



OCTOBER: God Worshipper

Learning Target: I can worship God in all parts of my life.

WHY: We understand that worshipping God is about celebrating who God is, what God has done and is doing, and what God has created. It is literally about standing in awe and wonder of knowledge of him and his promises. We need to see this worship as a way of life. Glorifying and praising God is a joyful duty of being an image bearer. In fact, Christ says that if we don't praise God, the rocks themselves will cry out. (Luke 19:40) And they do! Upon seeing the Grand Canyon for the first time, Hendrik Vonloon exclaimed: "I came an atheist – I leave a believer!" Praising God is not an option – or an elective or "frill."

WHO: God loves every part of this world. Our God is a God who loves diversity, complexity, and creativity. When we look at the world around us, the plants, rocks, animals, sea creatures, insects, the skies and beyond, and especially people and their intelligence and capabilities... we can't help but be awestruck. (Psalm 8) God obviously takes delight in chickadees, giraffes and northern lights, but also wants us to delight in Creation. Albert Einstein once said, "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as if everything is."

WONDER: God gave us this world to enjoy, to play in, to explore. We worship God when we enjoy the delicate complexity of a butterfly wing and a tiny seedpod, or the immense awe of a sharp-edged mountain ridge, and a towering thundercloud. We also realize, when we see this beauty, how much God loves us. Together, in community, we join in worship of our God.

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Verses to Read:

- Psalm 34:8; Psalm 68:3; Psalm 92:41; Psalm 96:4; Psalm 98:1; Psalm 100:1-2; Psalm 113:3; Psalm 150
 1 Chronicles 16:8-16 1 Samuel 12:24 John 4:24 Acts 17:24-28 Romans 12:1 Hebrews 12:28

Questions to talk about as a family:

- How do you feel when others are unkind to you?
- How do you feel when others are kind to you?
- What could you do for others to make them feel loved? At school? At home? In your neighborhood?

Family activities that worship God:

- participate in your own church
- read the book *Because I Love You* by Max Lucado
- dance, sing, paint, play instruments, write
- establish a regular family prayer time
- random acts of kindness for neighbors and friends

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