

BIG TRUTH: GOD CREATED ME FOR WORSHIP

Psalm 29:1-2; 66:4; 95:6; 100:1-5; 150:1-6; Colossians 3:12-17; 1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 4:8-11; 5:13

BIBLE VERSE: Romans 12:1

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.”

BIG IDEAS

- There is only one God.
- He alone is worthy of our worship.
- Worship is the mind’s attention and heart’s affection set on God.
- Through Jesus, all of life can be a sacrifice of worship to God.

BIBLE STORY: DANIEL 3

When Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were brought before King Nebuchadnezzar, they were faced with the decision to worship Nebuchadnezzar’s statue or to worship the one true God. Though they faced possible death in the fiery furnace, they refused to worship anyone other than the true God. God is the only God and we are created to worship Him alone.

STORY: CREATION

God created everything. Everything we see, hear, feel, taste, and that exists was created by Him. Not only did He create everything, but He created everything perfectly, including humanity. He created mankind in His very image and likeness to reflect His worth. All of creation was made just like He wanted and designed it to be. To His delight, God looked at everything He made and declared that it was good. All creation exists for God, is good, and was created to bring Him glory.

BIG AIMS**Every child should know that:**

- God created them with purpose for a purpose

**Every child should feel:**

- Awe at the intentionality of God in giving purpose to our lives

**Every child should:**

- Live in a way that is honoring to the Lord

**Every child should want:**

- To learn more about God’s purposes for their lives

A LIFE OF WORSHIP

Help your child create a chart that lists different ways to worship God this week. Throughout the week, place a star or mark next to any of the ways that are used. At the end of the week, talk with your child about how Jesus makes it possible for us to live lives that worship God.

DISCOVER IT: *(Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)*

Daniel 3.

THINK ABOUT IT: *(Use the commentary to reinforce the Big Truth.)*

Daniel and his three friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were taken captive to Babylon when they were young. They were trained for service to the king, yet they all remained obedient to God. They refused to eat food sacrificed to idols and they continued to worship the one true God. One day the king of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar, had a statue of himself put up in the city. He made a decree that commanded everyone to bow down and worship the statue when they heard music play. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego did not bow down and worship Nebuchadnezzar's statue. When Nebuchadnezzar heard that they were not worshipping him, he called them to his palace. He commanded them to bow down in front of him when they heard the music. They did not bow down to him, so he became so angry with them and he commanded that they be thrown into the fiery furnace. He had the furnace heated to seven times its normal temperature and the three men bound. As they were being taken to the furnace, the men carrying them were killed by the heat from the furnace. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego fell into the furnace. When Nebuchadnezzar looked into the furnace, he saw them unbound, walking around, talking to a fourth man who looked like a god. Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and had the three men removed from the furnace. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had been rescued by God because of their obedience to worship only Him. God is the only God worthy of our worship. Jesus is the only way we can worship God because He made a way for us to know God.

TALK ABOUT IT: *(Use the questions to discuss the Big Truth)*

- Why did Nebuchadnezzar throw the three men into the furnace? (They refused to bow down and worship his statue.)
- How were the three men rescued? (God kept the furnace from burning them up.)



As a family, memorize Romans 12:1. Talk with your child about how our lives are meant to worship God.



Ask your child to help you prepare dinner one evening. As you use your oven, talk with your child about how hot the oven is and then talk about how hot the furnace that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were thrown into was. Remind your child that God is the only God and He alone is worthy of our praise and worship.



Roleplay the story of the fiery furnace. Talk with your child about how God rescued the three men and how they showed that God alone is worthy of our worship.



Spend some time this week sharing some of your personal worship with your child. Invite your child to share in your prayer time or Bible study time. Talk with your child about how you personally set your mind and heart on God.

Spend some time praying and thanking God for reconciling us to Himself through Jesus.