

# ETERNAL LIFE EXISTS FOR ETERNAL WORSHIP

STORY: NEW CREATION / YEAR: ETERNITY

## BIG TRUTH: ETERNAL LIFE EXISTS FOR ETERNAL WORSHIP

Exodus 20:3-6; Deuteronomy 6:5; Psalm 115:18; John 3:16; 10:10; 1 Timothy 1:17; Revelation 5:9-14; 7:9-12

## BIBLE VERSE: REVELATION 19:5-6

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## BIG IDEAS

- We were created to worship God.
- Worship is the mind's attention and the heart's affection set on something or someone.
- Sin causes us to worship false saviors.
- Through the saving work of Jesus we can worship rightly again.
- All of eternity believers will get to worship God with their heart, soul, and strength.

## BIBLE STORY: REVELATION 14, 19

Eternity exists for the eternal worship of God. We are all created for eternity. Our souls will live in eternity praising God in His perfect Heaven or in eternal punishment in hell. When we believe in Jesus, we will spend eternity worshipping forever with other believers.

## STORY: NEW CREATION

Part of the beauty of the gospel is that God does not just rescue us from the power of sin, but He is also making everything new. God offers new creation to those who place their faith in Jesus. This newness comes in two ways. The first is that by breaking the power of sin, Jesus is making men and women into brand new people with new identities. Second, God is not only making people new, but He is also going to make a new heaven and a new earth for us to live on and worship Him in.

## BIG AIMS



### Every child should know that:

- Through Jesus, we can have new, true, eternal, abundant life in God



### Every child should feel:

- Excitement for the opportunity to live eternally with God



### Every child should:

- Talk about how this life will pass away, but eternal life in God is forever



### Every child should want:

- To live for eternity rather than what feels right in the moment

## FAMILY DEVOTION: ALL PRAISE FOREVER

In eternity, Jesus will rule as the right King forever. All of God's children will worship Him together perfectly. Eternity exists for God's people to worship as they were intended to worship. Jesus deserves all praise forever and He will receive all praise forever in eternity.

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### In eternity, God's people will worship the Lamb who was slain.

- Every person is created for eternal life.
- Every person will spend eternity either in Heaven with God or in hell separated forever from God.
- God's people will worship Jesus in eternity because He is the Lamb who died for them.
- All those who have experienced this forgiveness will worship Jesus forever in eternity.
- Those who believe in Jesus will experience His glory fully in Heaven and will worship Him always.

### God's redeemed people will join in praising God for establishing His kingdom reign.

- All of God's people will be joined together in Heaven.
- All of God's people will live together forever in Heaven as His family.
- God's family will praise Him with one voice as they join together in singing His praises and worshipping Him forever.
- God's people will sing praises to God for His mercy and grace.
- God's people will sing praises to God for His love and for His majesty.
- God is deserving of all praise and worship and He will receive it from His people for all eternity.

### God's people will be forever connected in praise and worship to God.

- The connection between redeemed people on earth is the blood of Jesus, which saves mankind from their sin.
- This connection continues in Heaven as God's people are forever joined in praise and worship to God.
- All of the redeemed will be united as one body to give God the praise that He deserves.

## BIBLE STORY: REVELATION 14, 19

### Opening Illustration:

Give each child a large piece of paper or poster board and markers or colored pencils. Ask the children to create a comic strip that tells of the many things that God offers us, such as salvation, a new home, love, the opportunity to serve Him, eternal life, etc. Talk with the children about how God offers us a new way that is better than our sinful way.

# ETERNAL LIFE EXISTS FOR ETERNAL WORSHIP

## BIG IDEA: WE WERE CREATED TO WORSHIP GOD.<sup>1</sup>

### Man's purpose is to bring God glory.

- God created everything for His glory.
- All that God does and all that He makes is for His glory.
- When God created man, He created man to worship.
- The purpose of every human being is that they worship the one true God.
- Only God is deserving of man's worship.
- Only God is deserving of being glorified.



Ask the children to define the word “worship”. Ask the children to make a list of ways that we can worship God. Remind them that man was created to worship God.

### Man brings God glory by worshipping Him.

- When man's heart and mind are occupied with God, he brings God glory.
- When man praises God with His lips, he glorifies God.
- When man's life is dedicated to worshipping God in every way, he glorifies God.
- All of eternity will be about the right worship of God.
- When our lives show that we love God and seek to please Him, we are worshipping Him and glorifying Him.

### When man sets his heart and mind on God, he worships God.

- When our hearts are set on God, pleasing Him and obeying Him, we bring Him glory.
- When our hearts are submitted to God, we will worship God.
- When we give ourselves to Him in every way, we will worship God.
- When our minds are full of thoughts of God and how to please Him, we worship Him with our lives.

*What were we created for? (We were created to worship God.)*

1. Psalm 150:6: All of creation declares God's glory and all of the world will bow in worship to God one day.

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**BIG IDEA: WORSHIP IS THE MIND'S ATTENTION AND HEART'S AFFECTION SET ON SOMETHING OR SOMEONE.<sup>2</sup>**

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**We are all created to worship God.**

- Every single person is created to worship God.
- Worship is placed in our hearts.
- We are made to glorify God and to worship Him with our hearts and minds.
- Every part of us is designed to give God glory and praise.
- Our hearts are intended to be full of love and adoration of God.
- Our minds are intended to be occupied with thoughts of God's greatness.

**Our worship is broken because of sin.**

- Our worship is not what it should be because of our sin.
- We set our hearts and minds on other things instead of worshipping God for who He is and what He has done.
- We set our hearts and minds on earthly things that cannot fulfill us as we desire.
- Sin breaks our hearts and makes them sinful; therefore, our worship is not what it should be.

**Our minds and hearts do not naturally worship God.**

- Our minds and hearts are not naturally set on God because of our brokenness.
- We seek to worship other things or to please ourselves instead.
- We worship ourselves and the things that make us happy instead of worshipping God.

*What is worship? (Worship is setting our hearts and minds on something or someone.)*

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2. 1 Peter 4:11: All that we do and say should bring God glory. We are created to glorify God in every way.

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## BIG IDEA: SIN CAUSES US TO WORSHIP FALSE SAVIORS.<sup>3</sup>

### Our sin leads us to create our own false gods.

- Our sinful hearts lead us away from God, not toward Him.
- When we are led away from God, we do not worship Him.
- Instead, we create our own gods to worship because our sin blinds us and causes us to believe a lie instead of the truth.
- Our hearts make idols out of created things instead of worshipping the one true God.



Divide the children into small groups and have them make a list of some of the things people worship instead of God. Have the groups share their lists and then remind them that our sin leads us to worship false saviors.

### Because our hearts are sinful, we worship idols instead of God.

- An idol is anything that we value or love more than we love God
- We can make an idol of anything when we place undue worship and honor upon it.
- Anything in our lives can become an idol because we can value it more than we value God.
- Idol worship causes us to try to bring glory to something else other than God.

### Our worship is skewed because of our sin.

- When we do worship God, our worship is not as perfect as it should be because of our sin nature.
- We can think we are worshipping God, but we really are worshipping something else or seeking to glorify ourselves as we worship.
- We do not worship rightly because everything in our lives is distorted by our sin nature.

*What causes us to worship false saviors? (Our sin leads us to make idols and to worship false saviors.)*

3. Exodus 20:24: We are commanded to worship God alone, yet our sinful hearts lead us to worship false gods.

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## BIG IDEA: THROUGH THE SAVING WORK OF JESUS, WE CAN WORSHIP RIGHTLY AGAIN.<sup>4</sup>

### Redemption creates a clean heart in us.

- While we are living in our sin, we are broken and have a broken, sinful heart.
- When we experience the redemption of Jesus, our hearts are made new and we are set free from our sin nature.
- Because of the redemption that we experience, we can have a clean heart that seeks to worship God.
- It is only through the work of Jesus that we are able to have renewed, redeemed, clean hearts.



Lead the children to sing praise songs that help them worship God for who He is and what He has done. Talk with the children about how we can worship rightly when we believe in Jesus.

### Through Jesus, we can bring glory to God.

- In and of ourselves, we cannot glorify God.
- Nothing that we do in our own power can truly bring God glory because everything about us is distorted by our sin.
- When we receive the salvation that Jesus offers, we receive God's Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit works inside of us to produce righteousness.
- It is through the work of the Holy Spirit that we can bring God glory.
- When we have God's Spirit inside of us, He leads us to do the things that bring God glory.
- Our hearts and minds can worship God because His Spirit is leading and guiding us.

*How can we worship rightly again? (When we believe in Jesus and have His Spirit guiding us, we can worship rightly.)*

4. Romans 12:1: In worship, we should present our whole bodies to God.

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**BIG IDEA: ALL OF ETERNITY BELIEVERS WILL GET TO WORSHIP GOD WITH ALL THEIR HEART, SOUL, AND STRENGTH.<sup>5</sup>**

**All creation will worship God forever.**

- Everything is created for God's glory.
- God alone is worthy to be glorified.
- He alone is worthy to receive all honor and praise because He is the one true God.
- Every created thing will worship God forever.
- Creation itself declares God's glory and will do so forever.
- Everything will cry out the glory and majesty of God.

**All people will worship God perfectly.**

- Every knee will bow to God as the one true King.
- Jesus will be worshipped for all of eternity as the Lamb of God who was slain for the sin of the world.
- All people will know and recognize that God is the one true God.
- All of God's people will get to spend eternity in His perfect heaven worshipping Him forever.
- Believers will worship God with everything in them.
- Their minds will be perfectly set upon God.
- Their hearts will be perfectly aligned with God.
- Their strength will be used to bring God worship and praise.



Have the children create a praise poster using a poster board and markers. Ask the children to think of phrases that praise God. Ask them to write these phrases on the poster. Ask the children to join together to read all of the phrases on the poster. Remind them that believers will praise God for all of eternity.

*What will believers do for all of eternity? (They will worship God with all their hearts, souls, and in all their strength.)*

5. Revelation 5:13: Believers will join together to worship Jesus for all of eternity.

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## HOOKS



### Eternal Praise Comic Strip

Give the children a blank piece of paper and colored pencils. Ask the children to create a comic strip showing how believers will worship God in eternity. Help them think of some of the images from John's vision. Lead them in a discussion about how believers will worship rightly in eternity.



- Sin skews our worship here on earth, but in eternity, we will worship rightly.
- We will be in our glorified bodies and we will praise God for all of eternity.
- Our eternal praise will be perfect and it will glorify God.



### Good Worship Versus Bad Worship

Make a list of things that are false saviors or idols and a list of things to worship God for. Write the lists on the board and ask the children to identify which are good worship and which are bad worship. Lead them in a discussion about how our sin leads us to worship false saviors.



- Because of our sin, we seek to make idols and to worship false saviors.
- When we have God's Spirit inside of us because we've believed in Jesus, we worship as we should.