

Fall Quarter 2021 Theme:
Celebrating God
Unit I. God's People Offer Praise

Lesson Titles:

Celebrating with Song (Faith Pathway Bible Studies)

Moses and Miriam Praise God

(Townsend Press Sunday School Commentary)

LESSON 1—August 5, 2021

Devotional Reading: Exodus 105:1-2, 37-45

Background Scripture: Exodus 14:1–15:21

Print Passage: Exodus 15:11-21

Key Verse(s):

Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? (Exodus 15:11, KJV)

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"Who among the gods is like you, LORD? Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?" (Exodus 15:11, NIV)

Questions to Consider:

- 1. What was Moses and the children of Israel singing about?
- 2. Why are the nations that Israel would face on their way to the land of Canaan fearful?
- What did Miriam do?

Lesson Context:

- In Exodus chapter 14, the children of Israel journeyed through the desert and arrived at the Red Sea.
- The Lord sent a great wind which caused the waters of the Red Sea to part as Israel walked through on dry ground (see Exodus 14:13-30).
- When they safely reached the other side, Moses began to lead the men in singing in celebration of God's great victory at the Red Sea.

▶ Lesson Aims:

As a result of experiencing this lesson, the participants should be able to do these things:

- Explore why and how Moses and Miriam praised God.
- Reflect on the actions of God that are celebrated through music, dance, and words.
- Celebrate God's faithfulness with joy.

Lesson Outlines/Key Points:

- I. The <u>Deeds</u> of God (Exodus 15:11-13)
 - Key Point 1: There is no god who can compare in power, holiness, wonders, redemption, or strength to the Lord our God.
 - Key Point 2: The Lord's desire is to redeem His creation back to Himself.

II. The <u>Dreading</u> of Our God (Exodus 15:14-16)

- Key Point 1: The nations would tremble and be terrified of the Lord.
- Key Point 2: Surrounding nations feared and dreaded Israel's God when they heard the story of the miracle at the Red Sea.

III. The <u>Dwelling</u> of Our God (Exodus 15:17-21)

- Key Point 1: The Lord saved Israel.
- Key Point 2: Miriam leads the women in singing, dancing, shouting, and praising God.

Lesson Summary:

- Our devotion to God should not be confined to one day of the week. We should acknowledge God's goodness and deliverance in our lives every day.
- Whether with song, poetry, dance, or instruments, we must give our best worship to the One who loves us eternally.

What Do You Think? (These questions are found in this week's Faith Pathway student book.)

As a	result of this lesson, I will do the following:
3.	If you believe that God dwells wherever His saints dwell, then do you engage in worship experiences with others outside the physical church sanctuary? Why or why not?
2.	What impact does the knowledge that God's enemies fear Him have on those who trust God? Do you think it encourages humility or arrogance? Support and explain your answer.
1.	When you witness the deeds of God, how do you react? How should you react? Do the two match?