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Psalms of Praise

For this learning experience, you will be working in a group of three. Your group will be assigned one of the following psalms. Please circle the psalm your group is assigned.

Psalm 95	Psalm 103	Psalm 111	Psalm 115	Psalm 138
Psalm 97	Psalm 104	Psalm 112	Psalm 116	Psalm 145

Small-Group Directions

1. Select one of the students in your group to read your assigned psalm aloud as the others follow along in their Bibles.
2. Discuss the following questions as a group. Record your responses below.
 - What expression of honor or praise is used throughout the psalm? (This phrase may be considered the refrain when the psalm is used in liturgy.)
 - Why does the psalmist give thanks? For what is the psalmist grateful?
 - What does the psalmist tell you about God and his relationship to God?
 - Does giving God gratitude and praise benefit God or the one giving gratitude? Explain your answer.
3. Write a short psalm of gratitude (six to eight verses) that would come from the heart of a young person today. Identify a refrain for your psalm to share in class. Legibly and creatively write the words to your psalm and illustrate it on the newsprint.

