

## **Worship at the Tabernacle**

The Gospel Project: Unit 5 Session 4

Leviticus 16, 19, 26

Midweek Bible Class

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**Christ Connection:** God instructed the Israelites to sacrifice animals to demonstrate the forgiveness and removal of sin. God gave His one and only Son, Jesus, as the perfect and final sacrifice for sin. Anyone who trusts in Jesus is forgiven of their sins and made clean forever.

**Big Picture Question:** Why do we need to be saved? PS: We are sinful and need Jesus to rescue us from sin. Elem: People are sinful and cannot save themselves.

**Memory Verse:** PS: There is no one holy like the Lord. 1 Samuel 2:2; Elem: There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.” 1 Samuel 2:2

**Spiritual Discipline:** Worship- celebrating the greatness of God through Jesus by the Holy Spirit

**Leader Bible Study:** Over the past three weeks we have covered several aspects of worship. We have asked, what is worship? Worship is giving our adoration, time, and respect to God because of who He is. Then we learned that we can worship God in private by ourselves and we can worship God is public with other believers. Worship can be a loud joyful noise or a still small prayer. The main reason to worship God is to give Him the praise He deserves.

Last week, we learned we can give to God when we have little and when we have an abundance. Both are acts of worship as we give back to God out of what He has already given us. Our final

session for this unit will explore worshiping God when we are joyful and also when we feel sad.

We do not have to gloss over the fact that we feel different emotions. And it's important that kids see that we are not ignoring our sadness when we choose to worship God in the midst of trials and pain. We can come to God when we are struggling because it helps us see His power. He is our strength when we are feeling weak. But God is also our joy on the good days. We can worship God no matter how we feel!

The Bible is full of examples of people worshiping God in difficult circumstances. This week, we will examine Paul's choice to worship God, even in a jail cell. Kids will see an example of Paul worshiping God in his darkest days. We are called to worship God no matter our situation. We are invited to glorify God and be a living sacrifice regardless of how our day is going or how we may feel. God meets us where we are.

To prepare for this week, think of some examples to share with the kids of when you have worshiped God during joyful times in your life and when you worshiped God in the harder times. You do not need to go into too much detail but show kids it is good to worship God no matter what you are feeling.

## Welcome

### **Sing Songs**

### **Worship A-Z**

Materials: large sheet of paper, crayons

On a large sheet of paper, write all of the letters of the alphabet. Encourage the kids to think of a different reason to worship God for each letter of the alphabet. Challenge the kids to work on the list a little each week and try to fill up all the letters by the end of the unit.

## **Make An Instrument**

Materials: materials such as paper plates and cups, rubber bands, string, tape, staplers, etc.

Remind kids that one of the ways we worship God is through music. Challenge them to make their own unique instrument. At the end of the activity, play a worship song while the kids play along with the homemade instruments.

## **Line Up**

Materials: none

Call out a category, like birthday month. Kids will line up in the correct order from those whose birthdays are in January and ending with those whose birthdays are in December. Continue the game with different categories, such as height, number of siblings, alphabetically by first name or last name, or number of pets.

## **Chains**

Materials: none

Lead kids to form a circle. Choose one kid to start the game. The first person will start an action like two jumping jacks, a silly dance move, walking like a crab, etc. The next person has to perform the first movement and then add on a different action. The third person does the previous two movements and will then add on a third action. Continue this until everyone has a chance to add on to the chain. See if anyone wants to try and do all the moves in a row without being told what comes next.

## **[Learn About Worship](#)**

### **Review Spiritual Disciplines**

Materials: none

Say, ***“Each week we gather to learn about spiritual disciplines. Spiritual disciplines are practices that help us do what?”***

Grow in the love for God and godliness.

Ask, ***“What are some of the spiritual disciplines we have learned about?”***

Prayer, worship, Bible study, fasting celebration, generosity, service, rest, and so on.

Say, ***“Great job! Today we are focusing on the spiritual discipline of worship. In Bible story this week, we learned about the building of the tabernacle, which was a special place of worship. We’re going to continue learning about worship and how we can worship God no matter what we are feeling. Let’s get started!”***

### **Review the Discipline of Worship**

Materials: none

Say, ***“Last week we learned that we can give to God when we have a little and when we have an abundance. Both are acts of worship as we give back to God what He has already given us. Our last session for this unit will focus on worshipping God when we feel joyful and when we feel sad.”***

Ask, ***“Is it easier for you to worship God when you are feeling happy or when you are feeling sad? Can someone give me an example of when you worshiped God during a difficult time in your life?”***

Say, ***“The Bible tells us to be glad and make joyful noises to the Lord. It also tells us God is with us and He is still worthy of praise when we are not feeling joyful. God cares about when we feel sad. No matter what we are feeling- happy or sad- we can rejoice in God’s strength.”***

Group Game: Seek and Find

Materials: Bibles

Make sure each kid has a Bible. One by one, call out the following verse references: Isaiah 25:1, Psalm 150:6, 1 Chronicles 16:34, Psalm 71:8, Psalm 95:6, and Psalm 105:1. Whoever finds the verse first will stand up and read the verse. As the rest of the group listens to the verse being read, challenge them to slap, cheer, and stomp their feet to praise God anytime they hear something that refers to praising God. If you have a group that is not as familiar with the Bible, you may consider doing this game in groups, or marking the book ahead of time so that they are just responsible for finding the chapter and verse.

Say, “The Bible commands us to worship God. These verses give us many reasons why we worship God, but never say we have to wait until we feel happy or joyful to praise Him. In fact, when we spend time reflecting on the goodness of God, we will start to rejoice in who He is, even when life feels sad or difficult. We can worship God when we are happy and when we are sad.”

**Read the Bible**

Materials: Bibles

Read Acts 16:25-32

Say, ***“Paul and Silas were in jail because leaders were unhappy that they were preaching the truth of God. Nevertheless, they spent their time in jail singing praises to God, despite their difficult circumstances. Even when we experience hard moments, we can still worship God for who He is. Even when our circumstances change, God remains the same. When we are feeling sad and when we are feeling happy, we are called to worship God. Others will see and know we worship an amazing God, and so we continue to present our bodies as living sacrifices to God. We can worship God on the good days and the bad; we just need to bring what we can to Him and honor Him for His holiness.”***

### **Christ Connection**

Materials: none

Say, ***“Whether we are feeling mad, glad, sad, silly anxious, or confused, we can worship God. Our feelings change, and our days change, but God stays the same. We worship God because He is mighty, great, all-knowing, strong, and powerful, but we also worship Him because He is kind, gentle, patient, caring, and peaceful. We can approach God in any circumstance. In fact, we see Jesus talk to His Father, God, right before He went to the cross. Even in the midst of facing a painful death for our sins, Jesus took His true emotions to God the Father.”***

### **Group Demonstration: God Made Us Unique**

Materials: construction paper, tape, crayons

Hang a piece of construction paper where the group can see it. Invite a volunteer to the front and hand him one blue crayon. Give him instructions to draw a house with some grass, a tree in the front

yard, a sun in the sky, etc. After he is finished with the drawing, ask the group what is missing from the drawing.

Say, ***“We are missing a lot of different colors in this drawing! We’ve got plenty of blur, but I don’t think I’ve ever a blue sun or blue grass or a blue tree. Our volunteer did a great job following my instructions but think about how much more interesting this picture would have been if he had been given a whole box of crayons to create with.”***

Read Psalm 129:13-14.

Say, ***“We were created by God, and that deserves praise! God made us each unique, so it makes sense that we would all feel differently, act differently, and deal with situations differently. You are one of a kind! We can remember this truth when we go to God in worship. We have the freedom to approach Him no matter how we are feeling. Maybe it looks like going to God in prayer, writing out feelings of praise and worship in a journal, or studying the Bible to learn of people facing similar situations to ours. We praise God for who He is and who He made us to be.”***

### **Follow Up on Last Week’s Challenge**

Materials: none

Ask, ***“Does anyone remember last week’s challenge?”***

Say, ***“Last week, our challenge was to find ways to give generously as an act of worship to God.”***

Ask, ***“Who was able to complete the challenge from last week? Would anyone like to share how it went?”***

Say, ***“That’s wonderful, thanks for sharing! Once we start looking for ways to give to others, we’ll discover lots of opportunities to worship God through giving.”***

### **Introduce This Week’s Challenge**

Materials: none

Say, ***“Set a notebook or piece of paper by your bed. At the end of every day, no matter how you are feeling, write out a few sentences thanking God for who He is and telling His why you are choosing to worship Him. Some days may be good days, and it will be easier to worship God. Some days may be hard, but God wants your worship even on the bad days.”***

### **[Love God by Practicing Worship](#)**

#### **In the Good and Bad**

Materials: paper plates, craft sticks, tape, stapler

Give each kid two paper plates and a craft stick. Show them how to tape the craft stick to the bottom of one of the plates, like a handle. Then pass around a stapler so that the kids can staple the two plates together, with the craft stick sandwiched in the middle, like a lollipop. On one side of the plate, draw what your face looks like when you are happy. On the other side of the plate, draw what your face looks like when you are sad. Read Psalm 100:2 and Deuteronomy 31:8 aloud to the kids and discuss on which side you would write each verse. Encourage kids to put their creation somewhere they will see it this week and be reminded that we can worship God when we are happy and when we are sad.

#### **Close in Prayer**

Materials: none

Use the scripted prayer below, pray in your own words, or ask a student to pray.

Say, ***“God, thank You for caring about our emotions and about who we are. No matter what emotions we are feeling or what is happening in our lives, You never change, and we can come to You in worship. We pray that we will worship You in the highs and lows of our days, because you deserve all the praise. Amen.”***