

Mad Lib Psalms

As part of Family Worship at Friends Meeting at Cambridge

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All the things that bring us joy are gifts from God. When we enjoy the seasons, and when we enjoy our family and enjoy our activities, we can say thank you to God.

There is a part of the Bible that is particularly good about expressing reactions to God.

It's right in the middle of the Bible and it's called "the psalms". Has anyone here read any of the psalms?

Psalms were written a long long time ago, and mostly they are talking to God.

Sometimes they complain: Psalm 42

Sometimes they're about trust: Psalm 56

Often they are saying "HELP!": Psalm 77

Often they are saying, "yay, God!" and thank you: Psalm 100

We are going to write our own psalm, with the help of this flip chart and our three scribes.

Scribes are people who write things down.

Please help me by giving me things for these categories. We'll have three of each, except the first one which we need six. Not everyone gives for everything.

1. Activities of summertime
2. something that grows in the summer
3. a special food of summer
4. name of a baseball team
5. an animal
6. name of a person in your family
7. something you play with in summer
8. weather that we have in summer
9. an age group of people in Meeting
10. the name of a job that people do that helps other people

Okay, here we go:

A Psalm of thanksgiving for Summer.

Praise God, all ye creatures of earth.

Praise God with _____ and _____ (activities of summertime)

Praise God with _____ (something that grows in the summer).

Praise God with _____ (a special food of summer)

Let all creation, even the _____ (name of a baseball team) and _____ (animal) and _____ (name of a person in your family) praise our God!

For God is good and all of God's creation is glorious!

O give thanks to the one who made the _____ (something you play with in summer) and _____ (weather we have in summer).

Give glory to God for the _____ (age group of people in meeting) and _____ (a job that helps other people).

Give thanks to God, all ye creatures of earth!