

TEACH US TO

WORSHIP

A BIBLE STUDY FOR PRESCHOOL AND EARLY ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Path Through the Narrow Gate



Welcome to the **Teach Us to Worship Bible Study for Preschoolers and Early Elementary Students.** This Bible study was written for children who are not yet reading well and is designed for parents or teachers to read aloud to their children.

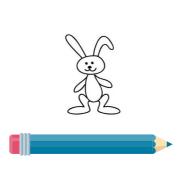
The goal of this Bible study is to introduce young children to the concept of worship and to help them realize that they can understand the Bible for themselves and that they can pray.

Because many of the activities in this Bible study are hands-on drawing/coloring exercises, you will probably want to print this Bible study. You may want to place it into a three ring binder so that it is easily accessible.

Two additional levels of this Bible study are available for older children. These higher levels focus on reading and learning from the same Bible passages, but at different depths. All of the levels can be used together as one unit for family Bible study, if desired.

If you know of other people who would benefit from this Bible study, please feel free to share a link to Path Through the Narrow Gate blog. Please do not make physical copies for distribution, except within your immediate family, for your own personal use. Thank you!









Teach Us to Pray Week 1: Worship



Do you know what prayer is? Prayer is talking to God. Do you know how to pray? Jesus' disciples weren't sure if they knew how to pray, so they asked Jesus to teach them. Can you imagine having Jesus teach you how to pray? Guess what? He will teach you how to pray!

Jesus taught His disciples how to pray. They wrote Jesus' prayer down in the Bible so that we can learn how to pray, too.

The first and the last part of Jesus' prayer was filled with worship. Do you know what worship is?

Worship happens when we think about how great God is and we believe in His greatness and praise Him for it.

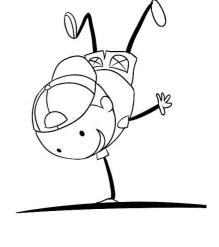
We learn to worship as we study the Bible and learn more about God.

Over the next few weeks, we are going to learn more about worship. We are going to read some exciting stories about what happened when people worshiped God. We will also get to take a look at how real people, like King David and the disciples Peter and John worshiped God.

On the next page, you will find a copy of Jesus' prayer. You can color this prayer and put it into a frame, or put it on your refrigerator so that you will see it often. Try to memorize Matthew 6:9 this week.





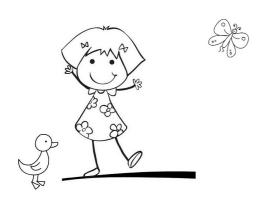






Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13









The Lord's Prayer Week 1, Day 1

Jesus taught His disciples how to pray. We can read what He taught them in Matthew 6:5-13.

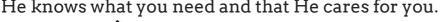
Read Matthew 6:5-13

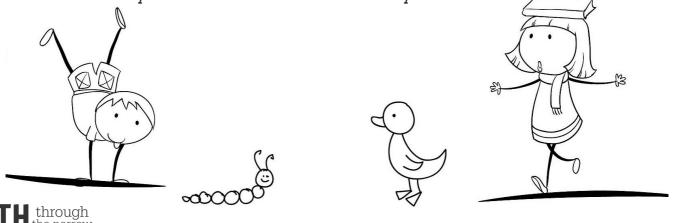
In verses 5 and 6, Jesus teaches us that we should not pray just so that other people can hear us. We need to pray to God. Jesus says that most of our praying should be done in "secret", in our own homes and even in our own bedrooms. We can talk to God and He will hear us even when nobody else is around.

- 1. Where should we do most of our praying?
 - A. On a busy street corner where everyone can see us.
 - B. At church so our Sunday School teachers will be impressed.
 - C. In the swimming pool so we don't drown.
 - D. In our own homes where nobody knows but God.
- 2. Read verse 8 again. This verse tells us that God knows everything we need before we even tell Him.

Do we need to pray so that God will know what we need? Does God need us to tell Him what is going on?

God knows every thought in your head. He knows exactly what you need and want today. He knows what you will need and want tomorrow. God does not need you to tell Him, but He loves to hear you pray. It honors God when we remember that all things come from Him. Think about how great God is - that He is the great King of the world and that He knows all things. Thank God that He knows what you need and that He cares for you.







Jesus Teaches About Worship Week 1, Day 2



Read John 4:21-24

In these verses, Jesus is teaching a woman about worship. Do you remember what worship means?



Worship happens when we think about how great God is and we believe in His greatness and praise Him for it.

In verse 23, Jesus says that God is looking for true worshipers who will worship Him in spirit and in truth. What are the two ways God want us to worship Him?

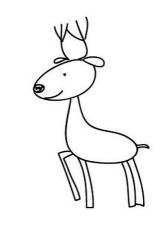
God wants us to worship Him in truth. How can we learn the truth about God?

We can worship God as we learn more about Him in the Bible. What have you learned about God from the Bible? Would you like to worship Him for that now?

Jesus says that we must also worship God in spirit. When we believe in Jesus, that He died for our sins, God gives us the Holy Spirit to live inside of us and to help us understand the Bible. The Holy Spirit also helps us to grow to be more like Jesus in the way we live. We cannot see the Holy Spirit, but He is there, helping every Christian. He will help us to learn how to worship God.







Hannah's Song of Worship Week 1, Day 3



Do you know the story of Hannah? Hannah was a woman who lived long ago in Israel. She was married, but she did not have any children. Hannah really, really wanted to have a child. She prayed to God and asked for a child-and God heard her prayer and gave her a son. Her son was named Samuel. When Samuel was old enough, Hannah took him to the temple so that he could grow up there. After Hannah brought Samuel to the temple, she sang a song of worship.

Read 1 Samuel 2:1-11

- 1. In verses 1 & 2, Hannah says that she smiles at her enemies because God has saved her. Who has saved Hannah from her enemies? Is God stronger than our enemies?
- 2. In the beginning of verse 3, Hannah says we should not talk proudly. How should we not talk? Hannah says that we should not speak proudly because God knows all things. He knows much more than we do. God also knows the thoughts that are in our hearts.
- 3. In verse 4, Hannah says that the bows of the mighty men are broken. The bows that Hannah is speaking about are bows and arrows that can be used in fighting. What happened to the bows of the strong men? Who broke the bows? Can you draw a picture of the broken bows in the space below?



We can worship God because He knows all things and is stronger than any enemy we could ever have.





Jehoshaphat's Prayer of Worship Week 1, Day 4

Today we get to read an exciting story from the Bible.

Jehoshaphat was a king of Judah. Even though Jehoshaphat is a king, he still has problems - big problems! Many of the countries around Judah are coming to fight against Judah. These other armies want to kill the people of Judah and steal their land, homes, money, and belongings. How would you feel at a time like this? Would you think of worshiping God? Let's see what Jehoshaphat and the people of Judah did.

Read 2 Chronicles 20:2-4

- 1. Verse 3 says that Jehoshaphat feared when he heard that the armies were coming to fight against him. How did Jehoshaphat feel when he first heard that the armies were coming to fight against him?
- 2. What did Jehoshaphat do when he heard the armies were coming? (Pick one answer.)
 - A. He told the people to run away.
 - B. He told the people to sharpen their swords and to get their bows and arrows ready.
 - C. He told the people to pray and ask God for help.
 - D. He ate chicken and rice for dinner.
- 3. In verse 12, Jehoshaphat told God that Judah was too weak to fight against the enemy and that he didn't know what to do. Why did Jehoshaphat ask God for help? Do you think that God is strong enough to help Jehoshaphat in this story?

Read 2 Chronicles 20:14-15, 18

When the people of Judah began to worship God, all of the bad armies started attacking each other and killing each other. King Jehoshaphat and the people of Judah did not even have to fight! When they got to the battlefield, all of the bad soldiers were already dead!

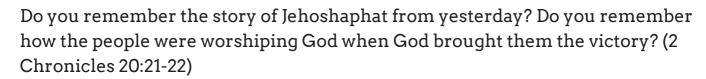
When King Jehoshaphat was afraid, he turned to God. He worshiped God. He knew that God was strong enough to save him from his enemies. Will you worship God when you are afraid?







Worshiping God Through Song Week 1, Day 5



Psalm 98:1 says, "Oh sing to the LORD a new song! For He has done marvelous things.

When many people think of worship, they think first of singing. Does worship always have to include music? Or is singing songs about God always the same thing as worship? Read the sentences below. Color the worship, or if this is true worship, or of this is not true worship. Don't forget, we are only truly worshiping God if we are thinking about God.

- **Kinsley** is singing "Holy, Holy, Holy" at church. She is thinking about her birthday party next week.
- Aiden is riding home on the bus. He is looking at the beautiful fall colors on the trees and thanking God for creating the seasons.
- Brianna is afraid of the dark. At night, she thinks about how God is with her even in the darkness. She is thankful because she knows that God is with her.
- Caleb volunteered to pray in Sunday School. He prays a good prayer. He hopes that the teacher noticed what a good "pray-er" he is.
- Alyssa is singing "The Love of God". Her heart is filled with joy as she sings about how much God loves her. She is so thankful that His love will never, never end.
- Micah really enjoys the worship service at his church. He thinks the lead guitarist is really cool. Micah watches the guitarist carefully during the music service because he wants to learn to play just like him someday.

Singing songs is a wonderful way to worship God. We need to make sure that the worship songs we sing teach us truth from the Bible about God and that we are actually thinking about God while we are singing. Otherwise, we are not really worshiping God. And remember, we can worship God at any time and in any place.



