



Family Devotional

Lesson 1 - Only God Is Worthy Of My Worship!

Our Bible Verse this week is 1 Timothy 1:17. This verse tells us that God deserves all of our worship and nothing is more important than God.

In our Bible Story, Jesus met a man whose possessions were too important to him to allow him to follow Jesus. Read Mark 10:17-22.

By Definition

Gather some objects or pictures of people or objects. These could include items from around your home such as games and toys, or photos of people or objects from anywhere. Write out some definitions of the objects. For example, if one of the pictures is of your children's aunt, you could write, "The sister of your father" or "Always pinches your cheeks." If one of the pictures is of an apple, you could write, "A round fruit that grows on a tree and can be red, yellow, or green," or "A healthy snack that Mom puts in your lunch." Have one card that says "God" and use this definition for God, "Perfect in power, wisdom, and goodness and worshipped as creator and ruler of the universe." Turn the definitions face down and all the other objects face up. Keep the God definition for last. Have family members turn over a definition and match it to the correct object. Talk briefly about how each object is different. Then pull out the last definition card and read it to your family. Ask your family if the definition you applied to God can be used for any of the other people or objects in the game. Tell your family that God is different from anything and anyone in the universe. Because of who God is, because He is perfect, because He is all-powerful, because He sent Jesus to save us, God is the only One worthy of our worship.

Gut Check

Remind your family that the man in our Bible Story didn't follow Jesus because his stuff was more important to him than Jesus was. Tell your family that Jesus saw that the man's stuff was too important to him, and that is why He asked him to give it away. Tell your family that we sometimes can't see when we are making something too important in our lives. Have each family member select three things that take up a lot of their time. It could be talking on the phone, playing video games, or reading magazines. Then have the other family members pick which of the three things is the most important in that person's life. Then the person will give up that thing for one week and spend time praying and reading the Bible instead. For example if Mom's three things are shopping, playing tennis, and watching movies, the rest of the family would vote on which of those three Mom thinks is most important. If the family votes that watching movies is most important to Mom, then Mom will give up watching movies for a week. Tell your family that we always need to be willing to drop everything and follow Jesus. Taking a break from the things that fill our lives reminds us that those things are not as important as God.