

MEMORY VERSE:

"All you nations, praise the Lord. All you people on earth, praise him. Great is his love for us. The Lord is faithful forever. Praise the Lord." Psalm 117:1-2 (NIRV)

LARGE GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

"All you nations, (point straight out) praise the Lord. (Look up at the sky and reach up with arms.) All you people on earth, (make a circle with arms) praise him. (Look up at the sky and reach up with arms.) Great is his love for us. (Make a heart shape with your hands.) The Lord is faithful forever. Praise the Lord. (Look up at the sky and reach up with arms.)

Teach the hand motions to this verse. Practice the verse a few times.

SMALL GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Open your Bible to Psalm. Show the kids how it is written like a poem, compared to other books of the Bible. Explain how songs and poems have rhythm. Hand out two pencils to each of the kids and ask them to copy your beat.

Play a few different rhythms like: left pencil, right pencil, left pencil, right pencil back and forth

Or left pencil 2 times, right pencil 1 time, left pencil 2 times, right pencil 1 time, etc.

Finally, end with reading the memory verse to the kids. Read it one more time and ask the kids to tap along to the beat of the Psalm. (Try to read with rhythm.)