



## WHAT IS WORSHIP – “OBEYING GOD”

### LESSON OVERVIEW

**Revelation:** I Worship God by Obeying Him

**Story:** Exodus 19+20

**Heart:** Obedience is pleasing to God because it proves how much you love God.

**Memory Verse:** “Come, let’s bow down and worship Him. Let’s kneel before the Lord who made us. He is our God, and we are the people He takes care of and the Sheep that He tends.” – Psalm 95:6+7

### SUPPLIES NEEDED

**Game:**

No Supplies Needed

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Page Team Lead for all communication of needs (supplies, parent assistance, medical, restroom breaks)
- NEVER leave the classroom without paging Team Lead
- NEVER be alone with a child – this includes one on one conversations
- NO pictures or video recording is allowed in the classroom
- Every child and serve team member MUST wear their name tag

### DECLARATION

“I am a child of God, full of His Holy Spirit. I am learning His ways. I am made to encounter and connect with Him daily. I am walking in His favor and carrying His presence wherever I go.”



## CONNECT WITH GOD FOCUS

This month we are focusing on connecting with God through fasting. Connecting with God through fasting means we give up something to focus more on God. All through the Bible God’s people had a practice of fasting and even Jesus himself fasted. You might think fasting means not eating for a while and that can be a part of it. But in many scriptures like Ezra 8:21 it says that they humbled themselves before the Lord and fasted. Fasting, or giving up things like food, tv or video games are meant to be an outward sign of what’s in our heart. **When we want to please God and be more like Jesus, then sometimes it’s important to let other things have a break so we can focus more on Him.** Fasting is one of the ways we can humble ourselves and connect with God, and God promises to be near the humble.

**ACTIVATION** | Let's pray together. "God, thank you for having compassion on me by sending Jesus to save me. Holy Spirit, will you give me your heart of compassion for other people. Help me to see others the way you see them. I know that caring for others makes you happy, so I want to be full of compassion just like you! Amen."

## FORTIFY WITH SCRIPTURE

“While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit spoke. “Set apart Barnabas and Saul for me,” he said. “I have appointed them to do special work.”

- Acts 13:2

“The Lord announces to his people, “Return to me with all your heart. There is still time. Do not eat any food. Weep and mourn.”

- Joel 2:12

“... I announced a fast. I told the people not to eat any food. In that way, we made ourselves humble in God’s sight...”

- Ezra 8:21a



“Here is the way I want you to fast. “Set free those who are held by chains without any reason. Untie the ropes that hold people as slaves. Set free those who are crushed. Break every evil chain.”

- Isaiah 58:6

## REVELATION

**ASK|** If you were to go to the zoo today, what would be some of the rules that your parents would tell you before you go? (pause for responses) When you ride a ride at a theme park, what is the first rule you are given before the ride takes off? (pause for responses) Anywhere you go there are rules to keep you safe and boundaries set in place to enjoy the fullness of what there is to offer. Today we will discover how God gave the Israelites a set of rules, so that they could enjoy the fullness of His presence.

Our revelation today is **I worship God by Obeying God**

**Let’s pray,** Holy Spirit, we welcome you here, we don’t make room for you, but we give you the entire room. We ask you to teach us your ways so that we may know you and find your favor. Speak Lord, your servants are listening. Amen.



## BIBLE STORY

**TEACHER PROMPT** | If you memorize this story and this lesson, it will help you teach it in excellence and allow Holy Spirit to speak to you and through you.

**BIBLE STORY INTRO** | Our Bible story today is found in Exodus 19+20

Who can tell me what worship is? (Allow for a response.) Worship is celebrating the greatness of God.

Jesus said in John 14:15, if you love me, keep my commandments.” God gave set instructions to Moses on how to worship God and when the Israelites didn’t follow those instructions, things went terribly wrong. This month were going discover all the ways that we can worship God outside of singing and dancing. And today we will discover how obedience is tied to worship.

In our Bible story, Moses went up to the mountain to meet with God, where God Himself spoke to Moses and wrote with His finger on a tablet 10 rules for the Israelites to follow.

1. Do not put any other gods in place of Father God.
2. Do not make any other gods.
3. Do not misuse Gods name.
4. Honor the Sabbath.
5. Honor your father and mother.
6. Do not take someone else’s life.
7. Be faithful to your husband or wife.
8. Do not steal.
9. Do not lie.
10. Do not want to have anything your neighbor has.

The ten commandments were the rules, or instructions, that Father God gave Moses to show his people how to worship God and how to live a life that pleases Him.



We obey God because we love God. We love God so we Obey God. Father God wants you to obey because you love and trust Him. Obedience is pleasing to God because it shows how much you love God.

Our revelation today is, **I worship God by obeying God**

**TEACHER PROMPT** | Ask Holy Spirit what He wants to do in this next moment. This can look something like asking the Lord what areas students need to grow in obeying God.

## **SALVATION**

**TEACHER PROMPT** | This invitation to an eternity with Jesus is huge! Be sensitive to what Holy Spirit wants to do in this time. Ask Him to think through your thoughts and speak through your mouth!

**SAY** | God loves YOU so much that He gave his only Son that anyone who believes, in Jesus, might be saved and have everlasting life, John 3:16. God wants to be close to you. He has taken every step to be close to you. If you have never accepted Jesus into your heart, you can today! (You can invite children to raise hands, come forward, etc, have everyone repeat prayer together)

**PRAYER** | Father God you are Holy. Holy Spirit, we thank you for all that you teach us and that we get to know you Jesus, we thank you for laying down your life so that we can be close to you. Jesus, would you forgive us from our sins. Would you come live in our heart forever. Amen.

**CELEBRATION** | At TLC one of our values is Celebration. If you made this amazing decision to give your life to Jesus today, please stand up so we can CELEBRATE YOU! Let's Celebrate our friends who gave their life to Jesus today! WOOHOO!!

**NOTE** | List names of any child that received Jesus today on the Feedback Sheet

## **BENEDICTION PRAYER**

“Teach us your ways that we may know you and find your favor.” – Exodus 33:13



## BIBLE TRIVIA

**TEACHER PROMPT** | There are many ways you can do Bible trivia to keep it fun and exciting, get creative with this! Idea: Call up 1 boy and 1 girl, per question and have them line up on opposite sides of the stage. The first boy and girl in line will get the first question, whoever answers first gets a prize, if they do not know they can talk with their team to find the answer, whoever answers first gets a prize.

### **1. What was our memory verse?**

(Come, let's bow down and worship him. Let's kneel before the Lord who made us. He is our God. And we are the people he takes care of and the sheep that he tends. Psalm 95:6-7)

### **2. What was our revelation?**

(I worship God by obeying God)

### **3. What was our Bible Story about?**

(Moses getting the 10 commandments)

### **4. How many months passed when the Israelites got to Mount Siani?**

(3 months .)

### **5. The first 4 commandments told the Israelites to have a right relationship with who?**

(God.)

### **6. The last 6 commandments told the Israelites how to have the right relationship with you?**

(People.)

### **7. How did God write out the commandments?**

(With His fingers!)



## GAME TIME

### FOUR CORNERS

Supplies:

- None Needed

Set up:

- Designate each corner in the classroom with numbers 1-4

Instructions:

- This is whole class plays game.
- Teacher stands on stage with their eyes closed and either can count to 10 or play music.
- While counting or playing music, players will go to one of the four corners, once counting or music stops all players must be in a corner. If they are not in a corner at this point, they are automatically out.
- With the teacher's eyes still closed, they will yell out one number (1-4), and whoever is in that corner is out and will go sit down.
- Continue to play rounds until there are about 3-5 players left. These are the winners.
- If time allows you can play multiple rounds.

