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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 worshiping.

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.





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JESUS TAUGHT A SAMARITAN WOMAN THAT BELIEVERS WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH. WHEN JESUS DIED FOR OUR SINS, HE REMOVED THE NEED FOR ANY KIND OF SEPARATION IN WORSHIP. BELIEVERS HAVE FULL ACCESS TO GOD AND CAN WORSHIP HIM ANYWHERE. WE WORSHIP GOD WITH OUR ACTIONS AND ATTITUDES IN RESPONSE TO WHO HE IS. THIS WEEK, EXPLORE ELEMENTS OF PRIVATE AND CORPORATE WORSHIP AND WHY THEY ARE BOTH IMPORTANT IN THE LIFE OF A BELIEVER.

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### **BIBLE TRUTH**

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### **LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING**

- Younger Kids: The church is more than a building; it is Christians who gather to worship and serve God.
- Middle Kids: A church is a group of Christians who meet together to worship and serve God.
- Preteens: The church is a fellowship of baptized believers who meet together to worship and serve God. Churches today are part of the movement Jesus and His followers began.

### **BIBLE SKILL**

Names the 10 divisions of the Old and New Testaments

### **PARENT CONNECTION**

Lead parents deeper into the Bible story and life application by sharing this meeting's Parent Connection (Item 21).



# MEETING 4 GAME

## BEANBAG TOSS

### To play:

Form two teams. Teams should stand several steps back from the start lines. Each TeamKID may choose which start line to use when it is her turn. She may toss one beanbag. If the beanbag lands in a basket, her team earns the number of points printed on the start line she chose. Keep up with the points each team has earned after every player on the team has tossed a beanbag. The team with the most points wins.



### Debrief:

Explain that in this game, TeamKIDS earned different point values depending on which start line they chose. Winning the game depended on where each kid stood and how many total points were scored. Help kids know that some faith systems tell people they have to worship at certain places to win eternal life, but that is not the case for followers of Jesus. Jesus came to die on the cross and remove our separation from God so that we can worship God from anywhere!

### PROVIDE:

- 15 beanbags
- Masking tape
- Permanent marker
- 2 laundry baskets

### TO DO:

- Place two baskets side by side.
- Print "5 points" on a piece of masking tape and attach it to the floor close to the baskets. Print "10 points" on a second piece of masking tape and attach it to the floor several feet behind the "5 point" line. Print "15 points" on a third piece of masking tape and attach it to the floor several feet behind the "10 point" line.
- Place five beanbags at each start line.



# MEETING 4 GAME

## SILLY HOOP WIGGLE

**PROVIDE:**

- 1 plastic hoop
- Timer

**To play:**

Form one line; kids should stand side-by-side and hold hands or grasp wrists. Place the plastic hoop over the arm of the first child. The child should pass the plastic hoop to the next person without unlinking hands or arms. Use the timer to measure how long it takes for the hoop to get from one end of the line to the other. Play two or three times, trying to increase speed with each round.

**Debrief:**

Lead TeamKIDS to locate John 4:28-30 to find out what the woman did after she spoke with Jesus. (The woman went into her village and told everyone about the Messiah.) Eventually, many of them believed in Jesus too! Help kids understand that, like passing along the plastic hoop, when we pass along the good news of Jesus, God can use us to accomplish great things.

