

Family Worship Guide – Week 3

MEMORIZE

Philippians 3:10 – That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.

READ

Read Philippians 3:8-11.

Most often the concept of worship is associated with music or a corporate gathering of Christ-followers that happens on a Sunday. However, throughout all Scripture a Truth is evident that all of life is worship. Every facet of the way we live is to be marked by the glorification of God. In these verses, Paul clearly writes about what it looks like to elevate God to the supreme position in our lives that He alone deserves. This pursuit of God above and at the cost of everything else, more than anything, is what makes a life worshipful.

Questions:

What do you think of when you hear the word “worship”?

What is worship?

How is what Paul describes in these verses worship?

Bottom Line: A life of worship is one where God is pursued above and at the cost of everything else.

SING

This week’s family worship song is “Crown Him With Many Crowns.” Matthew Bridges wrote the original form of this hymn in 1851. He thought of this hymn as a mini sermon on Revelation 19:12, “...and on His head were many crowns.” He called the hymn “The Song of the Seraphs.” Later, in 1874, Godfrey Thring wrote six new verses for the same song. Over the years, all the verses have been intermingled in hymnbooks, with editors mixing and matching the verses.

Continue in worship together and sing “Crown Him With Many Crowns.” King Jesus is worthy of all of our worship.

Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for me
And hail Him as thy Matchless King
Through all eternity.

Visit our website for a link to this song: www.brookhills.org/gathering/this_week.html.

SUGGESTIONS

These suggestions were created by the age-group ministry leaders as a way to help parents better communicate the biblical truths discussed in the Family Worship Guide. These suggestions are intended to help parents facilitate God-centered discussions with their children. Parents should prayerfully use these suggestions, and any other means necessary, to help their children discover the truths of God’s word and worship Him together.

Preschool

- Before you begin open your Bible to Philippians 3:10. Read the verse to your preschooler.
- Talk about the word “worship.” Explain to your child that worship means paying attention only to God. Worship is not about us; it’s about God. Worship is what we were created for. It is not about you or me. It’s only about God.
- You and your child can write a letter to God together. Only talk about God. Make it a “God you are...” prayer. List His creations and talk about his attributes.
- Also, explain that worship is not just what we do at church when we sing, worship is what we do everywhere, every day with our whole lives that glorifies God.
- Talk with your preschooler about what they can do each day to worship God, how to worship God and give their whole selves in worship to God. This includes: singing, reading your Bible, praying, clapping your hands, dancing, worship alone,

corporate worship, etc. These must point to God and bring glory to Him. End your time together by praying and worshipping God.

Children

- Have a Family Candy Auction: Give each person 20 “tokens” (popsicle sticks, paper strips, etc.). Set up a table with candy and let each person bid to win the candy that they want. Talk about how valuable candy must be to all of you. Did anyone bid all of his or her tokens?
- Next, sing a worship song together. Pick one that focuses on the God’s great worth (e.g. More Precious Than Silver).
- Show your children something that is valuable (e.g. expensive watch, family heirloom, diamond ring, etc.) Explain why the item is valuable to you. Discuss things that each of you have that are valuable. We all have things that we value. We usually protect things that are worth a lot to us. We display them for others to see, we keep them in a special safe place, we take special care of them, etc.
- Explain that worship is what we do to show God how much He is worth to us.
- Read Psalm 95:1-7a together. Then go verse by verse noting the reasons why God is worth worshipping.
 - v. 1 – He is our Savior.
 - v. 2 – He has done so much for us.
 - v. 3 – He is great and mighty.
 - vv. 4-5 – He is the Creator.
 - vv. 6-7 – He cares for us
- Talk about ways you can worship God. Worship is not just singing or going to church on Sundays. Worship is an everyday, all the time thing.
- Make a poster showing 7 ways to worship. Make a commitment as a family to worship God in each of these ways during 2013. Think about specific ways you will do this by making an acrostic with the word “worship”.
 - **W**=Win others to Jesus
 - **O**=Obey God
 - **R**=Read the Bible
 - **S**=Sing praises
 - **H**=Help others
 - **I**=Invest in God’s work (giving)
 - **P**=Pray to the Lord
- Talk about the Candy Auction you held to start your time together. Explain that following God is worth more than anything the world has to offer. When we worship God with our life, we glorify Him and we show the world His infinite value.

Students

- What is worship?
- When do you worship?
- What can be the object of worship?
 - Anything.
 - We can elevate anything we choose above everything else.
 - Does this mean everything is worthy of worship?
- Based on your life (actions, thoughts, desires), what do you worship?
- As Christ followers, we are called to worship God alone.
 - Read Philippians 3:8-11.
 - Walk through the “Read” section above.
- How can we live a life of worship?
 - Do we automatically elevate God above everything else when we become Christ followers?
 - Do we have to make a choice to worship God alone?
 - Read Philippians 3:12-14.
 - Paul knew why living a life of worship was important and worth it. He was seeking the prize of the upward call of God.
 - Did Paul always get it right?
 - Did he choose to make a life of worship a priority in his life?
- How can your family choose to live a life of worship?
 - Are there idols of worship that need to be removed?
 - How can you pursuing a greater love of God?
 - How can you seeking to know him more?
 - How can you encourage one another?