard about Jehoshaphat? His story is in 2 Chronicles

20:21-23

VIDEO: <https://youtu.be/r4LHGisTECs> (only 3 1/2 min)

Discuss: Instead of being afraid and fighting in their own strength, they asked God what to do. Then they praised God and God fought their battle for them.



Jehoshaphat Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p9wVEVXhIE4>

Praise ye the Lord for His mercy endures for ever and ever (3x)

Praise ye the Lord our God, His mercy will never end!

Discussion

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Discuss the lessons learned from the story of Jehoshaphat.

Should we only praise God when things are going right and good?

How can we praise the Lord?



Illustrations of Praise

Corrie Ten Boom praised God in prison for fleas that infested her barracks. She found out later that because there were fleas, they were left alone by the guards. They were able to have Bible studies in the concentration camp and help many of the women.

<https://youtu.be/VXkCQzn99EM?t=935>

The Bible story of Paul and Silas in jail in Acts 16 is a good example of the power of praise. What happened when Paul and Silas praised God by praying and singing hymns?

<https://youtu.be/Y24Ak7DJZFg>





Weapons of Warfare - Praise

- We've talked about praise before. Explore the difference between thanksgiving and praise.
- Explore the scripture: Psalm 18:3

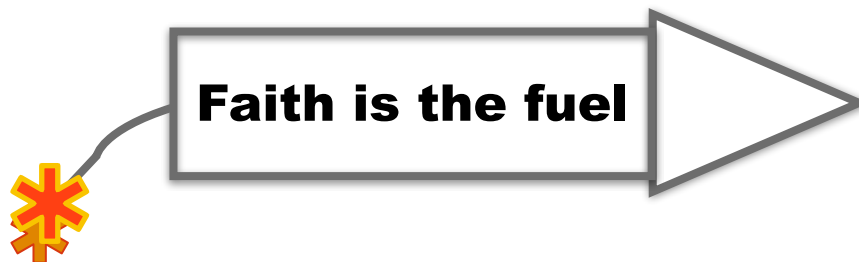
I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised;
so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

You are very smart!

You are so kind!

Remember: Praise is all about HIM.

God loves it when we focus on how big and wonderful He is, because that shows our faith.
Nothing is too hard for Him, but our praise and our faith is an important part of prayer!



Praise is the Power

Put into Practice

Ask: Is there anything in your life that is hard?

We all have hard things to deal with sometimes. How could praising the Lord change those situations?

When we praise God, we take the focus off of us and our problems and just focus on how awesome and wonderful God is. He is big enough to handle any trouble that comes our way.

If no one has anything they want to share, maybe you have a struggle in your life that you could share and give an example of turning it into praise.

There are several testimonies about this on the [kingdomkidsontheirknees](http://kingdomkidsontheirknees.com) website. Look for **POWERful Praise** in the Blog section. Also, **Call Charlie, Only Praise**, and **Healing Through Praise**.



Songs and Scriptures for Weapon of Praise

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I Will Call Upon the Lord <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vPsK9UiBFJI>

I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised.
So shall I be saved from my enemies, I will call upon the Lord.

The Lord liveth and blessed be the rock
And let the God of my salvation be exalted.
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And let the God of my salvation be exalted.

I Can Do All Things <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zhmbP4uOQeU>

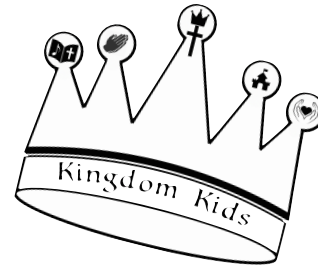
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me
I know I can, Yes, I know I can.
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me

(Add your own verses. I can - name something hard - through Christ who strengthens me...)

Example: I can be kind to my enemies through Christ who strengthens me...

Make up your own!

Prayer Points for Parents



Hello Parents!

Today at Kingdom Kids we talked about praise.

- Praise is a natural reaction to something or someone we love and cherish.
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Worship is Warfare (3.45 min.)

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Scripture:

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Challenge for K Kids

Is there anything in your life that is hard?

We all have hard things to deal with sometimes. How could praising the Lord change those situations? Try praising Him and reminding yourself that He is big enough to handle anything that comes your way.