



**Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for October 24, 2010  
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**"God Rules Over the World"**

**Lesson Text:** Psalm 47:1-9

**Background Scripture:** Psalm 47:1-9

**Memory Verse:** "Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth" (Psalm 47:6-7).

**Psalms 47:1-9**

- 1 O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
- 2 For the LORD most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth.
- 3 He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah.
- 5 God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.
- 8 God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.
- 9 The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth belong unto God: he is greatly exalted.

**TEACHER'S NOTES**

Psalm 47 confirms that He is our sovereign King, ruling over the nations and the earth. Because of this, God's people need not fear anything that ungodly nations may bring against them. Because of this, we should praise Him. The scripture mentions shouting and music. The point is that we should praise Him wholeheartedly. No demonstration of praise is too great to honor such a king.

**THE OBJECT IN VIEW:**

Teach that we should not be afraid but should praise God because He rules as King over all the earth.

**TRUTH TO STRESS:**

1. God is the great king who rules over all the nations on earth.
2. We should not be afraid of anything others can do to us.
3. We should praise God with all our hearts.

## **PLANNING VISUAL AIDS:**

For Helping to Remember, bring yellow construction paper for each student, pencils, safety scissors (blunt tip), and glitter glue or craft jewels. Have tape handy.

Have a copy of the Word Search available for each student (located at the end of this lesson).

## **BEGINNING THE LESSON**

Joey heard his friend Roger praising God. They were getting ready to eat. Joey expected Roger to pray, but he just expected a quick, memorized prayer. Instead, Roger thanked God for the food and for all His blessings. He praised Him that He was always with them and that He had protected them as they traveled in the car. He praised God that they always had enough food to eat and live in a nice, warm house. He praised God because God is a great King ruling over all the earth.

When Roger finished, Joey was staring at him. "You really believe God is King over all the earth?" he asked.

Roger got out his Bible and read Psalm 47. Then Joey felt like praising God too.

## **TELLING THE LESSON**

Roger read the Scripture from today's lesson. This psalm calls on us to clap our hands. When do we do that? (Teacher, allow the children to respond.) Yes, we do it when we are happy with something someone has done.

Psalm 47 also says we should shout to God. Sometimes people shout at ball games. They want their team to win. The Bible says we are to "shout unto God with the voice of triumph" (v.1). There is good reason to cheer, because our God is winning.

God is winning because He is the King. He is the one who is in control. It might look like evil is winning now, but God is not finished yet. He is working all things for good in the end. He is working all things for His glory.

Many nations might rise up against God's people, but God will take care of that. They will not be able to hurt God's people. God has chosen us to be His very own people.

It is good to sing praises to our great King. He is King over all the earth. Even those who do not know Him or love Him or obey Him must do His will. They may think they are not doing what He wants, but God is using everything they do to bring good in the end for His people.

If those who do not love God gather together against His people, God will be a shield to protect His own. They will not be able to hurt us; so we need not be afraid. Rather, we can praise God, knowing that He is working out His good plan.

It is good that we do not need to be afraid. It is always good to praise the Lord.

## **TELLING HOW TO LIVE**

Do you hold back from praising the Lord? Maybe you are afraid to sing very loud. Maybe you are embarrassed to clap your hands or to join in praising God the way

others around you are doing. Maybe you worry that you should not look like you are too excited. But God is one you can really get excited about.

What is meant by praises? To praise God means to speak the truth about how great He is. For instance, since God is perfectly good, we can sing about how good He really is – either how He is good toward us or how He has shown His goodness in dealings with others, especially those people in the Bible.

There is no praise that can ever be too much for our great King. Why not join in with all your heart? (Teacher, give some examples of the types of praise or worship that are common in your church. Encourage the children to join in with all their hearts.)

### **HELPING TO REMEMBER**

To help the students remember that God is a great King, let them design crowns by drawing and cutting out a jagged design and a band. They may need to tape two bands together to go around their heads. Then let them decorated the crowns with glitter glue and/or craft jewels.

### **EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE**

**“Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth” (Psalm 47:6-7)**

What is the proper response when we understand that God is a great King? The psalm writer repeated the answer four times. It must be that He really wanted to be sure we get it, that we really understand. The proper response is to sing praises to God. This is a wonderful way to honor God. We praise Him when we tell Him how good He is. What else can we do when we remember that He is a great King ruling over all the earth?

In the end, God’s will must be done. He can take all our mistakes and turn them for good. Is that not wonderful? Truly, God is worthy of all our praise!

### **CONCLUSION**

Lead the children in singing praises to God, their Great King.

### **PRAYER**

Dear God, I am not afraid but I praise you for being the King over all the earth. Thank You, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

### **ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON**

Next week’ lesson is “**God is My Help.**” We should see the value of God’s presence in our lives.

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## WORD SEARCH

### "God Rules Over the World" (Psalm 47:1-9)

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CARE  
GLORY  
GOODNESS  
HONOR  
LOUD  
NATIONS  
PEOPLE  
PSALM  
RULES  
SONGS  
WORTHY

CROWN  
GOD  
GREAT  
INSTRUMENT  
LOVE  
OBEY  
PLAN  
REIGN  
SHOUT  
WONDERFUL

EARTH  
GOOD  
HEART  
KING  
MUSIC  
OVER  
PRAISE  
RISE  
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## WORD SEARCH SOLUTION

### "God Rules Over the World" (Psalm 47:1-9)

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(Over, Down, Direction)

CARE (10, 15, E)  
CROWN (2, 15, NE)  
EARTH (11, 10, E)  
GLORY (11, 1, S)  
GOD (14, 3, SW)  
GOOD (2, 11, N)  
GOODNESS (1, 8, NE)  
GREAT (9, 15, N)  
HEART (1, 1, SE)  
HONOR (5, 7, SW)  
INSTRUMENT (14, 14, NW)  
KING (8, 6, W)  
LOUD (15, 11, S)  
LOVE (4, 1, SW)  
MUSIC (9, 10, W)  
NATIONS (8, 7, E)  
OBEY (4, 8, NW)  
OVER (7, 1, SE)  
PEOPLE (4, 6, S)  
PLAN (3, 11, NE)  
PRAISE (8, 4, SE)  
PSALM (3, 15, E)  
REIGN (6, 5, NE)  
RISE (10, 11, SE)  
RULES (10, 9, W)  
SHOUT (13, 6, N)  
SING (11, 6, S)  
SONGS (5, 14, NW)  
WONDERFUL (15, 9, N)  
WORLD (7, 5, NW)  
WORTHY (6, 1, SW)

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