



WHO DO WE WORSHIP?

BIBLE VERSE: Do not have other gods besides me. *Exodus 20:3*

BONUS VERSE: Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the whole earth. He never becomes faint or weary; there is no limit to his understanding. *Isaiah 40:28*

BIBLE STORY: The Golden Calf (Exodus 32)

BIBLE TRUTH: There is one true God who alone deserves worship.

Over the next few weeks in TeamKID, your child will be diving in on what it means to live a worshipful life. Worship is a spiritual discipline that's important for all believers to take part in. Worship is showing total adoration for God because of who He is and what He has done.

This week, your child heard about the story of the golden calf. Although God had been faithful to provide for the Israelites, they still didn't trust Him and decided to create a false idol, a golden calf, to worship instead. While we might not be creating golden calves, anytime we put our trust and hope in something besides God, we are directing our worship somewhere else. Ultimately, there is one true God who alone deserves worship (Exodus 20:3). Even so, our sinful hearts are inclined to worship other things. We sometimes worship our friends, our family, our success, even our possessions. It is only because of Jesus, who gives us a whole new heart, that we can focus our worship on God alone.

Continue the discussion with your child about how your family can engage in worship together. Whether it is through singing with one another, discussing how good God has been to your family, or even praying with adoration, you can help teach your child how to live a life of worshiping God.





WHAT IS WORSHIP?

BIBLE VERSE

You do not want a sacrifice, or I would give it; you are not pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifice pleasing to God is a broken spirit. You will not despise a broken and humbled heart, God. *Psalm 51:16-17*

BONUS VERSE: Our Lord and God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power, because you have created all things, and by your will they exist and were created. *Revelation 4:11*

BIBLE STORY: Mary Washed Jesus' Feet (Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-50; John 12:1-8)

BIBLE TRUTH: Worship is celebrating the greatness of God.

When Mary entered the presence of Jesus while He was eating with prominent religious leaders, she entered a place of total vulnerability. The people sitting around Jesus knew of her sin. More importantly, Jesus knew of her sin. She knew that she did not deserve His forgiveness. But this man had been going around healing people and forgiving them of their sins! So she went in. She bowed before Him. She washed and anointed His feet with her tears and perfume. She was questioned the whole time. You see, though she did not seem like the "type" of person who should be hanging around Jesus, her heart posture was turned toward His greatness. She knew He was so great, that she could ask His forgiveness and spend time worshipping Him.

This is exactly where our hearts should be. We, too, are some of the greatest sinners to have ever existed, and we do not deserve to ever be in the presence of Jesus—much less ask His forgiveness! But because of His death on the cross, we can be confident in an eternity spent with Him.

This week, as you and your kids process this story, ask yourselves how you can turn the posture of your heart toward Jesus' greatness just like Mary did. Worship does not have to be done only on Sunday or only with familiar music playing. We can worship in whatever way expresses our gratitude and love for our Savior.





WHY DO WE WORSHIP?

BIBLE VERSE: LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you. I will praise your name, for you have accomplished wonders, plans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness. *Isaiah 25:1*

BONUS VERSE: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. *Genesis 1:1*

BIBLE STORY: God Created People (Genesis 1–2)

BIBLE TRUTH: We worship God because God created people to love Him and give Him glory.

When God created the world, He saved His best creation for last: the creation made in His own image. As humans, we get the special title of “image bearer of God.” Unfortunately, we know that was not the end of the story in Eden. Adam and Eve brought sin into the world and we continue to live in that sin every day.

As you have been talking with your child about worship over the last few weeks, you have introduced that God is the only One who deserves worship and that we can worship Him in many ways.

This week, teach your child that we worship God because He created us to do so. Help her understand that when we were created in God’s image, we were predisposed to be worshipers. We worship what we love. And when sin entered into our hearts, we started loving things besides God. Help your child understand that though we are inclined to worship people and things other than God, we can ask God to help our hearts worship Him alone.

Spend some time in prayer this week asking God to reveal to you and your family what you worship other than God, and ask Him to help you all love Jesus more than any of those things.





WHERE DO WE WORSHIP?

BIBLE VERSE: God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and in truth. *John 4:24*

BONUS VERSE: The LORD is good, a stronghold in a day of distress; he cares for those who take refuge in him. *Nahum 1:7*

BIBLE STORY: Woman at the Well (John 4:1-30)

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This week, TeamKIDs were introduced to the idea of both private and corporate worship. While your child discussed the importance of worshipping with the body of believers, she also learned that she can worship privately as well through prayer, Bible reading, and simply giving glory to God in everything.

Your child learned this by exploring the story of the woman at the well, where a Samaritan woman asked Jesus if she and her people had to worship God in Jerusalem. At that time, Samaritans and Jews did not like one another, and the Samaritans could not go to the temple. Jesus told the woman that she could worship anywhere because worship happens in spirit and truth. When we are giving glory to the one true God by spending time with His Spirit, we are worshipping.

As you continue this discussion with your child throughout the week, challenge your entire family to discuss how God has met you in your own private worship time. Spend time worshipping on your own, and consider having family worship time. Doing these things can help demonstrate that worship is not only for the church walls but for our everyday lifestyles.





WHEN DO WE WORSHIP?

BIBLE VERSE: Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship. *Romans 12:1*

BONUS VERSE: We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. *Romans 8:28*

BIBLE STORY: Paul and Silas in Prison (Acts 16:16-34)

BIBLE TRUTH: We can worship God at any time. We glorify God because of who He is and what He does.

Your child continued to explore worship this week by learning that we can worship God at any time—not just when we are happy or feel like it. It is easy to worship and give thanks to God for all the things that make us happy, but the real challenge comes when we are commanded to worship God and thank Him for even the tough circumstances in which we are placed.

Kids heard the story of Paul and Silas in prison. They were placed in prison unfairly after releasing an evil spirit from a young girl, and did not know how their circumstance would end. They could have been killed in prison. They could have gotten sick or hurt by other prisoners. Regardless, Paul and Silas worshiped God in the midst of this hard circumstance.

Help reinforce the truth this week that God deserves worship at all times! You can do this by talking with your child about a time when it was hard for you to worship God. Maybe you felt as if He treated you unfairly. Maybe you didn't understand why a prayer was answered in a way you did not understand. Mention that although you may not always feel like worshiping God, He remains faithful.





HOW DOES WORSHIP CHANGE US?

BIBLE VERSE: Then I heard the voice of the Lord asking: Who should I send? Who will go for us? *Isaiah 6:8*

BONUS VERSE: In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. *Matthew 5:16*

BIBLE STORY: God Is Holy (Isaiah 6; 53)

BIBLE TRUTH: Worship leads us to celebrate and share the greatness of God. We tell others about Jesus so they will hear and believe the good news.

In this final week of a unit about worship, we learned how worship changes us. Your kids explored how worship leads us to celebrate the greatness of God, and therefore, leads us to tell others the good news about Jesus.

To understand this truth, kids heard the story of Isaiah, a prophet who vowed to go wherever God sent him and to do what God asked of him. He spent his life prophesying about the coming Messiah—telling others the good news of Jesus. As we continue in lifestyles of worship, we grow closer to God. The Holy Spirit makes our desires into His desires. This process is called sanctification: the process of becoming more like Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This week, help reinforce the need for a worshipful way of living. Lead your kids to understand that being in the presence of God motivated Isaiah toward surrender and action to obey and follow God's will and plan for his life, and it can do the same for us! You can do this by leading your family in this worship. Ask questions about how you can all glorify God as each day begins. Play worship music in the car. Pray as a family, and lead your kids to do the same. Above all, encourage your kids that we do not have to be at church to worship, but we should be worshiping in every aspect of our lives.

