

**UNIT 2  
SESSION 3**

Bonus  
Teaching Hour  
for Babies

# PEOPLE SANG TO GOD



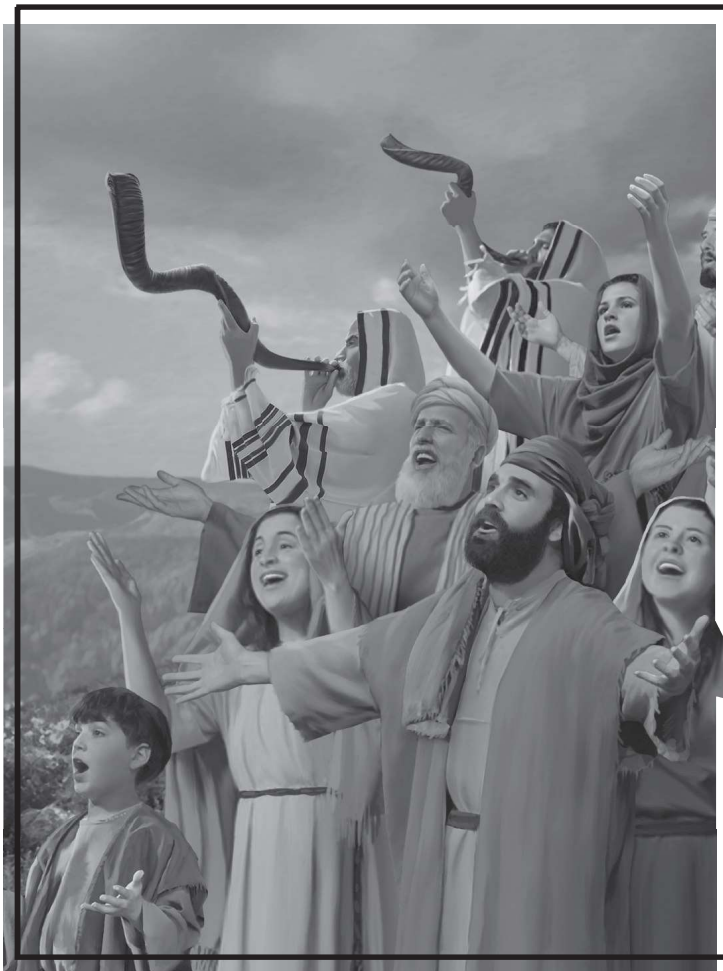
## TRANSITION/GROUP TIME

### BIBLE STORY STATEMENTS

- » The people came to Jerusalem.
- » They brought money to give as offerings to help rebuild the temple (church).
- » The people prayed to God and sang songs to Him.

### BIBLE WORDS

- » people, money, Jerusalem



### ROOM

### YOUR TEACHING PARTNER(S)

### DATE OF USE

### LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God hears me.

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Ezra 2:68–3:13

### BIBLE VERSE

Praise God for He is good.  
*Psalms 135:3*

### LIFE POINT

God hears His people  
praise Him.

### REMEMBER TO

Use a calm, quiet voice.

Focus attention on the  
babies.

Review parents'  
instructions and any  
medical information.

Put take-home items in  
children's bags.

Make a final diaper check.

Release children to  
authorized adults.



## BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

### EXPLORE COINS

**Gather:** Quart-size ziplock bags, hair gel, coins, duct tape, pillow

**Do:** Add hair gel to each ziplock bag. Add a few coins. Remove the excess air as you seal each bag. Reinforce each seal with duct tape. Tape a bag to a low table for older babies. Tape a bag to the floor or high chair tray for younger babies.

- » Place a younger baby on his tummy on a pillow near the bag of coins. Encourage him to reach for the coins.
- » Invite older babies to squish a bag to explore the coins.
- » Tell that the people brought money to give as offerings to help rebuild the church.
- » Say the Bible story statements.
- » Say: “God hears His people praise Him.”

### CRAWL OVER TEXTURES

**Gather:** Music; clear packing tape, various rough and soft textures (towel, bubble wrap, soft blanket, sandpaper)

**Do:** Tape the textures to the floor in a path.

- » Encourage the mobile babies to travel along the path by crawling.
- » Describe the different textures along the path.
- » Say that the people traveled to Jerusalem.
- » Tell the Bible story statements as the babies crawl along the path.
- » Gently touch younger babies’ feet to the different textures, pretending they are walking.
- » Tell that the people prayed to God and sang songs to Him in Jerusalem.
- » Sing “Anytime, Anywhere.”

### SING SONGS

**Gather:** Music; Bible

- » Hold a baby in your lap as you open the Bible and say: “Praise God for He is good. Psalm 135:3.”
- » Tell that the people prayed to God and sang songs to him. Mention that we can sing praises to God.
- » Sing to the tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb”:  
“Praise God for He is good. / He is good. / He is good. / Praise God for He is good. / He is good.”
- » Sing “Pray” and then pray with the baby.
- » Say: “God hears me.”

### PLAY WITH MANIPULATIVES

**Gather:** Manipulatives (rock and stack toy, rattles, musical toys), floor seats, pillows, blanket

**Do:** Place the manipulatives on the blanket on the floor.

- » Seat some children in floor seats. Lay some infants on their tummies on pillows. Let other babies sit on a blanket.
- » Invite the babies to play with the different manipulatives.
- » Tell the babies that the people brought money to give as offerings to help rebuild the temple (church). Comment that we bring offerings to church as well.
- » Mention that we also pray to God and sing songs to Him like the people did long ago.
- » Tell the Bible story statements.
- » Pray.