

God Deserves Our Worship

Leviticus 1–4

Key Passage:

Psalm 95:6-7

Big Picture Question:

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

Christ Connection:

God deserves our worship. He created us to be in a relationship with Him, and He has provided salvation from sin through His Son, Jesus. We can worship God by loving and obeying Him as we live to give Him glory.

First place Prizes

Provide each family member with a sheet of paper and pencil. Ensure they have access to markers, crayons, or colored pencils. Ask the family to design and draw a medal or ribbon they would want to win. Help them brainstorm hobbies or activities they are good at, and use those as inspiration for what prizes they want to win might look like.

Invite volunteers to share their designs.

Say If you enter a race and run the fastest, you deserve the first place medal. If you have the best science fair project, you deserve the blue ribbon, and maybe an A+ grade. Today, we will learn more about what God deserves from us.

Praise band

Provide various miniature instruments or toy instruments for the family to play. Challenge them to see if they can figure out how to play the tunes from a worship song they enjoy.

SAY We often associate praising God with music. In the Bible, we have tons of examples of people using music to worship Him. Today we are going to talk more about why God deserves worship, and what makes worship so important for us.

May I?

Direct the family to stand shoulder to shoulder at one end of the room. Stand at the other end of the room. Call out one person's name and give him directions on how to move across the room. For example, "Everett, take two giant steps forward."

They must remember to ask, "May I?" before they carefully follow your directions, or they must return to the start.

Change the directions you give to each kid. Direct them to hop, skip, crawl, walk slowly, dance, and so on, moving forward or backward.

SAY *In order to play the game well, you had to listen carefully and follow the directions I gave. Today we will learn that one of the ways we can worship God is by obeying all that He says.*

What I like about you

Distribute washable markers and paper. Instruct each family member to write her name at the top. Lead them to arrange their papers around a table. Then encourage the family to move around the table and write something they admire or like about each person on her sheet of paper. Play a couple of rounds.

Then read the words their family used to describe them.

SAY How did it make you feel to read nice things about yourself? Today we will discuss how God is worthy of our worship. One of the ways we can worship God is to tell Him all that we love about Him.

Plate Race

Mark a start line across the floor with painter's tape. Group the family into two teams. Give each team a plate with play food on it. Challenge the teams to take turns carrying a plate of food to the other side of the room and to touch the wall. They will then bring the plates back and pass them to the next teammate in line. If someone drops any food, she should pick it up and start again.

Say God alone deserves all our worship. Did you know that anything we do can be an act of worship if we do it with a joyful heart, full of love for God? One way missionaries worship God is by serving people in their communities—especially in times of crisis, like after a hurricane, tornado, earthquake, fire, or other natural disaster. What might you say to someone who has just been through a disaster?

Encourage the family to do or say something kind and encouraging for someone this week.

Ways to Worship

Invite the family to sit in a circle. Toss a tennis ball around the circle. Each time someone catches the ball, she must give an example of how we can worship God before tossing the ball to another family member.

Play until each person has had a couple chances to suggest a way we can worship God, or as time allows.

SAY There are limitless ways we can worship God. When we try to live for Him, basically everything we do becomes a way to worship. God deserves all our worship because He is our perfect Creator and King. He sent Jesus to rescue us from sin, and He loves us unconditionally. We worship Him because He deserves it. **What is worship? Worship is celebrating the greatness of God.**

Write a worship song

Provide poster board and markers for the family. Challenge them to think of some of the songs they sing at church or at home to worship God. Consider providing hymnals or lyric sheets to spark ideas.

Share the following prompts and guide the family to respond by writing on their posters. When everyone is finished, invite them to share.

How would you describe God?

How do you feel about God and what He has done?

What do you love about God?

What could you tell a friend about who God is?

What are you thankful to God for?

Say I love your ideas! The stories we have heard all pointed to one truth: God is worthy of our worship! Let's live lives that honor and glorify Him.

