

Text           Matthew 21:14-16, Psalm 8:1-2  
Focus         A child's praise honors the Lord Jesus  
Verse         Psalm 9:1 "I will praise *You*, O Lord, with  
                 my whole heart . . ." NKJV

## Songs of Praise and Worship

### Prayer/Offering

Story 1       Children Honor Jesus (Bible)

Craft 1       Children Honor Jesus (coloring)

### Snack Time

Story 2       Molly (people)

Craft 2       Molly (stickers)

### My Bible Verse

Story 3       Children Did (tell me)

Craft 3       Birds (coloring)

Story 4       A Child's Praise (puppet)

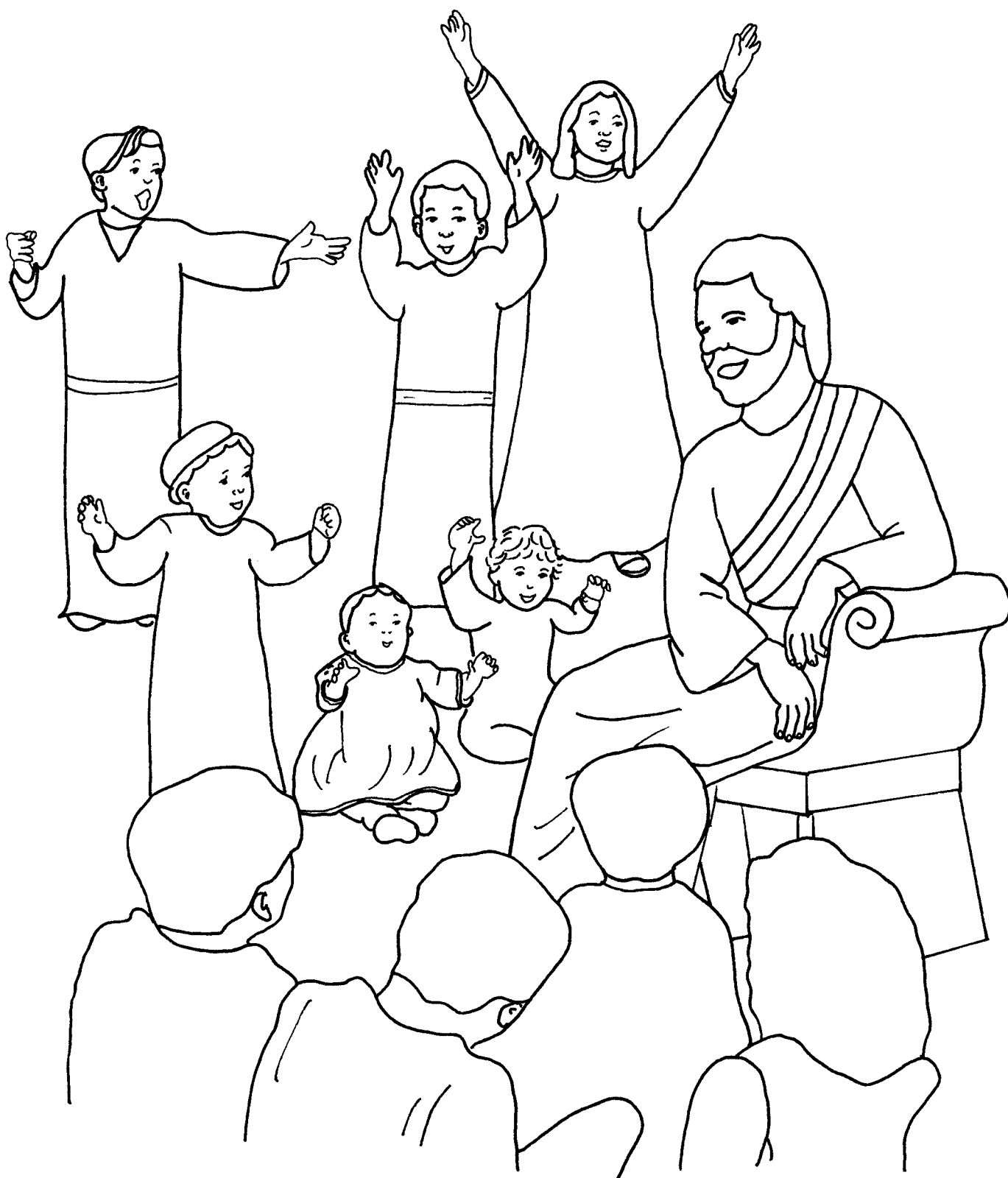
Craft 4       Tambourines (stickers)

# Children Honor Jesus

## Matthew 21:14-16, Psalm 8:1-2

Indoor Scene (used as temple scene) Throne Room Overlay (pillars only), Jesus (3A), Men (87), Women (97A), Children (108)

- 1. Jesus is in the temple in Jerusalem.** *Display Indoor Scene (used as temple scene), Throne Room Overlay (pillars only), Jesus, Men, Women, Children.*
  - A. The blind and the lame are coming to Him.
  - B. Jesus heals each one.
  
- 2. The children in the temple are watching Jesus.**
  - A. They see Jesus healing people.
  - B. They know that Jesus is worthy of praise and honor.
  - C. The children start saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David."
  
- 3. The grownups are also watching what Jesus is doing.**
  - A. They see the children praising Jesus.
  - B. Jesus tells them that children praise Him perfectly from the heart.
  
- 4. Your praise honors the Lord Jesus.**
  - A. Your praise is from the heart.
  - B. Jesus is glad when you praise Him.

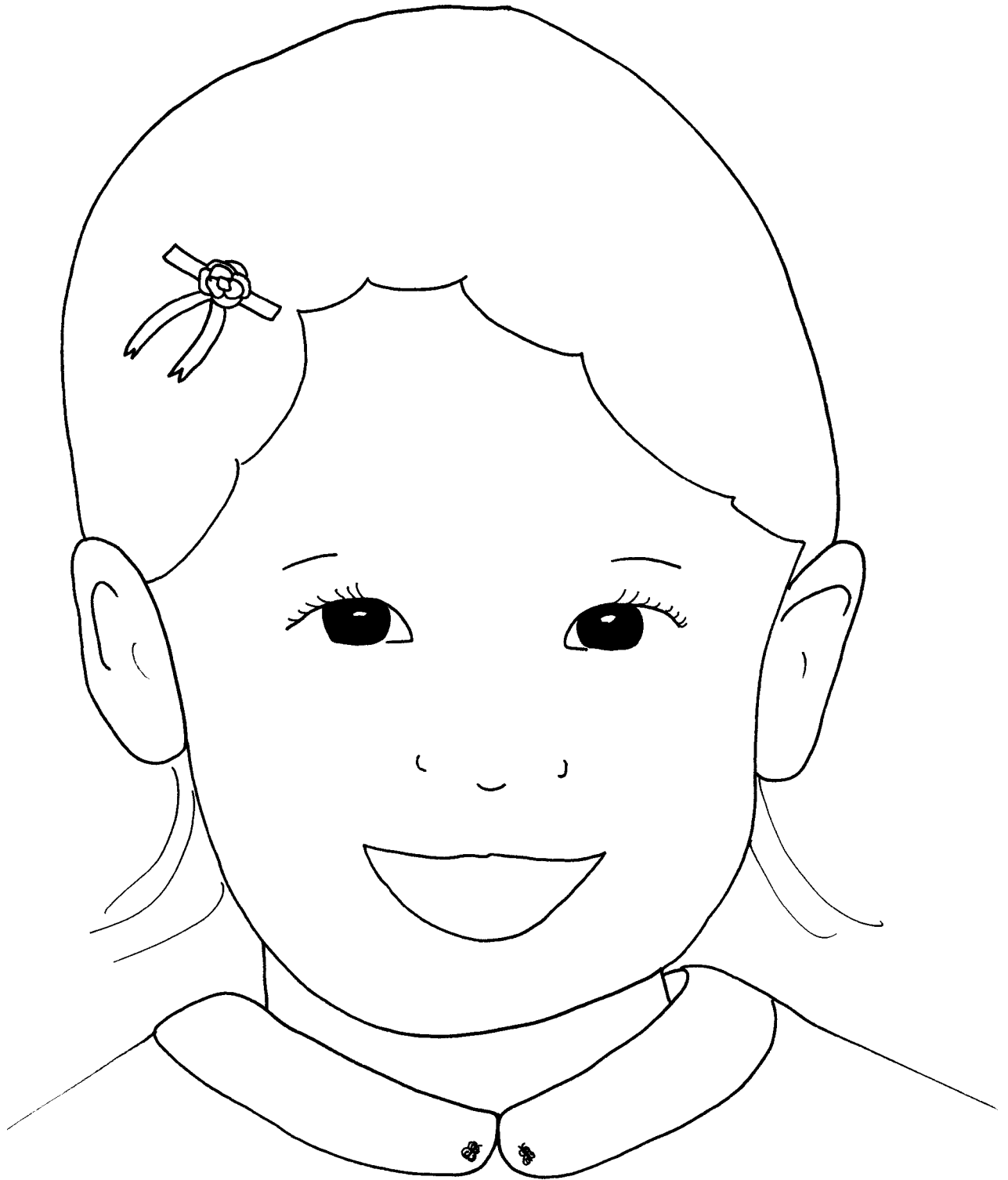


Children in the temple shout, "Hosanna to the Son of David."

## Molly

Molly is just a little girl. Her mommy taught her to raise her little hands in the air when she heard someone say, "Praise the Lord." Do you know what Molly is learning to say for herself? "Pwaise the Lord!"

Jesus is glad when boys and girls praise Him. Your praise honors the Lord Jesus because it is from the heart.



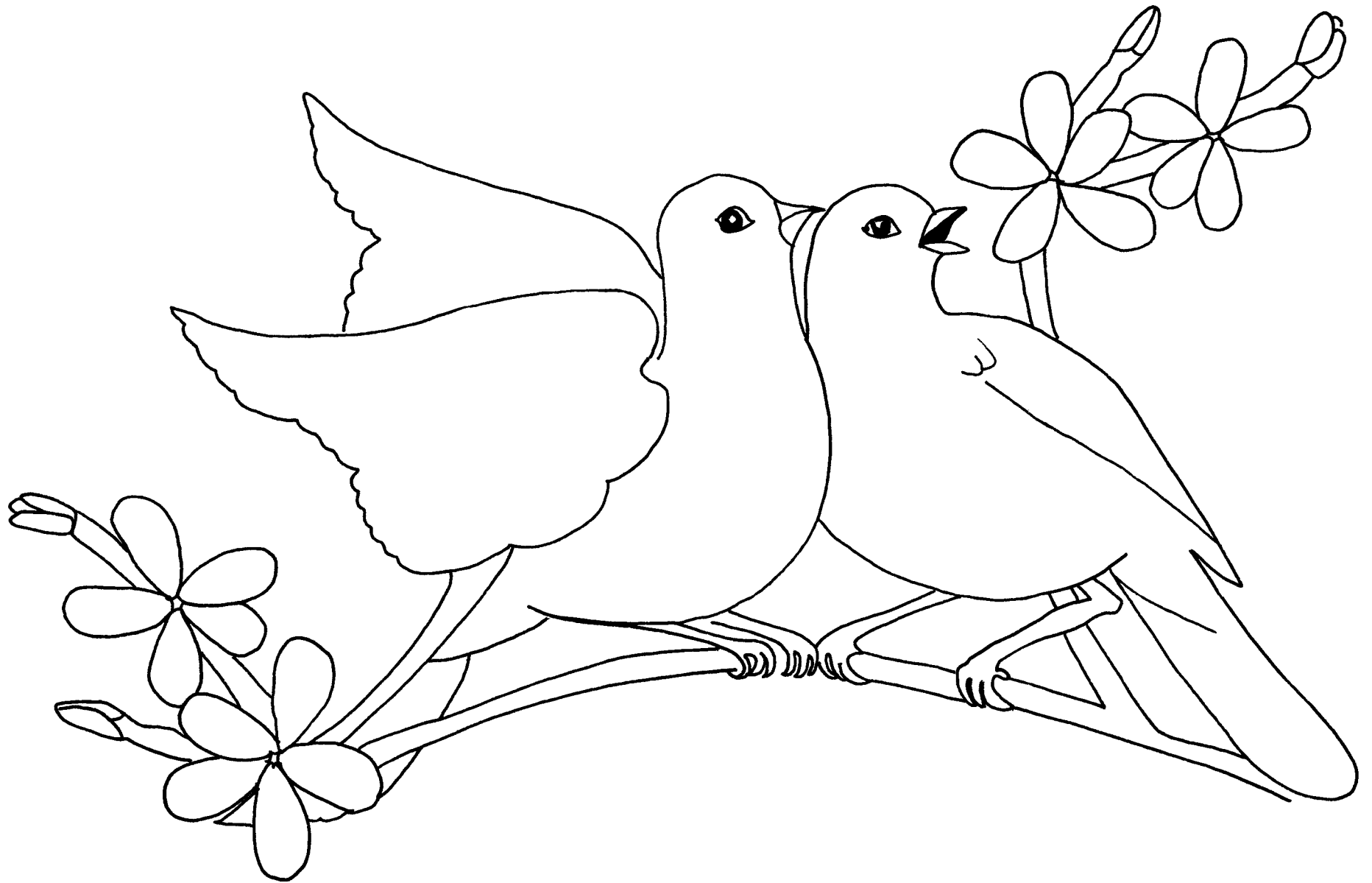
Your praise honors the Lord Jesus

## Children Did

Can you tell me . . . who praised and honored Jesus in the temple? *Pause briefly.* Children did.

Can you tell me . . . do you praise the Lord Jesus from your heart? *Pause briefly.* Yes.

Can you tell me . . . is Jesus glad when you praise Him? *Pause briefly.* Yes, He is.



I will praise *You*, O Lord, with my whole heart... Psalm 9:1<sup>NKJV</sup>

## A Child's Praise

Characters: Teacher  
Pepper (or your favorite puppet)

PEPPER: Does Jesus like it when I praise Him?

TEACHER: Yes, He is very much honored by a child's praise.

PEPPER: I thought since I was little that maybe He didn't know I was praising Him.

TEACHER: Oh yes, He knows that your praise is from the heart.

PEPPER: I'm going to praise Jesus everyday.



# Tambourines

## Materials Per Child:

- two paper plates
- one teaspoon popcorn
- white glue
- felt pen
- stickers

## Preparation:

Before class, make a tambourine for each child. The following instructions are for one tambourine.

Place popcorn in a paper plate. Put a small bead of glue around the rim. Place the other paper plate face down on the paper plate with glue on it. Let the glue dry. Write the words, "Praise the Lord," with a felt pen.

Bring tambourines and stickers to class.

## What to Do:

During class, have the children decorate their tambourines with stickers. When they are finished, march around the room singing praises to the Lord!