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Galatians 2:20; Colossians 3:16-17; 1 Corinthians 10:31; John 4:24; Philippians 3:3; Revelation 22:8-9

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

- The church can worship rightly because they are set free from sin.
- Worship is more than a song; it is a life of submission and sacrifice to Jesus.
- Worship can happen wherever we are, and in whatever we do.

BIBLE PASSAGE: ROMANS 12:1-2

UNITE: LIVING IN COMMUNITY

The Unite year is an exploration of what it means to be united in Christ as the family of God (Romans 12:5). When we are saved, we are brought into the family of God- seen throughout the Old Testament as "God's People" and in the New Testament and today as the church (Exodus 6:7; Colossians 1:18). We are set free from our sin to walk in freedom in Christ (Galatians 5:1) and use our influence to call others to do the same.

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know...

- God has always been making and keeping a people for Himself
- In this age, the church is God's people
- Being a part of God's people should inform every aspect of our lives



Every student should feel...

- Love for God and the people of God
- Accountable to God and to the church to pursue holiness
- Responsible to use their influence to make much of God alone



Every student should strive to...

- Study the connections between God's people in the Old Testament
- and the church in the New Testament
- Memorize the Bible verse each week
- Invite others into God's people, the church



Every student should want...

- Be marked by their faith
- Talk about God every day, in every setting and circle of influence
- Live as a faithful member of their local church

FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder how to discuss with our son or daughter the truth that God's church worships rightly. We will pray for them to desire to worship rightly as we lead them to practice worshipping daily.

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Read Romans 12:1-2 this week and answer these questions in your journal:

- How does Paul describe worship in these verses? Why does he use the imagery of sacrifice? What does it mean to present your body as a living sacrifice?
- What is spiritual worship? What is holy and pleasing to God?
- What are the commands that Paul gives in these verses? Why should believers do these commands?
- How do these commands help believers worship God?

Read and meditate on Romans 12:1-2 this week. Use these questions to guide your meditation:

- Ponder how to discuss with your son or daughter the truth that God's people worship together because they are set free from sin. How can you help them worship with other believers?
- Consider how to model worshiping daily. How can you help your son or daughter understand that worship is a daily action not just a Sunday morning action?
- Ponder how you can model presenting your body as a living sacrifice to your son or daughter. How can you help them see that worship is a daily sacrifice?



Pray with your son or daughter this week.

- Ask God to give them a heart that desires to worship Him always.
- Pray with your student this week. Ask God to help them sacrifice other things in order to worship God each day.



Memorize Romans 12:1 with your son or daughter this week.

- Write the verse on an index card and review each day to help them learn it.
- Discuss with your son or daughter some of your daily practices of worship. Help them see that putting off the fleshly desires and seeking God through prayer and study of His Word are daily worship. Help them develop a daily plan to worship God.
- Meet with your student to discuss ways that he or she can practice worshiping God daily and also join with other students to worship God this week.