



WHAT IS WORSHIP – “ENCOUNTERING GOD”

LESSON OVERVIEW

Revelation: I Worship God by Encountering Him

Story: Exodus 35-40

Heart: Father God loves you and He can't wait to spend time with you.

Memory Verse: “Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourself.” - Romans 12:10

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 | Can you celebrate someone’s birthday when you don’t know when it is? Can you celebrate what someone has done if you don’t know what they have done? (Pause and allow for a response.) No, you can’t! To celebrate anyone or anything you must know them and what they have done.

We’ve been talking about what worship is and why we worship God. Worship is celebrating the greatness of God. By spending time with God daily by daily encountering Him and reading the Bible, you discover what He has done and know him more. Father God wants to spend time with you because you are His and He loves you! Our revelation today is **I Worship God By Encountering 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 35-40

SAY | God spoke to Moses on the mountain and gave him instructions for building a tabernacle, which was a tent that the Israelites could take with them wherever they went. In the tent God would meet with them in the tabernacle.

God asked them to bring gold, silver and bronze, blue purple and scarlet yarn, fine linen, goat hair, and animal skins, wood, oil, spices, and gemstones. The people obeyed and the Bible says that “Everyone who wanted to give offerings to the Lord brought them to him. The offerings were for the work on the tent of meeting. They were also for the sacred clothes and for any other purpose at the tent.” (35:12)

The Lord chose two craftsmen to be stewards in building the tabernacle and everything in it. The Israelites daily kept bringing their offerings to the tabernacle. The craftsmen built the temple just as God told them. Inside of the tabernacle there was the ark of the covenant, a table, and a lampstand, every part had a special purpose for hosting the presence of the Lord.

Moses then anointed Aaron and his sons to be priest over the people. God’s glory filled the tabernacle, and God made a sign for the people. If the Lord’s cloud of glory covered the tabernacle that meant they should stay, when the cloud lifted from the tabernacle, they would pack it up and move, while following the cloud by day and the fire by night. This was the special place that was built for the Lord to be with His people.

Once Jesus came to earth and died and rose again, He made a way so that special place was no longer just in one place a time. But now that place is in you! Holy Spirit lives inside of you and wants to spend time with you. The Israelites worshipped God by bringing Him what He asked and by following the cloud of His



glory, and now He is asking for you! He wants you, World Changers. You get to encounter Him by spending time with Him.

Our revelation today is, **I Worship God by Encountering God**

TEACHER PROMPT | Ask Holy Spirit what He wants to do in this next moment. You can pray something like this: If you haven't been encountering God daily, ask Him to forgive you by praying this prayer: "Father God, forgive me for putting other things before you and not encountering you daily. Holy Spirit, make me hungry to spend time with God like I get hungry for food. In Jesus name, amen."

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 encountering God)

3. What was our Bible Story about?

(God giving the people instructions on building the tabernacle and their obedience to do it. (or anything relating to the Bible story))

4. What place did God tell the Israelites to build?

(The tabernacle/a tent.)

5. What was the Tabernacle for?

(A tent to encounter God.)

6. Who did Moses Anoint to be the Priest?

(Aaron and his sons.)

7. The cloud of the Lord was over the tent during the day and _____ by night?

(Fire)



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.

