

Message in the Music 1

Justin Worden – August 27, 2008
Tupos SM - Wednesday Night Live

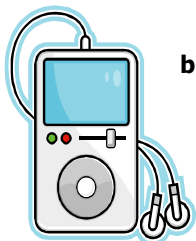
I. "Name That Worship Song"

a. How to Play

- i. Make teams (3-4 people each), index card & pen
- ii. First to write name of song & artist & hold up card
- iii. Bonus points for singing the chorus

b. Songs to Be Played

- i. "Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone" by Chris Tomlin
- ii. "Come to the Cross" by Michael W. Smith
- iii. "Dancing Generation" by Matt Redman
- iv. "Does Anybody Hear Her?" by Casting Crowns
- v. "Every Time I Breathe" by Big Daddy Weave
- vi. "Famous One" by Chris Tomlin
- vii. "Happy" by Ayesha Woods
- viii. "I Could Sing of Your Love" by Delirious
- ix. "Love Is Here" by Tenth Ave. North
- x. "Your Love, oh Lord" by Third Day



II. What's This Praise All About?

a. The Meaning of Praise

- i. What does it mean to "praise" someone or something? (allow answers)
- ii. Webster's dictionary = "To express a favorable judgment of; to commend or to recommend as worthy of confidence or notice; to glorify. To praise someone or something means to focus your attention on the remarkable qualities in someone/something and then respond favorably by word or deed."

b. Your Encounter with Praise

- i. Can you think of a time when someone praised you for something you did well or just to encourage you?

- ii. Can you think of a time when you offered someone else words of praise?
- iii. Why do you think its important for us to "praise" God? What are some ways we can do that?

c. Praise from God's Word

Psalm 36:5-10 = "Your lovingkindness, O LORD, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; Your judgments are like a great deep O LORD, You preserve man and beast. How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! And the children of men take refuge in the shadow of Your wings. They drink their fill of the abundance of Your house; And You give them to drink of the river of Your delights. For with You is the fountain of life. In Your light we see light. O continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You, And Your righteousness to the upright in heart." (NASB)

- i. Recognize these words from anything you've heard before? You've probably sung them many times!

d. Inspiration for Third Day's Music

- i. Who is Third Day?

1. Third Day is a CCM band formed in Marietta, Georgia during the 1990s. The band was founded by lead singer Mac Powell and guitarist Mark Lee. The other band members are Tai Anderson (bass), and David Carr (drums). The band's name is a reference to the biblical account of Jesus rising from the dead on the third day following his crucifixion. (wikipedia.org)



- ii. What's Up with Third Day?

1. Third Day began in 1991, when singer Mac Powell and guitarist Mark Lee... had already played together in a garage band called Nuclear Hoedown.
2. On February 28th, 2008, Third Day released a statement announcing Brad Avery's departure from the band after 13 years and over 1000 concerts.
3. Newest studio album called *Revelation* was released July 29, 2008.
4. Their song "The Other Side" from their new album *Revelation* will be in *NASCAR 09*.
5. They appeared on The Late Show with David Letterman on July 10 2008 and then on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno on July 29, 2008. (wikipedia.org)



III. Praising Because You Just Can't Help It

a. Understanding This Psalm

- i. Written by David
- ii. "Psalm 36 is a wisdom psalm that gives revelation of the nature of sin and an exaltation of God's unending love [see also Ps. 14; 53] (Compact Bible Comm, pg. 370)
- iii. "In Psalm 36, we see that David was so overwhelmed by the bigness, the holiness, the power, the glory, the compassion, the faithfulness of God that he couldn't help but praise Him" (Rock the Universe 08 material, The God We Praise)

b. How Will You Praise Him?

One day a space ship landed in the middle of a huge field just outside a small, rural community. The aliens looked friendly enough, so some farmers cautiously approached them, hoping to establish a good relationship with them. The aliens greeted the earthlings warmly and said, "We are on a mission from the planet Zuron of the galaxy Andromeda. We have been assigned to explore your planet and to discover what you have learned. We are here to learn as much as we can about the planet earth. So tell us, has anything significant happened here on earth that you can tell us about?"

The farmers thought for a moment and then one spoke up and said, "Well, we have radio and TV! We can send radio and microwave signals all over the planet using satellites." The aliens replied, "Oh, well we have had that for thousands of years. In fact, that technology has become quite obsolete. What else has happened?"

Again, the farmers scratched their heads and one said, "We have developed computers that can process information in seconds that used to take years. And these computers are small enough to be carried in a briefcase!"

"Well, that's old news, too," said the aliens. "Hasn't anything extraordinary happened here?"

The farmers were still thinking when one of the aliens asked, "We have heard a rumor that God visited your planet many years ago. Is this rumor true?"

"Well, there was a man named Jesus Christ. He claimed..."

"Yes! That's it! Jesus Christ! Did he really come?" the aliens asked excitedly. "Yes," said the farmers, "but..."

"What an extraordinary thing! What a wonderful thing!" exclaimed the aliens. "Tell us, what did you do when God visited your planet? Did you bring gifts and throw them at his feet? Did you run the streets celebrating and singing? Did all the world finally realize how much he loves them? Please, tell us, what did you do?"

The farmers pondered for a moment and then sheepishly said, "Um...we killed him." (**Hot Illustrations 1.0, A Visit From Space**)

Closing questions = What will you do with Jesus? How will you praise Him each day of your life for all He has done for You?

Related music = "Your Love, Oh Lord" (*Time* by Third Day, 1999)
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Tupos Student Ministries Small Group Life Application Sheet

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Lesson Objective: Challenge students to recognize the importance of praising God with their words and actions.

Tonight's Text: **Psalm 36:5-7** = "Your lovingkindness, O LORD, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; Your judgments are like a great deep O LORD, You preserve man and beast. How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! And the children of men take refuge in the shadow of Your wings." (NASB)

Personal Insights: Allow a few students to give examples of how they can praise God for who He is and what He has done for them.

Discussion Questions:

1. Praise God for who He is... list 5 things you love about God. (Allow a few students to share differing opinions).
2. Praise God for what He has done... name 5 blessings God has given you. (Allow a few students to share their answers).
3. If you could rewrite Psalm 36:5-7 in your own words, how would it read to you?

Prayer Time: Just take time to praise God, through word, through song, through silence (however your students want to). It's praise time!