



## **DECLARE HIS PRAISES Everyday, Everywhere, to Everyone**

### **Children’s Lesson—based on I Peter 2:9b**

You and your family just returned from a wonderful vacation at Disney World. You have a Disney hat and sweatshirt, and you wear them all the time. You can’t stop talking about the great time you had at the “Magic Kingdom.” You want everyone to know what a fabulous place it is.

You and I have experienced something far more wonderful than Disney World. Through the saving water of Holy Baptism, God adopted us as his children. He said: “You are mine—now and forever. One day I will take you to heaven. I sent my Son to die and rise from the dead to pay for your sins. Now you can live each day, knowing that you have my peace and your prayers are heard. Tell all your friends and family members that I love them, too.”

Now... imagine being at Disney World at night during a power failure. Instantly everything goes black! It becomes a frightening place. You bump into things and stumble into other people. All the people are screaming as they try to find the exits. Darkness can be terrible! But God rescued us from the darkness of sin, doubt, and hopelessness. He brought us into the light of joy and forgiveness. Because of Jesus, he assures us that we have heaven, and not hell, awaiting us. Share this good news everyday, everywhere, with everyone!

Why is it difficult for us to talk about Jesus? (Fear of ridicule, fear of failure, my friends say all religions are the same, I might not be able to answer people’s questions, I don’t want to look weird, etc.)

But God gives us courage to say the right words at the right time. He calls us to be lights in this sin-darkened world. Therefore, **Declare His Praises: Everyday, Everywhere, To Everyone!**