

THE LIFE

EMBRACING THE LIFE OF A CHRIST-FOLLOWER

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Dear Parents,

Hello again! This week we completed the 40th lesson in our study on being a disciple who desires to worship God as we learned what it means to worship Christ as His disciples. This week's lesson was a very practical time of discussion and application. I hope your teenager enjoyed our time.

This week, the lesson was entitled "Worshipping God Through Song," focusing on one of the main ways we as disciples should desire to worship: through singing. We challenged your teenager to really consider how singing praise and worship to God really impacts their faith.

We looked at the following Scripture passages:

- Psalm 96:1-6
- Psalm 33:1-3

You'll enjoy reading these powerful passages that spell out the importance of expressing joy in worship through music, and how music can enhance our worship and consequently our faith.

Next Steps . . .

During the week as you have time to talk with your teenager, remember that one way that will help him or her understand and apply what he or she has learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- You talked some this week about why we use music and singing when we praise and worship in the community of the church. How do you think that music positively or negatively affects your worship experience at church? (Share your opinion on this as well.)
- OK, so the Bible says that we should use music as a tool to worship God. But are there times in the church when music can become more of a distraction than a tool? How can we know if this is happening? (Spend time engaging in this question with your teenager; help them to think about why we should always approach worship with God at the forefront!)
- It is truly amazing to think about all that God has done to redeem and save every believer in Him. When the Bible talks about singing with joy, where do you think this joy comes from? Do we always have this joy or is it only when everything in life is going right? (Help your teenager to see that the joy we express in musical worship is always present because regardless of our current situations, we have hope in Jesus Christ. This is why Peter was able to sing in the jail cell in Acts.)