



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

WORSHIP

WEEK 1 WHY DO PEOPLE WORSHIP GOD?

Small Group Welcome

1. **Introduce** yourself, and **welcome** new kids by name.
2. Kids **share** what happened during the past week.
3. **Check up** on past week's prayer requests and events.
4. **Discuss** the welcome question: **If a rock could sing, what do you think it would sound like?**

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

Per Kid	Nothing
Per Group	1 Spinner 1 Why We Worship activity supplement

After Activity

Kids Keep	Nothing
You Keep	Spinner and Why We Worship activity supplement (<i>save to use later</i>)

To Do

Say: In today's Bible story, Jesus said if people didn't praise Him, the rocks would! Let's play a game about ways to worship. Hopefully we won't all become rocks!

1. **Show** spinner to your group. **Use** activity supplement to **tell** kids what each color on the spinner stands for.
2. A kid **spins** the spinner.
3. The kid **does the action** that matches the color the spinner lands on. *Use the activity supplement to give the kid ideas if they need help.*
4. **Repeat** steps 2-3 for each kid in your group. *Once everyone gets a turn, kids can have a second turn.*
5. If everyone in your group becomes a rock, everyone **unfreezes** and **continues** playing the game.
6. **If time allows, play** the game again.

Talk about this.

1. **What new thing did you find out about worship from the game?** *Answers will vary.*

Small Group Discussion

Say the point and Bible verse together.

God deserves my worship.

Revelation 4:11 NIV

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things ..."

1. **What is God worthy to receive?** *Glory and honor and power*

Choose a few review questions.

1. **What do you think it means to worship God?** *Answers will vary. Ideas: Showing Him honor, He's King, you love and respect Him most, etc.*
2. **If someone asked you what God did to deserve our worship, what would you say?** *Answers will vary.*
3. **Name some things God created that you think are really, really amazing.** *Answers will vary.*
4. **When you see the amazing things God made, what do you think about God?** *Answers will vary.*
5. **When you show Jesus He's your King, you're worshipping Him. What do you think shows Jesus He's your King?** *Answers will vary.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **What helps you to think about God and your love for Him?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **You can worship God by caring for the things He created. What are some things God created that you can care for?** *Answers will vary. Ideas: siblings, plants, people, animals, nature, babies, yourself, etc.*

Pray together.

1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over the prayer requests.

Not sure what to pray? Pray this: God, thanks for creating this amazing world we live in—and for creating us. We worship You for that. In Jesus' name, amen.

Check Out

Stay in small groups until kids are checked out.

1. **Talk about** earning points by returning the Challenge Card, and **play** the game again.
2. When a kid from your small group leaves, **say** something positive and specific to their family.
3. **Encourage** families to do the Challenge Card together.

Please save questions on back for Small Group Discussion.



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WEEK 2 WHEN SHOULD I WORSHIP GOD?

Small Group Welcome

1. **Introduce** yourself, and **welcome** new kids by name.
2. Kids **share** what happened during the past week.
3. **Check up** on past week's prayer requests and events.
4. **Discuss** the welcome question: **If your watch could talk, what do you think it would say?**

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

Per Kid	1 Worship Watch label 1 Slap bracelet
Per Group	1 Set of markers

After Activity

Kids Keep	The Worship Watch they made
You Keep	Markers (<i>save to use later</i>)

To Do

1. **Say** the point together: *I can worship God all the time.*
Say: When we worship God all the time, it helps us stay focused on loving Him and loving others. Let's make a worship watch to help us do that!
2. **Give** each kid a slap bracelet and a Worship Watch label.
3. Kids **stick** the label on the bracelet to make a watch.
4. Kids **decorate** the watch with markers. They can draw or write the point, the verse, or ways to worship God.
5. **If time allows**, kids **continue decorating** their worship watches.

Talk about this.

1. **What did you draw or write on your watch to decorate it?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **When this watch reminds you to worship God, what do you think you'll do to worship?** *Answers will vary.*

Small Group Discussion

Say the point and Bible verse together.

I can worship God all the time.

Psalm 145:2 NLT

I will praise you every day; yes, I will praise you forever.

1. **What do you think it's like to praise God every day, forever?** *Answers will vary.*

Choose a few review questions.

1. **What do you think made Paul and Silas worship God when they were in prison?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **What do you think is so great about choosing to worship God when you're sad or mad?** *It helps focus your heart on God again and gives you peace.*
3. **How can you worship God all the time when you have stuff to do?** *Worship God in everything: do your chores for Him, take time to thank Him, honor Him with the videos you choose to watch and the games you play, serve others, etc.*
4. **How do you think you can tell if you're worshipping God all the time?** *Answers will vary. Idea: if your choices show love to God and to others, it's worship.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **What are some things you can do this week to worship God while you're not at church?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **What things can you do that worship God and help others at the same time?** *Answers will vary.*

Pray together.

1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over the prayer requests.

Not sure what to pray? Pray this: God, thank You for being with us all the time. Please help us worship You every minute of every day. In Jesus' name, amen!

Check Out

Stay in small groups until kids are checked out.

1. **Talk about** earning points by returning the Challenge Card, and kids **continue decorating** watches.
2. When a kid from your small group leaves, **say** something positive and specific to their family.
3. **Encourage** families to do the Challenge Card together.

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WORSHIP // WEEK 3
WHAT THINGS DO PEOPLE WORSHIP?

Small Group Welcome

1. **Introduce** yourself, and **welcome** new kids by name.
2. Kids **share** what happened during the past week.
3. **Check up** on past week's prayer requests and events.
4. **Discuss** the question: **If you had a free day to do anything you wanted, what would you do?**

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

Per Kid	Nothing additional needed
Per Group	1 Six-foot strip of butcher paper 1 Set of markers

After Activity

Kids Keep	Nothing
You Keep	Butcher paper (<i>throw it away</i>) Markers (<i>save to use later</i>)

To Do

1. **Place** the butcher paper in the middle of your group.

Say: One way to keep good things from distracting us from God is to make room for Him, first! Let's write "God" really big on this paper, first—and then we can add in all the other things He's blessed us with.

2. **Write** "God" in huge letters on the sheet. Take up as much space as you can with the letters.
3. Kids **draw or write** things they enjoy in the spaces around "God."

Say: God gave us so many good things, and that's great! But when they're more important to us than God, they're like distracting idols. Keep God first! Worship Him only!

4. **If time allows**, kids **continue decorating** the paper.

Talk about this.

1. **How do you think you can keep from crowding God out of your life?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **What things distract you?** *Answers will vary.*

Small Group Discussion

Say the point and Bible verse together.

Lots of things are fun, but God is number one.

Luke 4:8 NIV

... *"Worship the Lord your God and serve him only."*

1. **Who were we made to worship and serve?** *The Lord our God*

Choose a few review questions.

1. **When is something an idol?** *When it crowds your time too much so God doesn't fit, when it keeps you from doing what you should, you love it too much, etc.*
2. **What do you spend most of your time on?** *Answers will vary.*
3. **What things are you good at?** *Answers will vary.*
4. **What do you always want to spend money on?** *Answers will vary.*
5. **Think about your answers to questions 2, 3, and 4. How can you tell if those things are idols or not?** *If they distract you from God and what you should be doing, they're idols. If they help you think about God and you use them to worship God, they aren't idols.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **What can you do this week to show God is first?** *Do something with God before you do anything else: pray, read the Bible, listen to music about God, draw for Him, write to Him, worship Him, etc.*
2. **What might distract you from spending time with God, first?** *Answers will vary.*

Pray together.

1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over the prayer requests.

Not sure what to pray? Pray this: God, You're the best. You're more important than anything else. Please help us put You first and worship You only. In Jesus' name, amen.

Check Out

Stay in small groups until kids are checked out.

1. **Talk about** earning points by returning the Challenge Card, and **continue decorating** the paper.
2. When a kid from your small group leaves, **say** something positive and specific to their family.
3. **Encourage** families to do the Challenge Card together.

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WEEK 4 TRUE WORSHIP

Small Group Welcome

1. **Introduce** yourself, and **welcome** new kids by name.
2. Kids **share** what happened during the past week.
3. **Check up** on past week's prayer requests and events.
4. **Discuss** the welcome question: **What do you think would be a good name for a band?**

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

Per Kid	Nothing
Per Group	1 Worship Freeze activity supplement

After Activity

Kids Keep	Nothing
You Keep	Activity supplement (<i>save to use later</i>)

To Do

Say: There are lots of ways to worship God! Let's play a game about that. I'll say an action. If it's a way to worship God, do it! If it's not, freeze.

1. **Read** an action from the Worship Freeze activity supplement.
2. Kids **do the action** if they think it's a way to worship God or **freeze** if they think it's not.
3. If it was a worship action, **ask** a kid to explain how the action can show love and respect for God.
4. **Repeat** steps 1-3 for a few rounds.
5. **If time allows, play again**, but have kids act out only the things that they think *aren't* worship.

Talk about this.

1. **How did the Beat Doctors and the Quiet Time groups worship God differently?** *The Beat Doctors were loud and the Quiet Time group was quiet.*
2. **Would you rather worship with the Beat Doctors or the Quiet Time group?** *Answers will vary.*

Please save questions on back for Small Group Discussion.

Small Group Discussion

Say the point and Bible verse together.

I'll worship God with all my heart.

John 4:23 NIRV

"... True worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth. ..."

1. **Who worships God in Spirit and in truth?** *True worshipers*

Choose a few review questions.

1. **What does it mean to worship God?** *Showing your love and respect for Him more than anything else*
2. **What are some ways people worship God?** *See bolded words on Worship Freeze activity supplement.*
3. **What do you think it means to worship God in Spirit and in truth?** *Answers will vary. Idea: worship God honestly, with your whole heart, for who He is*
4. **Name some reasons God deserves our worship.** *He's powerful, loving, our Savior, our Creator, etc.*
5. **Two kids are dancing at church. One is dancing for God. The other is dancing to get others to look at them. Which kid do you think is worshipping?** *The kid who is dancing for God is worshipping.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **Name some ways you'd like to worship God while you're not at church this week.** *Answers will vary.*
2. **When you spend time with God, you'll want to worship Him even more! How can you spend time with Him?** *Answers will vary. Ideas: Read the Bible, pray, appreciate the world He made, write to Him, etc.*

Pray together.

1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over the prayer requests.

Not sure what to pray? Pray this: God, we are thankful we can worship You anytime, anywhere, in everything we do. In Jesus' name, amen!

Check Out

Stay in small groups until kids are checked out.

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