

IPEAR for CHILDREN OF GOD

Introduction: What are some reasons we might clap for someone? (*Allow response.*) Usually we clap for people after they do something special. Maybe they made a goal at a soccer game, played a beautiful song on the piano or gave an inspiring speech at a meeting. When we clap we are saying, “Good job!”

Did you know we can clap for God? When we think of how great and mighty He is and see all the wonderful things He has done, we can praise and thank Him. God made the whole universe! What is your favorite animal? (*Allow response.*) Let’s clap for God and thank Him for making that animal.

(*Clap with children; say a short “thank You” prayer.*) The song we are going to sing today talks about clapping for God.

Presentation: (*Sing song once for children while showing them the visual.*)

Explanation: Chorus

Stand up, stand up and shout out! It’s time we start to applaud—Applaud means to clap for someone. We can stand up and make some noise to praise God for who He is and thank Him for all the things He has done.

We are the children of God—If you have trusted Jesus as your Savior, your sins are forgiven and you are one of God’s children! He is always with you and is making a place for you in Heaven. That is one of the reasons to thank God.

Verse 1

We have a friend who will love us—That friend is Jesus and He loves you.

Faithful and true He will be—If you know Jesus as your Savior, He promises to never leave you. He will be always there to help you.

He’ll be our strength and He’ll guide us—God will help us know what to do and give us the power to do it.

Through all eternity—Forever and ever—He never stops!

Verse 2

Let us begin now to praise Him for all the things He has done—Because of all the wonderful things God has done for us, we should be thankful. If you haven’t already been praising and thanking God, you can start right now!

With every breath we’ll adore Him—You can say thank You to God by living in a way that honors Him. That way, with every breath—every moment of every day—you can praise and thank Him. You can stop and help someone who needs it, obey your parents the first time they ask you to do something and do your best at school no matter what. All these things are ways you can say thank you to God for what He has done for you.

He is the holy one—This is another reason we can praise God. He is holy! That means He never sins and cannot do anything wrong.

Application: *Saved*—If you have believed in Jesus as your Savior, you can praise God in many ways. You can clap for Him and sing to Him. But one of the best ways to praise Him is to live in a way that honors Him.

Unsaved—If you have never believed in Jesus as your Savior, you can do that today and become a child of God. Jesus came to Earth, died on a cross and rose again so you could have your sins taken away. If you trust Jesus as the only one who can save you, you can become a child of God. That is the most amazing reason we say thank You to God. He makes a way for us to be His children!