

Teach Me to Worship

THIS MONTH We Will...



Learn

Week One—Creation Calls Us To Worship

Week Two—God Calls Abraham, and We Are His Children

Week Three—God Commands Us To Worship

Week Four—King Jesus Will Be Worshipped Forever

Read

- Psalm 95:1-7
- Genesis 1
- Genesis 12:1-8
- Exodus 20:1-11
- Revelation 21-22

Sing

- O Worship the King
- Here I Am to Worship
- Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down

Memorize

“Come let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.”

— Psalm 95:6-7



Creation Calls us to Worship

SUPPLIES Needed



TO PRINT:

- Large Memory Verse to hold up (1 copy)*
- Creation Images (1 copy)
- Letter to Parents (1 copy/ family)

TO GATHER:

- Hymal/lyrics for songs*
(Optional: guitar or music to sing along with)
- Basket for offering*
- Playdough—enough for each child (any color)

OPTIONAL:

- Kid's Activity Sheet (1 copy/ child—meant for readers)
- Crayons or markers* (If allowing time for the Kid's Activity Sheet.)*
- Elements of Worship Icons*
(Found in the introduction section of this curriculum.)

*These items will be needed every week.

LEADER'S Review

This lesson starts our year-long series of worshipping God. We will progress through the elements of worship as well as Missions, Advent, and Easter, before this time next year. But, as we all know—how can you do something without knowing the “why?”

God, our ultimate object of worship, called his people to himself and showed them why he was, and is, worthy of worship. He called them, and us, out of the darkness and into the beautiful light that draws us to his heart and into his throne room to worship him.

Just as the Israelites were pursuing Canaan as their land of milk and honey, we too are pursuing that perfect land, heaven. We, knowing that Christ has come and now lives as our Savior, have it even better than the Israelites in being able to properly worship.

Come with us as we see how God started the reason of our worship—a truly personal relationship with a truly personal God.



Note this...

In advance of the class, take time to learn the hand motions for this month's memory verse (listed under the Call to Worship).

THE Lesson

Call to Worship – Psalm 95:6-7

Learn this month's memory verse—Hold up the large printout of the verse. Teach the children the verse and corresponding gestures. (5 minutes)

"Oh **come**, let us **worship** and **bow** down; let us **kneel** before the **LORD**, our **Maker**! For **he** is our God, and we are the **people of his pasture**, and the **sheep** of his hand."

Optional: Do the following motions while reciting the above passage:

- **Come**—pull hand to yourself
- **Worship**—both arms bent to sides to make 'W'
- **Bow**—put both arms forward then bow arms and head
- **Kneel**—do it! (and while kneeling do the next motion)
- **Lord**—raise one arm and make 'L' with pointer finger and thumb
- **Maker**—raise other arm and make fist with three middle fingers over thumb (pinky hiding) sign for letter M, and stand back up
- **He**—point up God—hands over heart
- **People of his pasture**—left arm bent flat in front of you then with right hand walk fingers across left arm
- **Sheep**—make fist with left hand and pet with right hand hand—hold out both hands, palms up

Praise

Sing worship songs with the children. (10 minutes)

- O Worship the King
- Here I Am to Worship
- Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down

Tithes and Offerings

Recite the following prayer for the offering. Then, pass around the offering basket. (2 minutes)

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be:
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
(vs. 1 of "We Give Thee But Thine Own")





Confession of Faith

Lead the children in confessing their faith by teaching the following catechism questions. (1 minute)

First Catechism Questions 1-2

1. Q. Who made you?
A. God
2. Q. What else did God make?
A. God made all things



Reading of the Word

Read scripture. (3-5 minutes)

Psalms 95:1-7

¹ Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! ³ For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. ⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! ⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. (ESV)

Genesis 1: Heaven and Earth

^{1:1-2} First this: God created the Heavens and Earth—all you see, all you don't see. Earth was a dark soup of nothingness, a bottomless emptiness. God's Spirit watched like a bird above the deep, dark water. ³⁻⁵ God spoke: "Light!" And light appeared. God saw that light was good. God named the light Day, he named the dark Night. It was evening, and it was morning—Day One. ⁶⁻⁸ God spoke: "Sky! And there it was: he named sky the Heavens; It was evening, and it was morning—Day Two. ⁹⁻¹⁰ God spoke: "Land, appear!" And there it was. God named the land Earth. He named the pooled water Ocean. God saw that it was good. ¹¹⁻¹³ God spoke: "Earth! Grow all varieties of green plants, Every sort of fruit tree." And there it was. God saw that it was good. It was evening, it was morning—Day Three. ¹⁴⁻¹⁵ God spoke: "Lights! Come out! Shine in Heaven's sky! Separate Day from Night." And there it was. ¹⁶⁻¹⁹ God made two big lights, the larger to take charge of Day, The smaller to be in charge of Night; and he made the stars. God saw that it was good. It was evening, it was morning—Day Four. ²⁰⁻²³ God spoke: "Ocean, fill with fish and all sea life! Birds, fly through the sky over Earth!" God saw that it was good. God blessed them: "Fish in the waters – have children! Birds in the sky – have children!" It was evening, it was morning—Day Five. ²⁴⁻²⁵ God spoke: "Earth, become alive with every kind of life!" And there it was: wild animals of every kind, cattle of all kinds, every sort of reptile and bug. God saw that it was good. ²⁶⁻²⁸ God spoke: "Let us make people to reflect our image, so they can take care of the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, and, yes, Earth itself." God created people in his image, reflecting

(Reading the Word Continued)

his nature. He created them male and female. God blessed them: “Have children! Take care of every living thing on the Earth.”²⁹⁻³⁰ Then God said, “I’ve given you every sort of plant and fruit tree for food. To everything that moves and breathes, I give whatever grows out of the ground for food.” And there it was.³¹ God looked over everything he had made; it was so good, so very good! It was evening, it was morning— Day Six. (My First Message)

Prayer

Give a prayer of adoration and thanksgiving for our creator, shepherd, and LORD.
(1-2 minutes)

Hearing the Word

Teach the lesson to the children using the text below as a guide. Use creation images to help illustrate the lesson. (3-5 minutes for lesson; 10-15 minutes for activity)

Before David was a great King, he was a little boy, a child just like you. Even as a child he loved to write songs to God. He worshipped God when he was very young. God calls all of us to worship him. We are going to learn part of this Psalm of David that is often used to call us to worship when we meet with everyone in our church. “Come let us worship and bow down...” David, the great “Call to Worship” writer understood that Jesus was the Word spoken in Creation—long before John wrote, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...Everything was created by him and without him was not anything made that was made” (John 1:1, 3).

“³For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. ⁴In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. ⁵The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.”

We are called to worship God in this Psalm because he created everything. Let’s look at all God made. **(Hold up the images for each day of creation.)**



Day 1:
Light: Day & Night



Day 2:
Heavens



Day 3:
Earth, Seas, & Plants



Day 4:
Sun, Moon, & Stars



Day 5:
Animals of Sky & Sea



Day 6:
People & Animals on Land

(Reading the Word Continued)

If you could create anything, what would it be? Ask the children to begin creating their favorite thing without giving them anything. Can any of you create something from nothing? Can God?

ACTIVITY: Give each child play dough and have them create a model of something in God's great creation (sun, moon, stars, animal, person, fish, bird, flower, tree...). When they are finished, let each child show what they have made. Have each child give thanks by saying, "Thank you God for making _____."

Adam and Eve worshipped God in this way, thanking him for all that he had made. Jesus was there in creation and walked in the garden and talked with Adam and Eve. All of creation calls us to worship Him. ⁶ "Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! ⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand." He created us, and we belong to him as the sheep of his pasture. David was a shepherd when he was a boy, and he understood what it meant to be God's sheep in His pasture. Sheep were always in need of a good pasture and a good shepherd. We, as God's children, are in need of everything. He made us and takes care of us. Jesus is the Great Shepherd of the sheep and he alone is who we worship.

Let's continue our worship now by thanking Jesus for creating all things and for taking care of us so well.



Benediction

Recite the following verse. (1 minute)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

—Philippians 4:23

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