

*Get Ready!***Worship:
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Psalm 100

Key Quest Verse

“I will praise the Lord all my life.” Psalm 14

Bible Background

Worship is the foundation to the life of every believer in Jesus Christ. Worship is not an add-on or dispensable. Worship is where your heart and God’s heart meet. Worship is a conscious expression of submission to God.

The dictionary gives the definition of worship as to “serve a superior.” God is our superior. He is the One we serve with all our lives. I Peter 5:6 encourages all to “Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time.” Humbling ourselves is an act of worship. It puts us in a place where we have to ask, “Who am I really serving? Who is really the Lord of my life? What is my humility quotient?” Self-examination in this manner is not only a part of the worship experience, but also a portion of what God wants to do in and through us as we worship.

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Lesson Quest

What I want my students to:

Know: How to show reverence

Feel: God deserves our reverence

Do: Show reverence to God through prayer, praise and offerings

Leader's Devotion

Worship is not restricted to any one time or place. We are called by God to be worshipers in every area and time in our lives. Be an example to students of worship as a lifestyle choice for you. Don't have your worship life be limited to what you do at church. Students are looking for a role model—someone to emulate and to teach them what it means to be a growing Christian. Teach them that worship is something that Jesus said should be done “in spirit and in truth” John 4:24.

Get Set!

Option A

Materials: A picture of a movie star

Show a picture of a movie star that your students would recognize. What would you do if I told you that this person was going to be the guest today in our class? How would you act? How would you feel? What would you say to them?

How do you think we will be when we actually meet Jesus? Can you even imagine what that would be like? Jesus! The one who is perfect in every way. Our teacher who has taught us right from wrong. The one who gave His life so we would have eternal life in His Kingdom. Can you imagine the joy in our hearts when we meet Him face to face?

Sometimes I think people worship movie stars or stuff they own, more than they worship God and Jesus!

GO TO THE BIBLE STORY

Option B

Materials: None

What are the reasons that we come to church? (fellowship, learning more about God, worship)

Our number one reason is to worship God. Today we are going to really concentrate on the word “worship”.

GO TO THE BIBLE STORY

Get Set!**Bible Story**

Advanced Preparation: Provide markers for students to highlight portions of the story in their Bibles.

In the book of Psalms, King David wrote a psalm giving thanks to God. Let's read it together out loud! Read in unison:

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all earth
Worship the Lord with gladness;
Come before him with joyful songs.
Know that the Lord is God
It is He who made us, and we are His;
we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.
Enter His gates with thanksgiving
and His courts with praise;
give thanks to Him and praise His name.
For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;
His faithfulness continues through all generations.

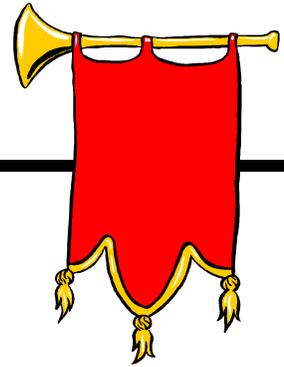
David gave honor to God by writing psalms of praise to Him. Psalm 100 is a beautiful Psalm of praise and worship. First the psalmist shouts for joy to the Lord. He is happy to acknowledge God as the object of his worship. He identifies God as the one who made us and that we belong to Him. The psalm tells how we should worship Him. We should “enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. We are to give thanks to Him at all times. The psalmist also tells us why we should praise God. It is because God is the God of love and He will be faithful to you forever.

Continue with the discussion activity “What is Worship?”

Go!**Worship Banner**

ARTS/CRAFTS

Materials: 8 1/2 by 11 inch sheet of light colored fabric, fabric markers or paint, paint stirring stick

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If you have any banners hanging up in your church building, show them to your students.

Procedure: Let the students decorate their fabric with fabric markers or fabric paints to make praise banners. Write on the board some praise word that they can write on their banner. Staple or glue each banner onto a paint stirring stick.

Close

Find a place in your church building to display the banners.

Go!**What is Worship?****DISCUSSION**

Materials: One copy per student of the Teacher Resource “What is Worship?”

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Have students fill in the answer to the questions on the worksheet.

What is worship?

To worship someone is to show intense love or admiration for them. Worship is reserved for God. Worship is adoration, devotion or homage. It is reverence and honor.

What are some ways David worshiped God?

By writing and singing praises, by playing the harp, by praying, by obeying

What are some ways we can worship God?

By going to church, singing praises, giving an offering, helping others, meeting with others who believe in God, playing an instrument, praying

Worship is not only what we do, but how and why we do it. What does this statement mean?

Close

Have students write down in their own words what worship means.

Go!**I Have It Hidden****ART/CRAFT**

Materials: Lemon juice, cups or bowls, cotton swab, white paper, iron, newspaper

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Procedure: Put the lemon juice in bowls. Cover tables with newspaper.

Give each student a white piece of paper and a cotton swab. Instruct the students to write Psalm 14 on their paper using the cotton swab and the lemon juice. Students can also add some pictures to their piece of paper. Let the piece of paper dry thoroughly. Place each piece of paper between two sheets of newspaper. Set the iron on medium and run the iron over the paper until the drawing and Bible verse appears on the white paper.

The picture will appear brown because the heat of the iron burns the natural sugars in the lemon juice.

Close

Our memory verse is very important to remember! Put this picture somewhere that you can see it everyday!

Go!**Worship Leader****GUEST QUEST**

Material: Ask the person who is in charge of the worship portion of your worship service to come as a guest to your class.

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Here are some possible questions for you to have the guest discuss with your students:

What are your responsibilities as the Worship Leader?

What is one of your favorite choruses? Hymns?

What is the difference between the two?

Close

Have the Worship Leader teach a new worship song to your class.

Go!**Awesome****Awesome God**

CREATIVE WRITING

Materials: A copy of the worksheet “Awesome God” for every student, pencils, several hymn or chorus books, timer

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Procedure: Divide the class into partners. **Who can tell me what an adjective is?** A word that describes something. **When we are worshipping and praising God we use so many words to describe God and Jesus! I am going to give each team a hymn book. I am going to set the timer for 10 minutes. On your paper I want you to write down as many adjectives as you can describing God under the heading “GOD” and write as many adjectives as you can that describe “JESUS” under that heading.**

Close

Have the teams share the adjectives with the rest of the class. You might award a prize to the team with the most adjectives.

Go!**To God Be the Glory**

MUSIC

Materials: Hymn book

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As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life." John 9:1-3

Music has always been an important part of my life. I love all kinds of music, but the music I love the most is the music that we sing about Jesus. I have a hymnal this morning and I have marked a few of the hymns that are among my favorites.

Here is one of my favorites, "To God Be the Glory." What a great hymn of praise to God. Here is another that has always been a favorite of mine, "All the Way My Savior Leads Me." It tells about how Jesus leads us through the difficult times in our life. Oh! This is one song that is definitely on my list of all-time favorites, "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine." Did you know that all of these favorites that I have named this morning have something in common? They were all written by the same person. In fact, there are seventeen hymns in our hymnal written by that person. Her name was Fanny Crosby.

When Fanny was six weeks old, she had an eye infection. Her regular doctor was out of town, and a man posing as a doctor gave her the wrong treatment. Within a few days, she was blind. If that happened to me, I am afraid I would be very bitter and I would probably spend a lifetime feeling sorry for myself. Fanny was never bitter and she never felt sorry for herself. When she was only eight years old, she wrote this poem:

Go!**Quest Connection cont.**

Oh, what a happy child I am,
Although I can not see.
I am resolved that in this world,
Contented I will be.
How many blessings I enjoy
That other people don't.
To weep and sigh
Because I'm blind,
I cannot and I won't!

Instead of being bitter and feeling sorry for herself, Fanny used the gifts that God had given her to write over 8,000 hymns and poems to praise and glorify God.

One day Jesus was walking with his disciples when they passed by a blind man. When they saw him, the disciples asked Jesus who was to blame for the man's blindness. Was it because of his sin or was it because of his parents' sins? Jesus answered them and told them that no one was to blame, he was blind so that God's works could be shown in him. Then Jesus healed the man and the people praised and glorified God for His goodness.

What about Fanny Crosby? God didn't heal her blindness. Perhaps if God had healed her, she might never have written all of those beautiful hymns—and the world would never have heard of Fanny Crosby. She used the tragedy of her blindness to glorify God. I pray that tragedy will never come into your life, but if it does, remember that everything that happens can be used to praise and glorify God!

Close

If possible have a recording of these hymns and play it for your students.

Awesome God!

GOD

JESUS



Describing God

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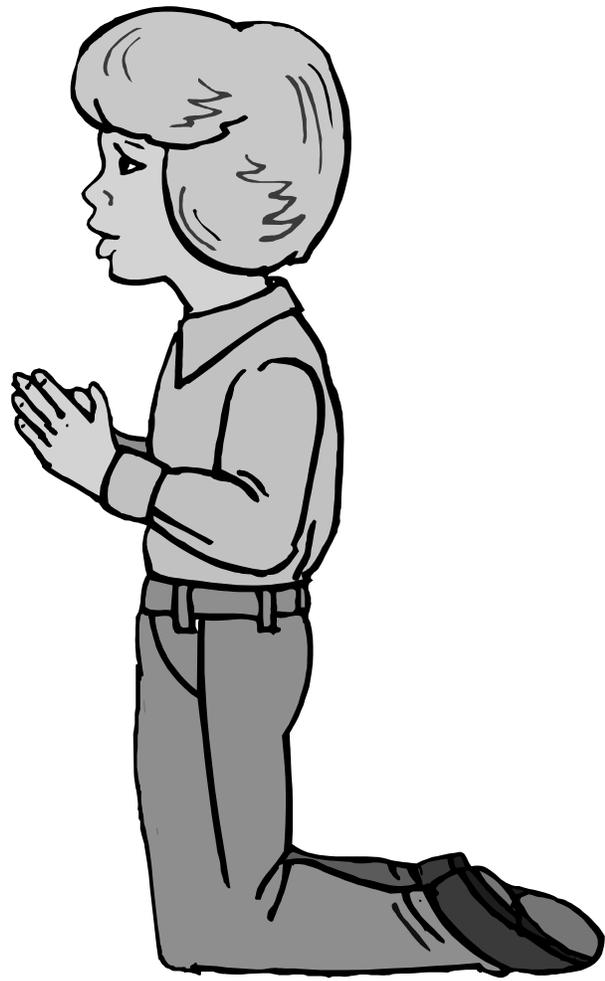
POWERFUL

LOVING

PERFECT

MERCIFUL

List some ways that you can honor God!



Write the Key Quest Verse by each worshipper.

