

# WORSHIP

**WEEK 1 - WHAT**

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This series aims to equip both kids and leaders to be able to experience epic and God-filled worship every Sunday and throughout their weeks.

Mark 7 :7-8 *“They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.’ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”*

Mark 7:13 *“Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.”*

These scriptures may sound hectic, but it’s what we can do when we simply go through the motions of something. We know worship refers to more than just singing, but if we look specifically at our worship on a Sunday, we can see how what we do may often not have much depth to it and if that’s the case, there’s not much point in what we’re doing.

Our prayer through this series is that kids would understand WHY we worship. When kids truly understand that they are nothing without Jesus and have the revelation that if it weren’t for Jesus they would be dead in their transgressions, worship begins to come from a place of true gratitude and being in awe of the one of who saved us.

Go through this series prayerfully and create space for kids to meet with Jesus and experience His presence. This series looks at worship way beyond just the singing and so we need to focus on that too, but let’s start at our sites on a Sunday and cultivate authentic worship amongst our kids and leaders where it’s so much more than ticking off something on our run sheet so we can move onto the next thing.

## **Memory Verse:**

“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.” Psalm 150:6

# BIG GROUP GAMES

## WEEK 1 - TISSUE DANCE

- Give each child a tissue or serviette to open up and place on their head.
- Select someone to come to the front and be "on".
- They have to come up with some simple movements that everyone else has to copy.
- The aim of the game is to try keep your tissue on your head while doing all the movements.
- The last person with their tissue still safely on their head WINS!



## WEEK 2 - GUESS THE SONG

- Divide your group in half and select one person from each group to come to the front and be "on".
- Taking turns, the kids selected to come to the front will need to hum a song you give them and their group needs to guess what song it is.
- They only get one chance to guess the song. If they get it right they score a point for their team but if they get it wrong the other team gets a chance to guess what it is. If no one can guess it, carry on with the game and move on to the next team.
- You can mix up secular songs with songs you sing at church.
- Give a few kids a chance to be "on".
- Contestants are only allowed to hum the song once for 10 seconds.
- The team with the most correct guesses WINS!

## WEEK 3 - SPEED SKATING

- You will need 2 paper plates per team.
- You can play this game in a relay race fashion.
- Have teams compete to see who can get their team to the one end of the room and back again the fastest.
- The catch: They have to skate across the room by keeping their feet on paper plates!
- First team to get all their players across the room and back again WINS!



## WEEK 4 - COOKIE FACE

- You will need an Oreo per player.
- Tell each child to place the Oreo on their forehead.
- The aim of the game is to get the Oreo from the forehead into their mouth without using their hands or anything else besides their face.
- The first person to do this successfully WINS!

## Week 1 - Story

**Peanut:** Raisin

**Raisin:** Yes Peanut?

**Peanut:** Have you heard about the new series starting at Uptown?

**Raisin:** Well they did mention something, but I wasn't really listening.

**Peanut:** Can you remember anything? Anything at all? We're supposed to be introducing the series and I have no idea what it's about!

**Raisin:** Well I remember something about a ship...

**Peanut:** A ship?

**Raisin:** Yes, something like that!

**Peanut:** Anything else?

**Raisin:** Mmm... I think it had something to do with us being ships...?

**Peanut:** Are you sure about this Raisin? If we introduce the wrong series we could get in serious trouble. You've seen Keith's biceps!

**Raisin:** Oh wow, no need to put that kind of pressure on me!

**Peanut:** Raisin, we need to think.

**Raisin:** Peanut, I'm trying!!!

**Peanut:** Think, think, thiiiiink!

**Raisin:** Um, oooh, there was something about a guy named David...

**Peanut:** So our story is about a ship and about a guy named David.

**Raisin:** It just doesn't sound quite right Peanut... Maybe.... Wait, wait, I got it! WORSHIP!

**Peanut:** Whose the ship?

**Raisin:** No, not a ship, just worship.

**Peanut:** OHHH! So you *were* a ship? Or wait, David was a ship?

**Raisin:** No. no. no, just worship.

**Peanut:** Well why didn't you just say so? And David?

**Raisin:** Our series is about worship and David was a guy in the Bible who really knew how to worship! AH, it's all coming back.

**Peanut:** I've heard about this David ship.

**Raisin:** It's just David.

**Peanut:** I've heard about DAVID. He was one of the greatest, if not THE greatest worshipper in the Bible. David was a man after God's heart. David still sinned... a lot... but he was always truly sorry for what he'd done. In the book of Psalms we see how David pours out his heart to God in both the good and bad times; the times he was living sinfully and the times He was chasing after God's heart. He speaks about how miserable he was when he was living in sin and then how good things were when he chose to obey God and glorify Him in every area of his life. You see, sin separates us from God and we can't live a life of worship if we're doing the same bad thing over and over again.

Worship is giving EVERY area of our lives to God and repenting as soon as we've done something wrong. We never want to be separated from the love of God! We cannot walk closely or worship God properly with unrepentant sin, so we need to confess our sin, repent of it, ask for forgiveness for it, and ask as David did for God to cleanse us and give us a clean heart.

### **OBJECT LESSON:**

(This will be on your media clip for the week, but you can do it live.)

#### **You will need:**

-A few snacks on a plate (Anything that can easily be bitten in half: hot dog, biscuit, chocolate, etc.)

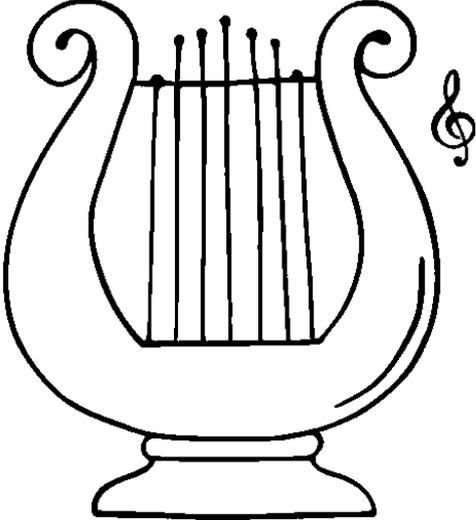
#### **What to do:**

- Invite someone to come share the snacks with you.
- Show them each snack and talk about how yummy they are.
- As you do this, take big bites out of the different snacks.
- Offer the other half of the snack to the person you invited to join you.
- The person will probably be shocked that you want to give them your half eaten snacks. Ask them why they'd rather have their own one?
- Ask what they would do if they had someone really important coming over for lunch
  - maybe it's a new friend from school - would they eat half the food or would they first offer their friend?
- Their response should be the latter - save the best for their friend.
- Explain that is exactly how we need to treat our worship towards God. We can't give Him the leftovers; we need to give Him everything.
- How often do we put all our time and energy into our own things and God gets the little bit of energy or time we have left?
- This isn't saying that the other things we do aren't important, it's just saying that we need to always keep God as number 1!
- We do this by glorifying God in everything that we do. No matter what we're doing, we need to ask ourselves, "Would God be pleased with my actions?" It can be while hanging out with friends or playing a sports match. It can be during class at school or at home with our family.
- True Worship is allowing our love for God to influence every area of our lives where we always want to please Him and shine His light!
- It's a lifestyle. It is day by day, hour by hour, minute by minute. It is a continual attitude towards God of love, praise, devotion, adoration, obedience, thankfulness, honour, sacrifice, prayer, admiration, confession, and more. We're grateful for His presence in our lives, for His unchanging nature, for keeping His promises, for His unceasing love and grace, for saving us, for His faithfulness and SO much more!

## Week 1 - WHAT (0-3)

**Bottom Line:** Worship is the expression of our love for God.

**Scripture:** Psalms

Activity	Items Required
<p><b>HARP</b></p> <p>-Colour in the picture of the harp. -Glue gold ribbon onto the harp strings.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Harp</li><li>• Colouring materials</li><li>• Gold Ribbon</li><li>• Craft Glue</li><li>• Scissors</li></ul> 

## Talk About It

### **OPENING DISCUSSION: WHAT IS WORSHIP?**

- Begin by asking your group what they think worship is.
- Have some fun with some true or false questions as a recap of the story/video:
  - Worship is only singing to God (F)
  - Worship is only something we can do at church? (F)
  - Worship is living in a way that makes God happy in everything we do? (T)
  - We can only worship when we're older? (F)
  - God loves it when we worship? (T)

If God loves it when we worship, and we worship by living in a way that makes God happy, what does this mean for us?

### **OBJECT LESSON: WHAT IS WORSHIP**

- You will need a few hats (Or anything else they can hold over or put on their heads).
- Begin by laying a few hats out in front of you. Explain to them that each hat represents our worship to God.
- Select a few volunteers to help you (1 more than the amount of hats you have)
- Have all the kids put on the hats except the one and tell them they are all going to do a whole bunch of activities.
- Give them different tasks that they can act out.  
(Going to school, playing a sports game, hanging out with their friends, doing their homework, worshipping at church, etc.)

### **EXPLAIN:**

- We can worship God in the ordinary daily things that we do. It's all about our attitude when we do these things.
- The kids with the hats on represent children of God and the kid without the hat represents those that aren't yet part of God's family.
- When we are a part of God's family, everything we do becomes an act of worship.
- Chat about how those daily tasks can be worship. (Showing our friends the love of Jesus when we hang out with them, having Godly behaviour when we're on the sports field or in the classroom, etc.)

**READ 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31**, "*So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.*"

- Worship is simply bringing glory to God in all that we do.

## Week 1 - WHAT (4-7)

**Bottom Line:** Worship is the expression of our love for God.

**Scripture:** Psalms

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Items Required</b>
<p><b>MAKE A HARP</b></p> <p>-Give each child 4 popsicle sticks and glue them together at the corners to make a box-like shape.</p> <p>-Once dry, stretch 3 elastic bands over 2 parallel popsicle sticks to create a harp.</p> <p>-Decorate the popsicle sticks however you like.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Popsicle sticks (4 per child)</li><li>• Elastic bands (3 per child)</li><li>• Decorating materials (Koki's, stickers, glitter, etc)</li><li>• Craft Glue</li></ul> 

## Talk About It

### **OPENING DISCUSSION: WHAT IS WORSHIP?**

-After watching the video, ask your kids what they understand by worship.

-Have some fun with some true or false questions as a recap of the story/video:

- Worship is only singing to God (F)
- Worship is only something we can do at church? (F)
- Worship is living in a way that makes God happy in everything we do? (T)
- We can only worship when we're older? (F)
- God loves it when we worship? (T)

### **WHAT DOES THIS MEAN THEN?**

-What is considered worship then? Singing and dancing at Uptown is definitely worship, but what else does the Bible tell us worship is?

-Everything we do - the way we act, speak, treat people, spend time with God and people, read our Bibles, get involved at church etc. -should be pleasing to God.

### **OBJECT LESSON**

-Bring a play-station or another game like cards or even a cell phone.

-Ask your group who enjoys playing games? It can be on a play-station, a phone or even something simpler like building a puzzle.

-Have they ever not heard their mom or dad call them while they were busy on their phone or with their game?

-Who has ever missed out on some important information because you weren't paying attention?

-How do your parents usually respond when you don't listen to them? (They get irritated or even angry sometimes)

-Who else really wants our attention? (God)

-Why does He want our attention? (He loves to spend uninterrupted time with us where He can speak to us and we can know Him more.)

-Worship is about us LIVING for God in all we do without getting distracted with things that can take our focus off God.

### **APPLICATION:**

-Chat with your group about what a life of worship looks like?

-How can they worship God in the daily things that they do and how can they set aside uninterrupted time to worship our God and Saviour?

## Week 2 Story

**Peanut:** Good morning all you wonderful friends out there!

**Raisin:** *(Waking up startled by Peanuts greeting)* What? Where? Who? Why are you shouting? I fed the dogs already!

**Peanut:** Raisin, what are you on about? I'm just greeting our friends?

**Raisin:** Friends? We have friends? I haven't even brushed my teeth yet. *(He looks shocked and covers his mouth.)*

**Peanut:** Well I can't help it you're not a morning person, *(sings)* like meeeee. *(Birds chirping in the background and music playing)*

**Raisin:** *(Talking with his mouth closed and not looking very impressed)* Well some of us just take a bit longer to wake up Peanut.

**Peanut:** Well, no time for that today, we have hundreds of kids staring at us right now and you're not making us look very professional.

**Raisin:** Fine, fine. Let's get started.

**Peanut:** *(Excited)* On the agenda today..... Da da dum... drum roll please.... *(nothing)*. *(Clears throat.)* I said drum roll, please.... *(Still nothing)*. Raisin, would you please give us with a drum roll so I can carry on - it seems our technical crew are also still asleep. *(Drum roll)*

**Peanut:** That was a very average drum roll, but I'll work with it. Today we are looking at WHY we worship! Good question, right?

**Raisin:** Very good question Peanut.

**Peanut:** Why do we worship Raisin?

**Raisin:** You mean me? Or you? Or just we?

**Peanut:** Doesn't make a difference, the reason's the same.

**Raisin:** *(Perplexed)* Oooh, now you got me. You didn't say this was a riddle.... I have a riddle for you first! *(Jumping around excitedly)*

**Peanut:** This isn't a riddle, but carry on...

**Raisin:** What gets wet while drying? *(pause)* A towel! *(laughing hysterically)* Okay, your turn now.

**Peanut:** Back to business, the answer to why we worship is this: We worship because it's what we were created to do.

**Raisin:** I feel like my riddle was way funnier?

**Peanut:** Raisin, we're not having a riddle competition here.

**Raisin:** Sorry, you were saying?

**Peanut:** Firstly, it makes sense to worship the God of the universe who created everything! When we worship, it fixes our eyes on Jesus and puts Him in his rightful place as number one in our lives. Also, the more we worship, the more we become like Jesus!

**Raisin:** Wow! Your riddle definitely wins hands down!

**Peanut:** Raisin! Focus. Today we're going to look at a story in the Bible about a lady who truly understood why we worship!

\*The Woman With The Alabaster Box clip\* (Based on Luke 7:36-50)

### **MC WRAP UP:**

In this clip, we see how worship can come from the most unlikely source. This woman was an outcast who had sinned greatly. But something about the words and actions of Jesus caused her to bring her most valuable possession and pour it out in an expression of love and worship. It was a massive thing for her to enter the house where Jesus was, but that “thing” in her, that thing in all of us that’s created to worship, pushed past all that fear and she found herself at the feet of Jesus. When she fixed her eyes on Jesus and put Him in His rightful place as number one, she was changed forever. Her worship exploded out of her because she understood how great this man Jesus is!

### **WHY WE WORSHIP:**

#### **You will need:**

- Sandwich bag
- Tissue
- 3 tablespoons baking soda
- 1/4 cup of water
- 1/2 cup of vinegar
- Food colouring

#### **What to do:**

1. Add the water, vinegar and food colouring to the bag.
2. Unfold a tissue and add the baking soda to the centre of the tissue. 3. Fold it into a square so none of the baking soda falls out.
4. Put the bag somewhere that can get a little messy.
5. Open the corner of the bag and put the tissue inside.
6. Quickly re-seal the bag and stand back to watch!
7. As the tissue gets wet the baking soda begins to mix with the vinegar and the bag starts to inflate with carbon dioxide.
8. Until the pressure pops the bag and it “explodes”!

#### Exploding Baggie Experiment



This is what our worship should look like. It needs to “explode” from inside of us because it’s what we were created to do. A life of worship should be a natural response for us because we recognize how worthy and great our King Jesus is! Who wouldn’t want to devote every area of our lives to the One who made us and loves us so much?!

## Week 2 - WHY (0-3)

**Bottom Line:** We worship because it's what we were created to do.

**Scripture:** Luke 7:36-50

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Items Required</b>
<p><b>GIRLS - PERFUME</b></p> <p>-Mix one teaspoon of the vanilla essence with about 30ml of coconut oil.</p> <p>-Allow this to settle for a couple of days and tell the girls they can use a small amount on their wrists to test out the smell.</p> <p>-Have them tie a piece of paper around the bottle with a ribbon with Luke 7:36-50 written on it to remind them of the story today.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spray bottles</li><li>• Small jars</li><li>• Eye droppers/pipettes</li><li>• Vanilla/Caramel Essence</li><li>• Baby oil</li></ul> 

## Talk About It

### **OPENING DISCUSSION: WHY DO WE WORSHIP?**

-After watching the video, see if your group can answer the question, "Why do we worship?"

### **IT MAKES SENSE!**

Ask your group who they look up to (Family member, friend, leader at church, maybe someone famous?):

- Do they enjoy talking well about this person?
- Do they enjoy spending time with this person if it's possible?
- Do they look up to this person and in some or many ways want to be like them?
- Would you want to help this person if they needed your help?

-Explain that when we look up to someone, it makes sense to want to do all these things.

Now chat about who God is:

- He is all powerful,
- He holds the universe in His hands
- He made us and loves us
- He takes care of us and is always with us
- What else?

-Just as it makes sense to want to be around a person you look up to, it makes sense to want to worship God.

### **THE WOMAN AND THE ALABASTER BOX**

Refer back to the story of the woman who poured perfume over Jesus' feet. She knew He was worth all she had! She understood who He was and what He had done for her and so it made sense to give Him all she had!

-Chat with your group about all the things Jesus has done for them and why it makes sense for us to worship Him in everything we do.

-Explain that an awesome way to respond to this is by singing and lifting our voices in praise to our King. He has given us everything and so we too can give Him everything and worship Him with every part of our lives.

## Week 2 - WHY (4-7)

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## Talk About It

### **OPENING DISCUSSION: WHY DO WE WORSHIP?**

-After watching the video, see if your group can answer the question, "Why do we worship?"

-Worship is about giving worth to something. By worshipping God, we're saying that we value Him above everything else in our lives.

### **WHY IS WORSHIP IMPORTANT?**

#### **1. WE NEED WORSHIP**

-Does God need us to worship Him? (No)

-Does God need our worship before He can help us/be with us? (No)

-Worship is for God, but who does it benefit? (Us)

-Why do we need to worship? (It puts our eyes back on Jesus and away from the busyness of our lives and the things that can take all our attention.)

-What kind of things can take all our attention? (School, Sports, friends, hobbies, etc.)

-Are these things bad? (No, but when they become more important than God, then they can become unhelpful.)

-Why is it important that our attention be on Jesus above everything else?

#### **2. WORSHIP TRANSFORMS US**

-When our attention is on Jesus and every part of our lives aim to worship and please Him, we start becoming more and more like Him.

-Chat through the following examples of how worship helps us become more like Jesus:

- Have you ever felt unsettled about something? (When we worship the God of peace, we will find peace)
- Have you ever needed help to know what to do in a situation? (When we worship the all-knowing God, we will find wisdom)
- Have you ever had to love someone who was/is very difficult to love? (When we worship the God who is LOVE, He gives us the strength to love even the unlovable.)
- In what areas do you need to become more like Jesus?

-The more our eyes are fixed on Jesus, the less caught up we will get in the things of this world.

## Week 3 Story

**Raisin:** *(Ready and waiting with a big smile on his face)*

**Peanut:** *(Enters)* Raisin, what are you doing?

**Raisin:** Fresh as a summer breeze!

**Peanut:** What is fresh as a— Oh! You woke up early today and remembered to brush your teeth?

**Raisin:** Oh no, Peanut, not just brush, I flossed, twice, and rinsed my mouth with mouth wash, after brushing my teeth... twice!

**Peanut:** Raisin, I am impressed.

**Raisin:** *(breathes in Peanuts face)* Fresh like 1000 mints!

**Peanut:** Whoa, I get it, fresh!

**Raisin:** My pleasure! So... what's on the agenda today? That's if you're as ready for it as I am?

**Peanut:** Well, let's do a quick recap - On week 1 we learnt what worship is. Can you remember?

**Raisin:** Peanut. Oh Peanut, I'm more than just a fresh breath! We learnt that worship is our expression of love for God. We learnt that worship is more than just singing, it's a lifestyle, so every area of our lives should bring glory to God!

**Peanut:** And week 2?

**Raisin:** Now that's not fair to ask me that; I woke up late remember? I think we learnt about the lady who poured perfume on Jesus feet?

**Peanut:** We learnt about why we worship! We worship because it's what we were created to do! By fixing our eyes on Jesus we become more like Him and place Him in His worthy place of being number one!

**Raisin:** And this week?

**Peanut:** This week, we're asking the question, HOW do we worship?

**Raisin:** I know, I know! We dance and jump around? *(He acts it out)*

**Peanut:** That's definitely one way... what else?

**Raisin:** We.... Eat chocolate!?

**Peanut:** Not exactly, well, maybe if you shared it?

**Raisin:** Ah! We have a secret handshake! *(does hand shake)*

**Peanut:** Not quite...

**Raisin:** Sheesh! You're a tough crowd! Help me out here?

**Peanut:** We worship God by putting Him first in everything we do!

**Raisin:** And here you had me making up crazy secret handshakes!?

**Peanut:** I never made you do a crazy secret handshake.

**Raisin:** Anyways, can you explain what you said a bit more?

**Peanut:** We worship by doing everything with a Godly attitude. The attitude of our hearts should be of one that wants to please God.

**Raisin:** You still haven't answered HOW?

**Peanut:** We can worship in so many ways! Coming to church and singing is one way, reading our Bibles and praying is another, respecting our parents and our teachers is also a way of worship. We can even worship while playing sport or hanging out with our friends - if our actions in all these things are pleasing to God, well then, that's worship!

**Raisin:** Wow! So worship is more a lifestyle

**Peanut:** Exactly!

### **MC WRAP UP:**

Well now that we know how we worship, let's take a look of an example of how we worship in EVERY situation - even the difficult ones! And our example today is no other than Jesus!

#### **\*Jesus prays clip - Luke 22:41-43**

On the evening of his arrest, Jesus prayed for another option, if possible, than the cross. But then, he uttered the most amazing worship statement ever known when he said, "Not my will, but yours". This statement of complete and total surrender should humble us! Singing songs of praise is great, but can we give EVERY part of our lives to God; just like Jesus did?

### **WORSHIP EXPLOSION**

#### **You will need:**

- 6% Hydrogen peroxide (1/2 cup)
- Yeast (1 tsp)
- 2 tbsp Hot water in a small dish
- Food colouring
- Dishwashing Liquid
- Empty water bottle (small)
- Funnel (optional)

#### **What to do:**

- Pour the hydrogen peroxide into the bottle
- Mix the yeast into the water
- Add the dishwashing liquid and food colouring to the hydrogen peroxide in the bottle
- Add the yeast mixture to the bottle
- Stand back and watch the reaction!

#### **Wrap it up:**

This is how our worship should look like! It needs to explode into every area of our lives! No matter what we're going through - good or bad - worship needs to be the one constant thing. Through everything, our aim is to please the Father - just as we saw in the story - and to seek His will for our lives over everything else.



## Week 3 - HOW (0-3)

**Bottom Line:** We put God first in everything we do.

**Scripture:** Luke 22:41-43

Activity	Items Required
<p><b>MINI OBJECT LESSON: PUTTING GOD FIRST</b></p> <p>-Have kids re-create the object lesson on a smaller scale so that they can take it home to remind them of the lesson for the day.</p> <p>-Give them each a small plastic container, some small objects (marbles, small toys, dice, etc.) and have them place these in their bottles.</p> <p>-Then give them the rice to fill up the rest of the bottle.</p> <p>-Using permanent marker, have them write "ALWAYS PUT GOD FIRST" on the outside of the bottle.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Small plastic bottle with lid</li><li>• Variety of small items (marbles, shells, small toys, etc.)</li><li>• Rice</li></ul> 

## Talk About It

### OBJECT LESSON: PUTTING GOD FIRST

-In our story today, we saw how even Jesus chose to do what His Father in Heaven wanted over what He may have felt like doing.

-Let's see what happens when we don't put God first and when we do:

#### Supplies you will need:

- 3/4 cup rice or sand
- Clear jar
- 7-10 larger objects (rubber balls, rocks, shells)
- Table spoon
- a plastic container



#### What to do:

- Start by scooping rice into the jar, 1 spoon at a time, until all the rice is gone. With each scoop, name a way we enjoy spending our time. (Going to our friends houses, watching movies, etc.)
- Now start adding the balls in one at a time. With each ball name something God wants us to do. Pray, respect our parents, invite our friends to church etc.)
- Notice not all of the balls fit. When we put our wants in front of what God wants us to do, God gets left out of our life.
- Now pour everything out and separate it.
- This time start with what Gods wants us to do.
- Place the balls in one at a time. With each ball name something God wants us to do. (Notice they all fit this time).
- Now add the rice in one at a time until all of it is in the jar; each time naming a way we want to spend our time. This time everything fits.
- When we put God first, there is always space to do the other things we want to do, but when we put ourselves first, we see how God takes a back seat and isn't glorified in every area of our lives.

#### **JESUS PUT GOD FIRST!**

- Recap the story we learnt about today and ask your kids what we can learn from Jesus.
- Even in the difficult times, we still need to put God first and keep our eyes fixed on Him!

## Week 3 - HOW (4-7)

**Bottom Line:** We put God first in everything we do.

**Scripture:** Luke 22:41-43

Activity	Items Required
<p><b>MINI OBJECT LESSON: PUTTING GOD FIRST</b></p> <p>-Have kids re-create the object lesson on a smaller scale so that they can take it home to remind them of the lesson for the day.</p> <p>-Give them each a small plastic container, some small objects (marbles, small toys, dice, etc.) and have them place these in their bottles.</p> <p>-Then give them the rice to fill up the rest of the bottle.</p> <p>-Using permanent marker, have them write "ALWAYS PUT GOD FIRST" on the outside of the bottle.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Small plastic bottle with lid</li><li>• Variety of small items (marbles, shells, small toys, etc.)</li><li>• Rice</li></ul> 

## Talk About It

### OBJECT LESSON: PUTTING GOD FIRST

-In our story today, we saw how even Jesus chose to do what His Father in Heaven wanted over what He may have felt like doing.

-Let's see what happens when we don't put God first and when we do:

#### Supplies you will need:

- 3/4 cup rice or sand
- Clear jar
- 7-10 larger objects (rubber balls, rocks, shells)
- Table spoon
- a plastic container



#### What to do:

-Start by scooping rice into the jar, 1 spoon at a time, until all the rice is gone.

With each scoop, name a way we enjoy spending our time. (Going to our friends' houses, watching movies, etc.)

-Now start adding the balls in one at a time. With each ball name something God wants us to do. Pray, respect our parents, invite our friends to church etc.)

-Notice not all of the balls fit. When we put our wants in front of what God wants us to do, God gets left out of our life.

-Now pour everything out and separate it.

-This time start with what Gods wants us to do.

-Place the balls in one at a time. With each ball name something God wants us to do. (Notice they all fit this time).

-Now add the rice in one at a time until all of it is in the jar; each time naming a way we want to spend our time. This time everything fits.

-When we put God first, there is always space to do the other things we want to do, but when we put ourselves first, we see how God takes a back seat and isn't glorified in every area of our lives.

### **JESUS PUT GOD FIRST!**

-Recap the story we learnt about today and ask your kids what we can learn from Jesus.

-Even in the difficult times, we still need to put God first and keep our eyes fixed on Him!

## Week 4 Story

**Peanut:** Good morning everyone! Welcome to our final week of our series all about worship!

**Raisin:** Peanut, I feel like I've learnt so much already, how could there possibly be more??

**Peanut:** Well Raisin, get ready!

**Raisin:** I'm ready! Wait, where are we going? I didn't pack my costume or my towel in? And I didn't bring a bucket or spade?

**Peanut:** Whoa easy, calm down, we're—

**Raisin:** (*Frantic*) And I forgot my sun block... ah man, this is bad...

**Peanut:** Raisin! Focus! What are you on about?

**Raisin:** What do you mean what am I on about? I'm freaking out because you didn't prepare me for a trip to the beach!

**Peanut:** Who said we're going to the beach?

**Raisin:** You said you hope I'm ready - what else could that mean!?

**Peanut:** Raisin, we are not going to the beach?

**Raisin:** We're not? Oh. Well that's probably a good thing because I forgot to pack, well, everything!

**Peanut:** We were never going to the beach.

**Raisin:** That's a pity... anyway, you were saying?

**Peanut:** We were saying that we're on the last week of our series and we still have some cool stuff to learn and then I asked if you're ready?

**Raisin:** Peanut! I told you, I'm not ready to go to the beach! Can we please get on with our lesson for today?

**Peanut:** (*Exhausted*) I'd love that.

**Raisin:** So what's on the agenda today?

**Peanut:** WHEN do we worship.

**Raisin:** Okay, you're going to have to help me out with this one because my mind is on catching a wave and demolishing at least 5 ice creams at the beach!

**Peanut:** Last weeks story would have given us the answer to this when we learnt about Jesus choosing to do the will of His Father even though being crucified was by no means going to be easy.

**Raisin:** Carry on...?

**Peanut:** The answer is simple... we worship ALWAYS! In every situation, in everything we do. Good times or bad times!

**Raisin:** You're sure we don't just worship when things are going well? It's really hard to still want to please God when someone is making my life difficult? Surely God wouldn't expect that?

**Peanut:** Worshipping is what will get us through those tough times!

**Raisin:** Oh?

**Peanut:** Yes! When we worship it takes our eyes off ourselves and our situation and puts them on Jesus who has the answers to everything and the strength we need; even when we don't understand everything.

**Raisin:** This reminds me about a guy in the Bible... mmm... what's his name? I can't think of it...

**Peanut:** Job?

**Raisin:** Yes, Job! Let's check out his story!

\*Job clip

### **MC WRAP UP:**

Wow! Job really shows us what it means to worship through EVERYTHING! But that's not to say that Job didn't have his moments of questioning God and feeling really down when things got tough. We are going to feel down and not understand when we go through something tough, but just like Job, we need to get back up and keep trusting God even when we're not sure why we might be going through something.

### **OBJECT LESSON: WHEN DO WE WORSHIP GOD?**

#### **You will need:**

-A box of dog treats

#### **What to do:**

-Take out the box of dog treats. Look excited about them and ask anybody if they would like to taste one.

-Chat about why dogs love these treats and when they usually get one? A dog will do just about anything for a treat - roll over, fetch a ball, play dead, sit, lay down.

-When a dog does something for a treat, they do it for selfish reasons, don't they? When you first train a dog, the dog becomes conditioned to do tricks because they receive a reward. If you weren't waving one of these yummy treats, they might just walk away and ignore you.

-Sometimes we respond to God that way. We act nice and we pray because we want God to give us a treat, don't we? But God doesn't want us to love him like that. We should worship ALL the time, no matter what! Job showed this kind of love and worship of God. Job was tested and had every good thing taken away from Him. But Job refused to walk away from God. We see through the story of Job, that by continuing to worship, God restored back to Him everything that was taken! Job didn't worship for this reason though, he simply worshipped because that is what we are called to do! And that's the same for us!

## Week 4 - WHEN (0-3)

**Bottom Line:** We worship through everything and in everything we do.

**Scripture:** Job

Activity	Items Required
<p><b>MINI BANJOS</b></p> <p><b>*More detailed instructions page included*</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Place four loom bands over the lid and secure in place with a piece of duct tape as shown:</li><li>2. Next cut the end from your jumbo craft stick and decorate it.</li><li>3. Now attach the lid with loom bands in place to the craft stick with a second piece of duct tape.</li><li>4. Finally use small dabs of craft glue to stick on your sequins, or alternatively use plastic gems or a marker to draw the little tuning knobs on the end of your banjo handle.</li></ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Large popsicle sticks (1 per child)</li><li>• Loom bands (4 per child)</li><li>• Duct Tape</li><li>• Sequins</li><li>• Koki's</li><li>• Craft Glue</li></ul>  <p>The image shows two handcrafted 'Mini Lid Banjos'. Each banjo consists of a circular lid (one black, one gold) with four colorful loom bands stretched across it. The bands are secured to a wooden popsicle stick handle with pieces of duct tape. The handles are decorated with colorful patterns: one has a red and white floral pattern with a blue and white zigzag, and the other has an orange and white floral pattern with a green and black geometric design. The text 'Mini Lid Banjos' is written in green and black at the top left of the image, and 'The Craft Train' is written in small text at the bottom right.</p>

## Talk About It

### RECAP THE STORY OF JOB

Job was a very rich man. He had 1000's of animals, a big house, lots of friends and a beautiful wife. He loved God with all his heart and lived a life that was pleasing to God. One day, Satan said to God that the only reason Job was faithful to Him was because he had everything he needed and life was good. God told Satan that he could test Job. And so it began, Job slowly began losing everything - his servants, his animals, everything! But nothing stopped Job from worshipping God. God then allowed Satan to test Job even further. So Satan began by putting boils all over Job's body. Job's wife told him he should curse God; in fact, so did his friends. No one could understand why Job could worship God even when everything he had had been taken away from him - even his health. But through his worshipping, God restored back to him everything he had lost and Satan saw that Job was a true worshipper of God.

### WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM JOB?

#### 1. HE LOVED GOD

-The Bible tells us that Job lived a life that was pleasing God; this means that he made God happy by the way that he lived.

-Let's recap the past few weeks: How can we live in a way that makes God happy? (At home? At school? With our friends?)

#### 2. HE WORSHIPPED NO MATTER WHAT

-In the beginning of the story we learn that Job was very blessed, he had all he needed and had a great family. Job worshipped God in everything he did!

-Think about some really great things that have happened to you and the things in your life you have to be thankful for?

-Later on in the story, we learn that everything is taken away from Job. He even got really sick and had painful boils all over his body.

-Did Job stop worshipping God when he lost everything? (No)

-Why? (Job didn't worship God because of what he did or didn't have, Job worshipped God because God was still good and all-powerful.)

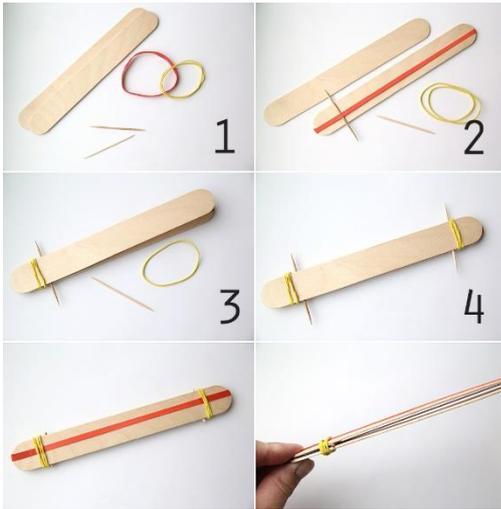
-What difficult things can we get through? (Family/friend issues, sickness, bullying... think of things that relate to your group.)

-What do we need to do in difficult times? (Worship!)

## Week 4 - WHEN (4-7)

**Bottom Line:** We worship through everything and in everything we do.

**Scripture:** Job

Activity	Items Required
<p><b>MAKE A KAZOO</b></p> <p><b>*More detailed instructions page included*</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Put the thick rubber band around a popsicle stick, end to end as shown in the picture alongside. (image 2)</li><li>2. Slide a toothpick under the rubber band close to one end, as shown. (image 2)</li><li>3. Place the second popsicle stick on top of the first one and secure them together with a thin rubber band. (image 3)</li><li>4. Place the other toothpick between the popsicle sticks at the other end (this one above the thick rubber band) and secure the end with another rubber band. (image 4)</li><li>5. Trim the points off the toothpicks. Blow or hum into the kazoo to make noise.</li></ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 large popsicle sticks</li><li>• 2 toothpicks</li><li>• 1 thick rubber band</li><li>• 2 thin rubber bands</li></ul>  <p>*It would be a good idea to make a few ideas beforehand so kids can see an already made example to follow.*</p>

## Talk About It

### **JOB'S SITUATION:**

Job never lost his faith in God, even when it seemed like every possible bad thing had happened to him. Imagine losing everything you own; property, possessions, and even your family.

-Job 1:13-19 - He loses his children, cattle and servants.

-Job 2:7 - He was covered in painful sores all over his body.

-How would you have felt if you were Job in this situation?

-What would your response to God have been?

### **JOB'S RESPONSE:**

-Job 1:20-21 - Job worshipped God despite what has just happened.

-Job 2:9-10 - Even when his wife told him to be angry at God for what had happened to him, he still obeyed God and worshipped.

-Even his friends taunt him, but he still holds fast through it all.

-Job 13:15 - With all that Job was going through he still had hope in God.

### **THE OUTCOME:**

-What was the outcome of Job's response? (Through his faithfulness, God restored him more than what he had before.)

-Why was Job able to worship in what would seem as a very dark time in his life? (He understood God was in control and his worship of God wasn't dependant on his situation. He worshipped God purely because He was God and that alone was enough for him)

-Job 42:5, "My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you."

-What does this scripture mean to you?

-We need to obey and trust God whether we understand why a bad thing has happened or not. We will see even more how great our God is and be able to respond like Job did.

### **OUR RESPONSE:**

-What stuck out to you the most in Job's story?

-What can we learn from Job?

-Chat with your group about how they can worship God in everything they do. How will they put Him first above everything and learn to worship through everything - the good and the bad times.