

S.A.F.E. Homes



Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



*“Let every thing that hath breath praise
the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.”
Psalms 150:6*

Praise God!

Have you ever had the breath knocked out of you or gone under water and desperately needed air? It’s a terrible feeling not to be able to breathe. And yet, so often, we take breathing for granted. Do you have to tell yourself, “Breathe in, now, breathe out”? No, of course not! You don’t even have to think about it most of the time. Each breath is followed by another.

The Psalmist reminds all of us, **“Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord!”** There is no particular criteria to be able to praise God. You can be short or tall, skinny or husky, young or old, rich or poor, or anything in between! All it takes is breath.

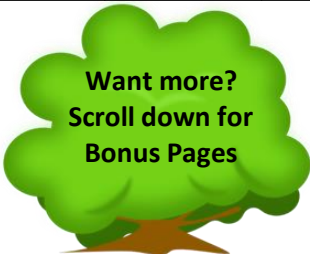
Luke tells the story of Jesus entering into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. A multitude of people began praising God in loud voices for all the wonderful things they had witnessed, **“Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest” (Luke 19:38).** The Pharisees, who were the religious leaders of that day, tried to get Jesus to rebuke the people and quiet them down. But Jesus did not hesitate to tell them, **“I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out” (Luke 19:40).**

The Psalmist also tells us, **“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork” (Psalms 19:1).** Yes, God’s creation certainly does declare His glory, but we don’t want any rocks crying out in our place! If you can learn this principle, your whole life will be better: Praise God in the good times, praise Him in the bad times, praise Him when you are well, praise Him when you are sick, praise Him when you’re up and keep praising Him when you’re down. Don’t let your circumstances dictate how you glorify God. As long as you are breathing, God deserves your highest praise!

Family Prayer: “Dear God, I am thankful for every breath that You give me. No matter what is going on in my life, I want to use my breath and my strength to give You praise! In Jesus’ name, amen.”



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Gather supplies to make instruments of praise. Use paper cups and plates, pie pans, staples, tape, dry beans, and bells to construct noise makers. Get creative! Have a time of singing and praise. You don't have to be at church to make a joyful noise to the Lord.

Let's talk

Can you explain how it is possible for everything that has breath to praise God? Can sinners praise God? How is praise different from worship?

If you are keeping a S.A.F.E. HOMES scrapbook, take pictures of your family praising God on your own unique instruments and add them to your collection of special memories. While you're at it, how about making a list of things that your family wants to praise God for.



Additional Challenges

Psalms 150 is a fantastic passage of scripture to memorize. After filling in the blanks, see if you can commit it to memory.

(1) Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his _____: praise him in the _____ of his power.

(2) Praise him for his _____: praise him according to his _____.

(3) Praise him with the sound of the _____: praise him with the _____ and _____.

(4) Praise him with the _____ and _____: praise him with _____ and _____.

(5) Praise him upon the _____: praise him upon the _____.

(6) Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

*No matter your circumstances,
as long as you have breath, remember to praise the Lord!*

Puzzle Page

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