

WORSHIP

WHAT IS WORSHIP

MEMORY WORK

“These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.” Matthew 15:8 NIV

Discuss what it means to give someone lip service and why it is wrong, especially if we just pretend to worship God. Read the verse together several times, then write the verse on the board. Say the verse together as a class, erase a word or two and say the verse again. Continue in this manner until the words are all erased.

SCRIPTURE READING

Today we will learn what the word “worship” means. Worship is something we do to celebrate God and show Him honor, respect, and love. However, we can also worship God for the wrong reasons! A character in today’s Bible story will teach us about true worship and the reasons we too should worship God.

Read Luke 10:38-42, John 12:1-3 (The Best Kind of Worship.)

Discussion Questions:

1. Where is Jesus? (*Martha and Mary’s house.*)
2. What does Mary do? (*She worships Jesus by sitting at His feet and listening to Him.*)
3. What does Martha do? (*Distracts herself by getting ready for Jesus to stay.*)
4. Why does Martha get frustrated? (*Because she feels like Mary should help her.*)
5. What does Jesus say to Martha? (*That the best thing to do is worship Him instead of worrying about other things.*)
6. What does Mary teach us about worshiping God? (*That we need to be still, be ready to listen, and seek nearness with Him.*)
7. What does Martha teach us about worshiping God? (*That worship is less about actions and more about opening our hearts up to hear His word.*)
8. What else does Mary do for Jesus? (*She pours expensive perfume on His feet and wipes it with her hair.*)
9. What do we learn from this act of worship? (*That true worship means loving Jesus more than any expensive possession we own and even being willing to give it up for Him.*)

Conclusion: There are many ways we can worship God, but Mary teaches us that having the right heart about worship is what’s important. We don’t worship God to show off, get what we want, or to be noticed. We worship God to honor Him and tell Him that He is greater and more wonderful than anything else on earth! So, the next time we worship and praise God, we can remind our hearts to be ready to honor Him

MATERIALS:

Paper
Pencils/pens
Envelopes



WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Showing our thankfulness to God is one way to worship Him. Then encourage your child to write a thank you letter to God. Remind your child God’s provision, protection, love, and power over each of their lives. Once the letters are finished, your child will place his or her letter inside an envelope.

Application:

Why is being thankful a way to worship God (because it takes a humble heart to acknowledge His working in our lives’ and show gratitude)? What can we do if we don’t feel thankful (ask for God’s help, pray, read the Bible, go to church, serve others, etc.)? Take your letters home and read them every day this week to practice worshipping God