



WHAT IS WORSHIP – “ONLY WORSHIP GOD”

LESSON OVERVIEW

Revelation: I Only Worship God

Story: Exodus 32-34

Heart: The way we only worship God is by putting Him first before other things.

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

SAY | We’ve been talking about what worship is and why we worship God. Worship is celebrating the greatness of God. One way that we can do this is by thinking about all that He has done. When we think about what God has done, this leads to celebration and worship.

Is it okay to worship video games or your favorite football player? (pause) Of course not! But another way we can describe worship is giving all of our attention, or even giving glory, to something or someone. That makes us look at it differently, doesn’t it? Close your eyes and I’m going to ask you this question. You don’t have to answer out loud, but I want you to think about it. (wait until they close their eyes). Do you ever give all of your attention to video games, your favorite football player, or even something else? If your answer is yes, or sometimes yes, before we discover our revelation let’s repent.

TEACHER PROMPT | Pray something like “Father God, please forgive us for putting other things in place of you, forgive us for giving all of our attention or giving glory to other things than you. We put you first Father God. Amen”

SAY | Our revelation today is **I Only Worship 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 32-34

Moses was up on the mountain and God had given him the 10 commandments.

The people were upset because he was taking a long time to come down, so they had Aaron help them make a golden calf to worship and Aaron declared “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt”.

The Lord told Moses that they had begun to worship the golden calf and disobeyed His command. God said He wanted to destroy them and start over with Moses.

Moses begged the Lord not to do this and made his way down the mountain with the two tablets of the ten commandments written on them. Moses was angry because of the people’s sin, but he also knew that God is merciful, so he prayed for the people, that God would not harm them, and Father God would still go before them to the promised land. After seeking God’s will and being in His presence, Moses went back up to the mountain and God gave him the 10 commandments once again.

Moses prayed and interceded for His people and called on the nature of God, which is full of justice but also full of mercy. There was a cost to Israel’s sin, but God did show His mercy because of the prayers of Moses. Just like Moses prayed for Israel, the Bible also says that Jesus prays for us. Did you Jesus is praying for you?

Father God is a loving and merciful God, which means He loves to give us undeserved kindness. Father God was merciful, patient, and forgiving of the Israelites when they had an idol. And He is merciful to you as well.

If you have anything that you have made an idol before God, you will have the opportunity to ask God for forgiveness and put God back into His proper place in



your life as first. God wants you to enjoy the things He has created but they are not to be worshipped. Our revelation today is **I Only Worship God.**

TEACHER PROMPT | Ask Holy Spirit what He wants to do in this next moment. This can look like inviting students into asking the Lord where they have put other things before their time with the Lord and repenting or asking the Lord for a fresh hunger to know Him more and worship Him more.

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 ONLY WORSHIP GOD)

3. What was our Bible Story about?

(The Israelites worshipping the golden calf and Moses prays that God would show them mercy)

4. What idol or false god did the Israelites create?

(A golden calf.)

5. Who melted the gold to make the golden calf?

(Aaron.)



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.

