

God Deserves Our Worship

Leviticus 1–4

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God deserves our worship. He made us to know and love Him, and He saves us from sin through His Son, Jesus. We can worship God by loving and obeying Him as we live to give Him glory.

Big Picture Question:

What is worship? Worship is celebrating the greatness of God.

Key Passage:

Psalm 95:6

Guess the animal

Invite family members to take turns pretending to be an animal while the rest of the group guesses what animals they are. Be prepared to offer suggestions.

SAY You pretended to be different animals. Animals were one of the offerings God wanted His people to give to Him. Listen to our Bible story today to learn other things God wanted His people to give to worship Him.

Rub coins

Set out an assortment of coins. Show preschoolers how to lay a sheet of copy paper over a coin then everyone can rub over it with the side of an unwrapped crayon to reveal the coin's face.

SAY When our church gathers, we collect money to give as an offering to God. That money is used to pay for things the church needs, like electricity, water, and Bibles. The money may also be used to help people in need or send people to other places to tell people about Jesus. In today's Bible story, God gave His people rules for the offerings they gave. Listen to the story to hear how God wanted His people to worship Him.

Celebrate God

Invite the family to set up the room for a celebration. Provide streamers, tape, latex-free balloons, noisemakers, confetti, party hats, and other party related items. Play upbeat worship music. Consider serving a special snack.

*Say Our big picture question asks, **What is worship? Worship is celebrating the greatness of God.** We celebrate many things like birthdays and holidays. Those are good things to celebrate, but the best thing we can celebrate is God's greatness. God made us to know and love Him, and He saves us from sin through His Son, Jesus. We can worship God by loving and obeying Him as we live to give Him glory.*

Decide the purpose

Gather an assortment of items that have an intended purpose. Items may include a spoon, marker, toothbrush, key, pair of gloves, baby doll, apple, bar of soap, envelope, or pair of blunt-tipped scissors. Place the items in an opaque bag, such as a pillowcase. Allow preschoolers to take turns pulling one item at a time from the bag. Talk about each item's purpose. Talk about other purposes the item could be used for.

Say Each of these items could be used in different ways, but they each have one main purpose. We will do many different things throughout our lives. We play. We go to school. We work. We love each other. We help other people. These are all good things, but the main purpose God created us for is to worship. God made us to know and love Him, and He saves us from sin through His Son, Jesus. We bring glory to God as we love and obey Him in all that we do.

Measure grain

Fill a large plastic tub with an inch or two of a grain, such as oatmeal, dried corn, wheat berries, or rice. Set measuring cups and bowls in the bin. Invite preschoolers to measure out different amounts of grain. If available, provide a food scale and show preschoolers how to weigh the grain.

Say You measured grain. When people wanted to thank God, they gave grain offerings. God deserves our thanks. What are some things you can thank God for? [Allow responses.] We can thank God for sending Jesus. Because Jesus died on the cross and rose again, we can be saved from sin. God deserves our worship. We can worship God by loving and obeying Him as we live to give Him glory.

Make an offering bank

Provide an empty half-pint milk carton for each preschooler. Be sure to clean the cartons thoroughly and allow them to dry out completely before the session. Cover a table with plastic or heavy paper. Put on smocks and roll up sleeves. Set out paintbrushes and cups of water. Pour tempera paint on foam plates. Invite preschoolers to paint their milk cartons to resemble church buildings. Show children how to make a cross with two pieces of chenille stem to glue to the top of the unopened end of their cartons to serve as a steeple. Show preschoolers how to open the other end of the carton to drop coins in. Give each child a few coins to get started.

Say Offerings are gifts that we give to God. God's people gave offerings of money, and we still give offerings of money today. When we give money to missions, church planters like Bobby and LaKeisha Williams can have the things that their church needs to show the love of Jesus to their community. You can use this bank to collect money to give to our church's missions offering.