



Quarter 3 — Lesson 35



Year 3—Quarter 3: Worship

No Idols

10 Commandments #2

When we make something in our lives more important to us than God, that is called idolatry. Ask: Can you name one thing that people make more important than God? (*Allow answers.*)

Explain: In ancient times, and even some people today, they would not only worship imaginary, made up, false gods, but they would build statues, called idols, and bow down and worship those.

Doesn't that sound ridiculous, worshipping something made by a person, instead of worshipping the God who made people?

Discuss:

What does "You are what you eat" mean? It means that if you eat junk food all the time, your body will feel junky and icky. If you eat healthy foods, you will have a healthy body. I think a better phrase is, "you are what you worship." If you worship and make

anything else more important than God, you will become more like that thing.

Apply:

If you worship God and care more about what God thinks of you and what He wants you to do, then you will become more and more like God. You will become more loving, more joyful, more peaceful, more patient, and kind.

Object Lesson

Talk about how God listens to us when we pray and how much He loves each of us. Now show an object sitting on a table or chair up front (*Can be a stick of wood, a brick, a large rock, or even a statue*) Ask, who wants to pray to this (object) when you feel happy or sad?

You will get looks of confusion. Say, Yeah, silly, huh? Why would we pray to a (*object*)? Would praying to this object help us? The answer is, no, because it can't hear us and it can't help us.

God wants us to pray to Him because He CAN hear us and He WILL help us.



Power Point

We don't worship idols. We worship the Creator.

MEMORY VERSE

"Joyful are those who obey His laws and search for Him with all their hearts."

- Psalm 119:2



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Small Group Discussion

Ask: Did you know that worship is more than just singing in church? It's actually showing God how much we love and appreciate Him in everything we do, every day!

Discuss the following questions and allow your students to share their answers:

- Can you think of a time when you showed God love and gratitude without even realizing it? Share your story with the group.
- How can we apply the idea of worship to our daily routines and habits?

- What are some other ways you could show God love and appreciation throughout your day?

Everyday Worship Ideas

for you to share with your students if they don't mention them.

- Share your favorite Bible verse or song with a friend
- Offer a prayer before meals or bedtime
- Help with household chores with a grateful heart
- Give a compliment to someone who needs encouragement

Lesson Activities

Craft - "God First"

Mirror:

- Give each child a small mirror and craft supplies.
- Have them decorate the mirror with the words "God First" and other decorations.
- Explain that when they look in the mirror, they should remember to put God first in their lives.

Role-Playing:

- Divide the children into small groups.
- Give each group a scenario where they have to choose between something they love and doing what God wants (e.g., *choosing between playing a game or helping a friend*).
- Let them act out the scenarios and discuss the choices they made.



Take-Home

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Summary

Bible Passage:

Ex. 20:3-4

Main Point:

We don't worship idols, we worship the Creator.

Discuss:

Q: Why does God not want us to have idols?

Q: Name some things that can become idols in our lives?

Q: How can we make sure we are putting God first?

Explore the Bible

Read: Exodus 20:3-4 - "You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below."

Discussion:

- **Why No Idols?:** God wants us to love Him the most because He loves us and knows what is best for us.
- **Modern Idols:** Show pictures of modern idols (money, celebrities, toys) and discuss how these can become more important than

Worship Journal

Provide your child with a journal with blank pages. Explain to them that your family will be writing (or drawing) in their "Worship Journal" after each lesson.

- What does this lesson teach me about worshipping God?
- How has the Holy Spirit been helping me this week?
- Are there any commands in the Bible passages we read for me to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in these passages to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How have I experienced worshipping God this week?

Apply and Pray

Ask: Tell the rest of the family one thing you have decided to do to be sure you are putting God first.

Pray: "Dear God, Maker of Heaven and Earth, thank You that we get to enjoy the creation that you have made. Teach us to always keep You first in our life."