



WHY DO WE WORSHIP?

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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.



MEETING 3

WHY DO WE WORSHIP?

WE WORSHIP BECAUSE GOD CREATED PEOPLE TO LOVE HIM AND GIVE HIM GLORY.

WHEN GOD CREATED PEOPLE, HE MADE US DIFFERENT FROM THE REST OF CREATIONS BY MAKING US IN HIS IMAGE. IT IS BECAUSE WE ARE CREATED IN HIS IMAGE THAT WE ARE CREATED FOR WORSHIP. BECAUSE OF OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS, WE TEND TO WORSHIP THE CREATION RATHER THAN THE CREATOR. THIS WEEK, LEAD TEAMKIDS TO UNDERSTAND WHY WE WORSHIP GOD. WE ARE CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE TO REFLECT HIS GLORY TO THE WORLD.

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LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

- Younger Kids: God is perfect.
- Middle Kids: God is holy.
- Preteens: God is holy and perfect.

BIBLE SKILL

Reads and memorizes Bible verses.

PARENT CONNECTION

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

MEETING 3 GAME

CHARADES RACE

- PROVIDE:**
- Item 27: "Charades Race"
 - Scissors (adult use)
- TO DO:**
- Print out and cut apart "Charades Race" cards.
 - Create two to three teams of 10 TeamKIDs or less.

Teaching tip:

Be sure that the cards are not in the same order so that each team is acting out different things.



To play: Form teams. When you give the cue, one child from each team will go to the front of the room, grab a card, and act out whatever is on the card. Once the team guesses correctly, the player will run back into the crowd and tag a TeamKID who has not been up front yet. Remind kids that they cannot use words or sign language to communicate what their card says.

Debrief:

Congratulate kids on their hard work and determination in acting out each scenario. Point out that all the things that they acted out could be things we choose to worship instead of God. Remind TeamKIDs that worship is begins in our hearts, so if we find our hearts loving something more than we love God, we may be worshipping those things instead of God. Encourage kids that because of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, we can ask Him to make our hearts love Him more than anything so that we will worship only God.

MEETING 3 GAME

POTATO DROP

PROVIDE:

- A large bag of potatoes
- 2 to 3 buckets

TO DO:

- Form two to three teams.
- Mark a start line (you can use items in the room to mark where kids need to start).
- Put buckets 30 feet or so away from the start line.

To play:

Lead each TeamKID to place a potato between his knees and race against the other team to the finish line where he must drop it into the designated bucket. If the potato is dropped, or if hands touch it, the player must go back to the start and try again. The first team to get all their potatoes into their bucket, wins.

Debrief:

Say: "It was hard to keep those potatoes stable, wasn't it? If you lost your focus on getting the potato from the start line to the bucket, it would drop." Remind TeamKIDS that it is the same with our worship. Because we have a sin nature, we are still tempted to sin, and without focus, we will start worshipping things other than God. Yet when we focus on all His greatness, we can do exactly what we were created to do: love God and give Him glory!

