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Dear Boys and Girls,

Do you know what worship is? Jesus said that God wants believers to worship Him in spirit and in truth (see John 4:23-24).

Singing songs of praise, reading the Bible, attending church services, and giving offerings are all important parts of worshipping God—but only one part.

The other part is to live a life of worship each day, not just on Sunday. Give thanks to God each day. Pray to God each day. Ask Him to help you worship Him by obeying His commands.

As you learn how God’s people worship Him with gifts, praise, repenting of sin, and obedience, you will see that worshipping God brings joy to each believer. Have a joyful summer as you worship God.

TO THE TEACHER

It is easy to go through the motions of preparing a lesson, being present for class time, teaching, cleaning up, and beginning the process all over again the next week. It takes discipline to put aside the tyranny of the urgent to spend time quietly alone with God, listening to Him speak to you and responding to Him in obedience. That is worship!

In the first unit Isaiah’s beginning lesson was to recognize the holiness of God and his own sinfulness. Praise to God from the heart follows this. When God creates a new heaven and a new earth, we will worship Him forever!

God’s people often turned from His commands to sinful living. Renewal of worship, studied in the second unit, is always a part of repentance. Deep sorrow turns into great joy!

The third unit emphasizes protecting pure worship of God. We must obey God, not follow our own reasonings or make adaptations. Then God’s people will truly worship Him.

Worthy of Honor

“Wow! Look at that!” exclaimed Lucas. His head was tipped back as far as he could tip it without falling over as he looked at the huge marble statue of the sixteenth president of the United States. “Abraham Lincoln was a giant!”

Dad chuckled. “Lincoln was tall—six feet, four inches—but he was very thin. This statue to honor him is three times larger than Lincoln actually was. It shows him sitting down. Think how tall the statue would be if Lincoln were standing!”

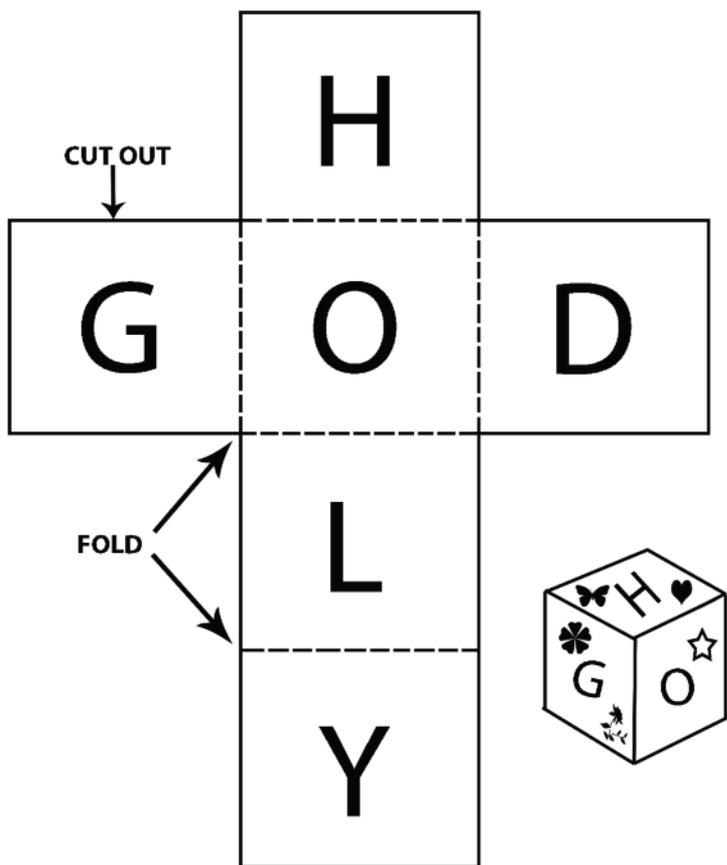
“This is awesome, Dad!” said Lucas. “We studied about Lincoln and the way he led our country to protect freedom for all people. Look at all the people visiting the Lincoln Memorial today!”

“Without a doubt, Lincoln was a great man,” replied Father. “That is why this memorial was built.”

“The beauty and grandeur of this place is really eye-catching,” Mom commented quietly as she looked around at the building and the glass-like surface of the Reflecting Pool in front of it, “but it is nothing compared to what Isaiah saw in a vision of God” (see Isaiah 6:1-8).

“We honor Lincoln because he was a good man and a good president,” said Dad. “How much more should we honor and worship God! He is holy. He is worthy of our worship.”

“I’m glad I could see this memorial,” said Lucas, “but I am more glad that someday I will see our wonderful God!”



A memorial is something that we make to honor and remind us of a special person or event. God often told His chosen people of Israel to build memorials so that they would remember the wonderful things He did for them.

Cut out the top half of this page. Glue it to a piece of heavy paper, and cut on the dark lines. Trace over the letters with markers; decorate the background. Fold on the dotted lines to form a block. Tape the loose edges together. Your memorial block will remind you that God is holy and worthy to be honored.



Praise and Thanksgiving

“Let’s sing ‘Praise Him, Praise Him’ this time,” said Ashley. “Everybody ready? March!”

Feet stomped—left, right, left—as the children marched out of the kitchen, around the dining room table, and through the living room.

“What beautiful music!” exclaimed Mother. “You are a good marching band!” she added as she marched into step behind the line of musicians.

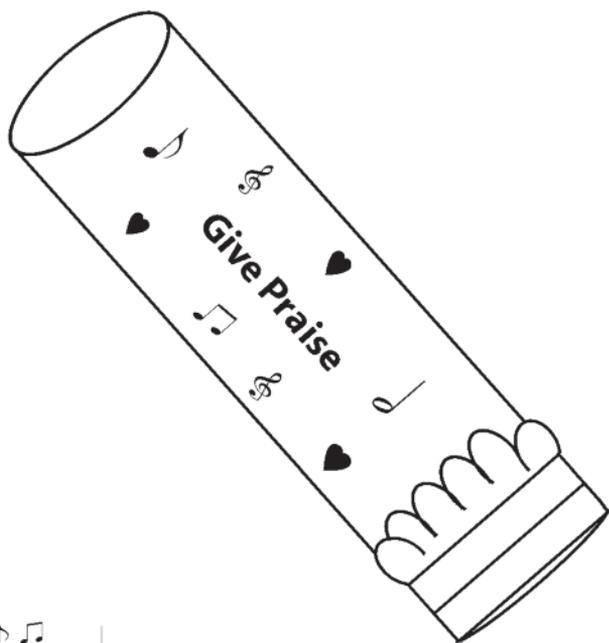
“Do you like our musical instruments?” Abigail asked later while the band took a cookie-and-milk break. “Ashley helped us make these. Look at Kyle’s oatmeal-box drum. Courtney has a jingle-bell stick, and I like my pie-plate cymbal a lot!”

“That’s because you like to be noisy!” exclaimed Mother. “You kids are really enjoying having your older cousin visit for a few days. She has lots of new ideas for you.”

“Thanks, Aunt Laura,” said Ashley. “I learned to make these rhythm band instruments from my Sunday school teacher. When we were studying about praising God, she had our class come to her house for a party. We made these instruments and then sang praises to God.”

“Giving praise and thanks to God is an important part of worshipping Him,” said Mother. “The Bible tells us often to praise God with our song” (see Isaiah 12:1-6).

“Let’s go next door and play for Mrs. Nichols,” suggested Ashley. “How about playing ‘Hallelujah, Praise the Lord’ this time?”



You can praise and thank the Lord with song just as Ashley and the other children did. Decorate a cardboard tube with markers or stickers. Print “Give Praise” on one side. Wrap a piece of waxed paper over one end of the tube. Put a rubber band over the waxed paper to secure it.

To play your kazoo, hum or sing your favorite song into the open end of the tube. If you want to create a variety of sounds, make more kazoos using different widths and lengths of cardboard tubes.



True Worship

“Wasn’t that a challenging message from Isaiah?” Mr. Mason commented during the Sunday noon meal. “Pastor Brock gave us some food for thought. What are we really like inside—in our hearts?”

“It’s not easy to know what is in my heart,” said Chad. “Sometimes I say I love the Lord but I don’t do what is right.”

“In Jeremiah 17:9 the prophet said that our hearts are terribly sinful. We think we are good, but the truth is that we are easily deceived, or fooled,” Mom said.

Kurt listened intently, but he did not say anything. When he went to his room later, Dad came to talk.

“What did you learn from the pastor’s message this morning, Kurt?”

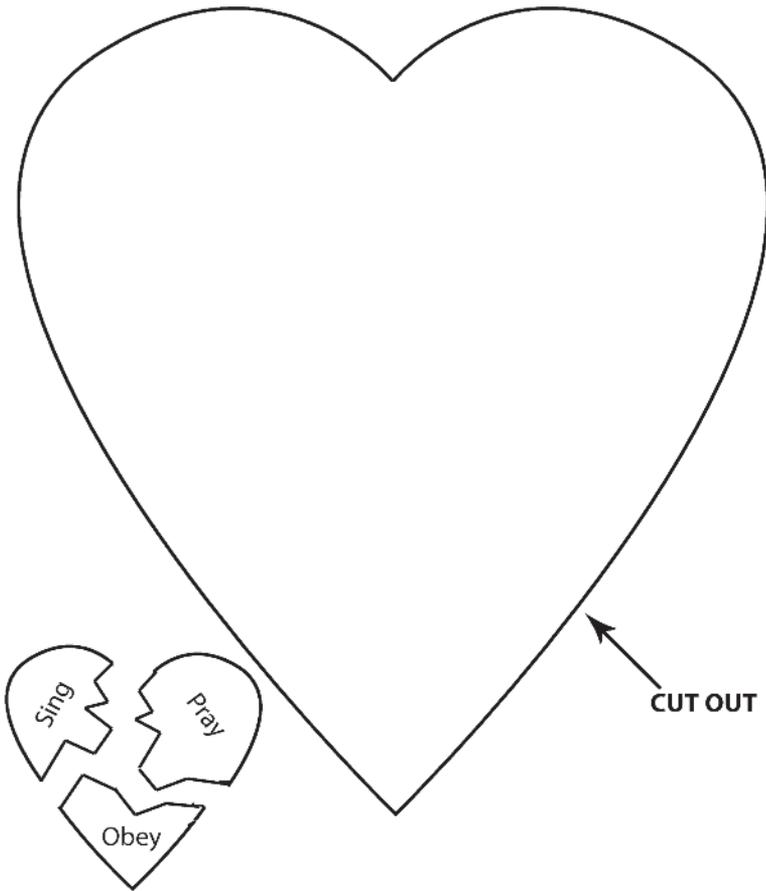
Kurt looked up at his father. “I don’t know,” he mumbled.

“Could it be you don’t know because you were not worshipping with your whole heart, Kurt?” Dad asked gently. “You seemed to be only partly there. Were you really listening to God’s Word?”

Kurt looked up at his father. “Not really,” he confessed. “I was coloring in the letters of my bulletin.”

“It’s not enough to say you are a Christian. It’s not even enough to act like one. God wants us to worship and obey Him with all our hearts” (see Isaiah 29:9-16).

“I’m sorry, Dad,” Kurt said. “I do love God. I really want to worship Him with all my heart.”



Some people say, “I love God,” but they do not obey God. Instead, they do whatever they want to do. Every day we need to choose to love God with all our hearts—that is, to truly worship Him. Cut out and color the heart above. Write three or four ways to worship God, each in a separate part of the heart. Glue the heart to a piece of card stock. Cut it out again, then cut it into three or four puzzle pieces. Have fun putting your puzzle together! Your heart puzzle can remind you to worship God with *all* your heart.



Changes

“Wow, Grandma! What did you do? You changed everything!” Cody exclaimed as he walked into the house.

Grandma chuckled as she watched Cody wander through the house, exclaiming about the many changes.

Although Cody lived several hours away, he came to visit the farm almost every month. Usually things looked pretty much the same as last time—but not today! Cody’s eyes lit up as he made discoveries in each room.

“You changed the furniture around too! This is awesome! Everything is different!” he exclaimed. “Hey, that piano picture is new.”

“A special friend sent that to us. See the words to the hymn ‘Great Is Thy Faithfulness’ on it?”

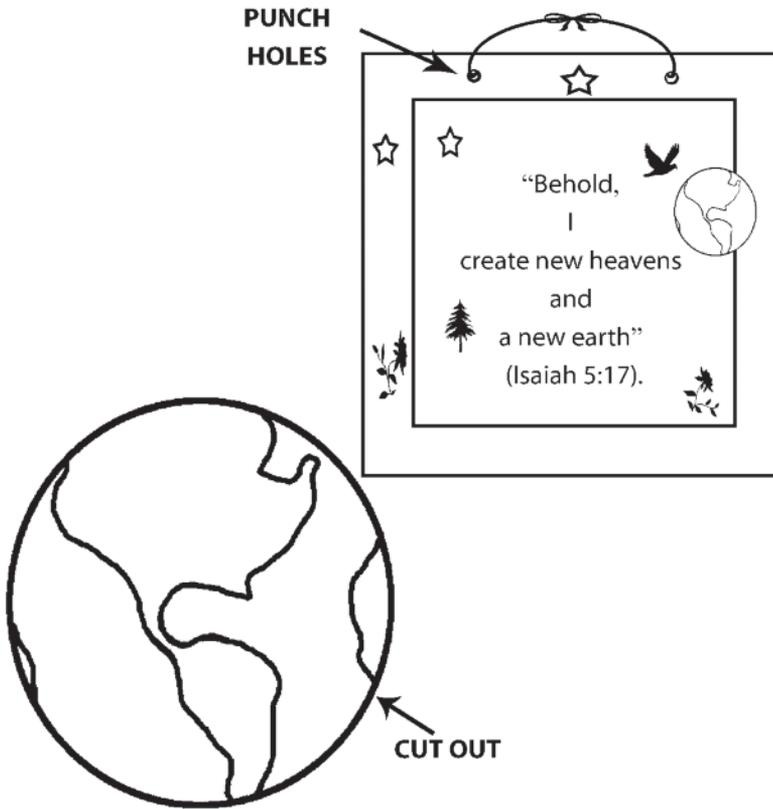
“Grandpa, do you like all the changes?” asked Cody.

“Well, I liked the old way just fine. But as long as Grandma lets me keep my big, comfy chair, I’ll be happy,” said Grandpa. “Besides, I need to get used to change.”

“What do you mean, Grandpa? Are you going to make *more* changes?”

“No, but *God* will be making some. Someday He will get rid of this old earth, just as Grandma got rid of our worn-out things. The earth is dirty with sin. God will make a new heaven and a new earth. All things will be new” (see Isaiah 65:17-21, 23-25).

“Wow! I want to see that too!”



Would you like to make a change? Make a new picture to hang in your bedroom. It will remind you of the big change that God will make when He creates a new heaven and earth. Glue a 5-by-5-inch piece of white paper on an 8-by-8-inch piece of colored construction paper. Center the white square so that a colored border shows. Write “Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth” (Isaiah 65:17) on the white square. Cut out the world globe; glue it on the picture. Decorate the border using markers or stickers. Punch two holes at the top. Tie a string or ribbon through the holes to make a hanger for your picture.



Joyful Homecoming

“We’re here! We’re finally home again!” shouted Lisa and Tony. They quickly climbed out of the truck and ran to their house.

“Welcome home! Welcome home!” The joyful cries of their Cameroonian friends and neighbors erupted as everyone clustered around the returning missionary family.

After visiting their families and supporting churches in the United States for the past year, the Bransons had finally arrived home. The village in Cameroon where they had come years ago to share the gospel with the African people was truly home to Lisa and Tony.

“All of our friends are here—George, Ana, Abu!” exclaimed Lisa. “It looks like a party in here.”

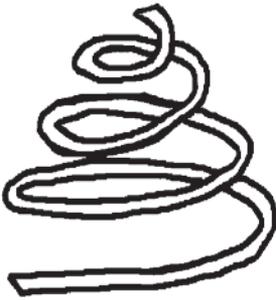
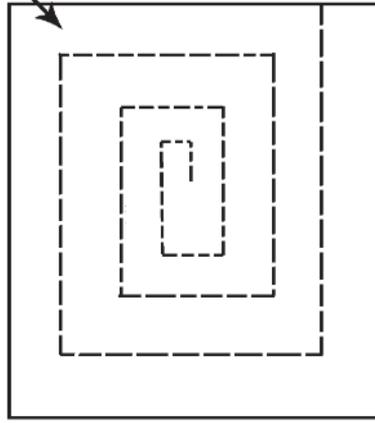
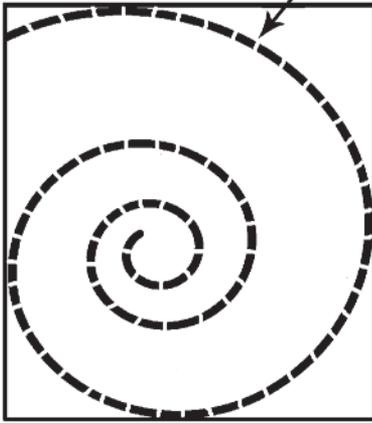
“We children made the spirals last night,” Abu said softly. “Then we hung them from the ceiling. We wanted to show you how happy we are that you have finally come back.”

Lisa put an arm around her shy friend. “Thank you! The spirals are pretty, but the best part is being with you and all our friends. Oh, Abu, I am so happy to be home again!”

“We missed your family so much,” said Abu. “I wondered if you would want to stay in your rich country and not come back to our little village.”

“Oh, no, Abu! This is our home. You are our Christian family. Our return to Cameroon is a time of great joy for us” (see Ezra 3:1-7).

DRAW AND CUT



You can make party spirals like the ones that decorated the Bransons' house for their joyful return. Any size of colored paper will work. Start at the center of your paper; draw a continuous pencil line, as shown in the illustration above. You can draw lines in a circle or in a rectangle. Leave enough space between the lines so that your spiral does not tear easily. Starting from the outer edge, cut along your pencil lines. Shake the paper gently to open it into a spiral. Tape it to the ceiling as a party decoration.



Working Together

“I’m tired,” Lisa said with a deep sigh. “Last night was exciting, but today is hard work.”

“The welcome party our friends gave made it a joyful return,” agreed her mother. “Sweeping the cobwebs and cleaning the dust that has gathered while we were in the States the past year is hard work. If we all work together, the job will get done.”

“I had forgotten how the dust of the dry season in Cameroon gets into every nook and corner,” said Mr. Branson. “Although I put my tools inside the shed before we left, they are gritty with sand.”

“Even inside the house we have to wipe out every cupboard, wash every dish, and clean every inch!” grumbled Lisa.

The Branson family kept at the task each day. Sometimes friends from the church came to help clean. The Africans asked many questions.

“*A warti na?* (Have you come back?) *Noy America?* (How is America?) *Noy maama’en ma?* (How are your grandparents?)”

Lisa, Tony, and their parents answered the questions while they worked. This made the cleaning time more enjoyable and pass by quickly. Finally the job was finished.

“We did it!” exclaimed Lisa.

“Yes! We all worked together, our friends helped, and the cleaning job is accomplished,” said Mrs. Branson. “Now we can celebrate together the beginning of our new year in Cameroon” (see Ezra 3:8-13).

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TO:

I will help you _____

FROM:

TO: Mom

I will help you water
the flower garden

FROM: Beth



TO: Dad

I will help you sweep
out the garage

FROM: Brent



When people work together, the job is more enjoyable and gets done more quickly, as the Branson missionary family discovered. What can you do to help someone in your family this week? Fill in the helper coupon above. Decorate it with drawings, designs, or stickers. After you cut out the coupon, give it to the person you will help. Be sure to work hard and to finish your job. Then you can celebrate too!



A Place to Worship

“That was quite a celebration!” Mr. Branson exclaimed as he closed the door of the cement-block church. “I’m stuffed!”

“So am I, Dad!” agreed Tony. “I like American food, but nothing tastes as good as *fufu* and *njama njama*. I’m glad to be home again!”

“Your American cousins would be surprised to hear that you prefer ground corn balls and cooked greens to a cheeseburger and fries,” Dad said with a chuckle.

“Abu’s mother makes the best *fufu* and *njama njama*,” commented Lisa.

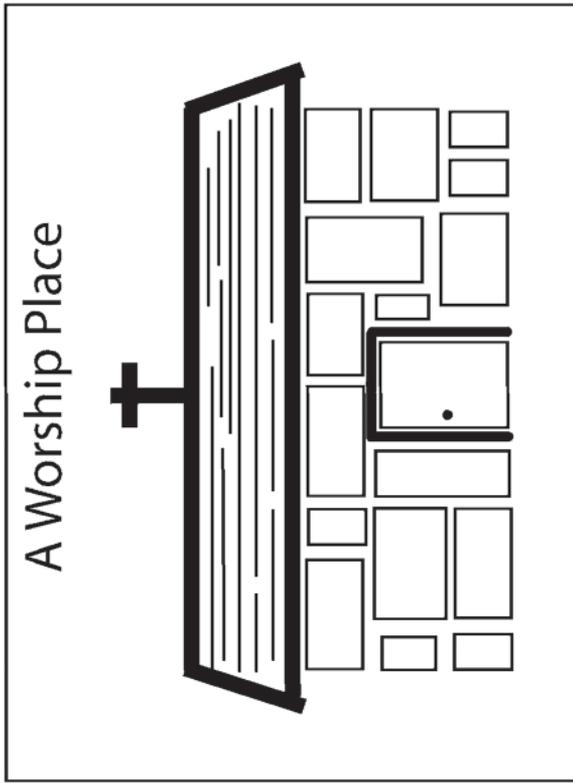
“Eating African food again was great,” agreed Mom, “but the best part to me was worshipping God with our Cameroonian friends once again.”

“Do you remember when we read about how the people of Israel returned to their own country?” asked Dad. “After Ezra and the people worked hard to rebuild the city walls and the temple, what did they do?”

“They had a celebration!” Lisa answered quickly.

“You are right! Although our family was gone only a year, we had a joyous return to our home. We worked hard to clean our house and begin again in Cameroon—just as the Israelites did when they rebuilt the foundation and temple of God. When they were finished, the Israelites met in their new worship place and celebrated” (see Ezra 6:13-22).

“Just as we did!” Tony exclaimed as he rubbed his full belly.



Places of worship are built in many different ways around the world. What is your church building made of? Wood? Brick? Stucco? The stories about Cameroon are true-to-life for a missionary family who shares the gospel in Africa today.

Use the picture above as a sample to make a place of worship like one you might see in an African village. Cut out some cement blocks from gray construction paper. Glue them in the shape of a building on a sheet of construction paper. Draw and color a door, a metal roof, and a cross on top. Write "A Worship Place" at the top of the picture.



Questions About Food

“I love pizza!” exclaimed Jerrod.

“I think you just like to eat,” countered Jerrod’s mother. “You boys are always hungry.”

“I’m a growing boy, Mom!” replied Jerrod. “Do you remember the missionary who told about some native believers in the Philippine Islands who didn’t have food to eat? How do people live if they don’t eat?”

“Many people do not eat three meals a day,” replied Mom. “Some people don’t have even one meal guaranteed for each day; they are starving. Other people cannot eat because of sickness.”

“Like when I have the flu?”

“Yes. Food just won’t stay down, or a person might not be able to chew and swallow food.”

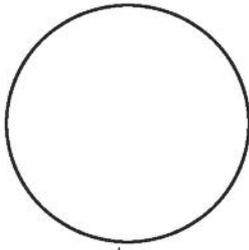
“That is sad,” said Jerrod.

“It is, but it’s part of life in this sinful world,” agreed Mom. “Did you know the Bible gives another reason for not eating—fasting and praying? Fasting means choosing not to eat for a period of time. A person might fast for a meal, for a day, or for several days or even weeks.”

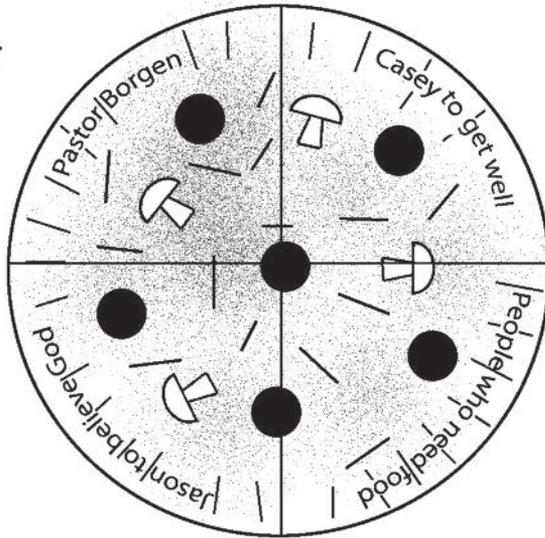
“Not eat?” Jerrod asked in surprise. “I would die!”

“The Bible tells of a time when the people of Israel fasted and prayed,” said Mom. “Something was more important than food (see Ezra 8:21-23, 31-32). Instead of eating, they spent time praying earnestly to God for His help and protection.”

“Maybe someday I will need to do that, but tonight I’m eating pizza!”



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Make a pizza prayer chart to remind you to pray earnestly. With a red marker, color pizza sauce in the middle of a paper plate. Cut out the circle pattern above. Trace some circles on brown construction paper and cut out; glue these pepperoni slices on your pizza. What else do you like on your pizza? Cut it out of colored paper. Cut narrow strips of cheese from yellow paper; glue these on your pizza. Draw lines to divide your pizza into slices. On the crust edges, write prayer requests. Do not eat your pizza! Use it as a prayer reminder daily.



Sunday Clothes

“There!” Javid’s mother exclaimed as she shut the closet door. “Your Sunday clothes are laid out here on the chair. Get dressed quickly Sunday. Grandma will have to leave for church earlier than usual, since she’s not familiar with our town.”

“I’ll help her find the church, Mom, while you and Dad are gone. I know the way!” Javid assured his mother. He looked at the clothes.

“A new tie!” he exclaimed.

“When I bought Dad a new tie this week,” Mom said, “I saw this one in the boys’ section. Do you like it?”

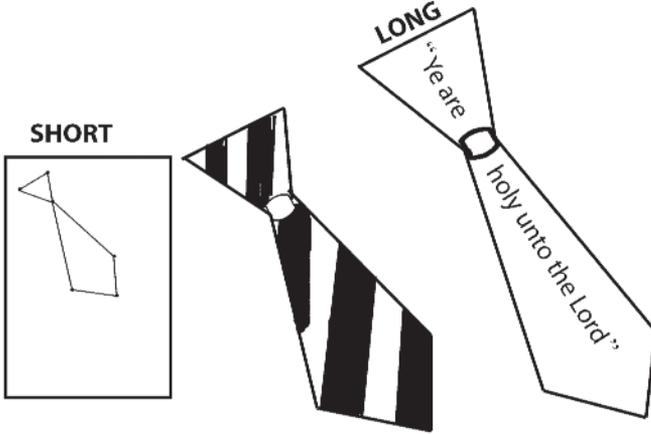
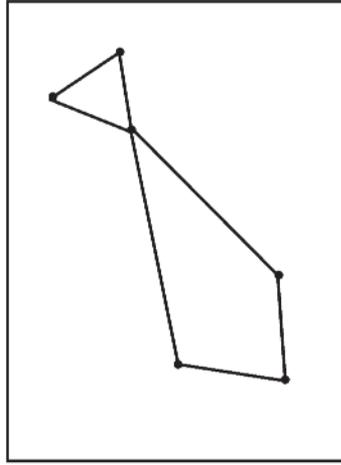
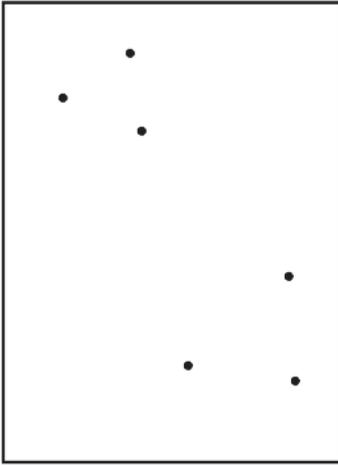
“Well, I’m glad I don’t have to wear a shirt and tie every day,” answered Javid, “but I do like to dress up on Sundays.”

“That’s why we call these ‘Sunday clothes,’” Mom replied. “They are set apart. They’re different from your playclothes.”

“In Sunday school we talked about things that were set apart, or holy. Are my clothes holy?” asked Javid.

“In Bible times people brought gifts of silver and gold for the tabernacle and temple. These gifts were given to God. They were set apart, or holy—not to be used for any other purpose,” Mom explained (see Ezra 8:24-30). “I would not say your clothes are holy, but they are set apart for wearing only on special occasions.”

“Well, maybe they’re not holy clothes, but at least they’re not holey!” Javid said with a laugh.



Do you think Javid's joke was funny? He was glad that he had special clothes without holes to wear on Sunday.

What do you think Javid's new tie looked like? On a piece of construction paper, mark dots as shown above. If you put the dots far apart, your tie will be long. If you put them close together, the tie will be short. Connect the dots to form a tie. Color it in an interesting pattern. Cut out your tie. Write "Ye are holy unto the Lord" on the other side.



The Tent

“Did you watch the movie last night? It was great! That guy was so scary. And all that blood! Wow!”

“I don’t watch those kinds of movies, Matt. Our family loves God,” said Andrew.

“How do you have any fun?”

“Ask your parents if you can come spend the night with Micah and me Friday. You’ll see!” said Andrew.

After jumping on the trampoline Friday night, the boys helped make homemade pizzas. But the fun was just beginning.

“Guess what! Mom said we can make a tent and sleep in it!” announced Andrew. “That’s not all—we can build our tent on top of the trampoline! We can sleep outside!”

Three excited boys set to work looking for ways to make a tent. First they pushed the trampoline under the clothesline. Then they put a couple of tall stools on either side. Blankets were draped over the clothesline and the stools. Carefully the boys crawled in and out of the tent, placing sleeping bags, pillows, flashlights, and water bottles inside.

“Here is some popcorn for a snack,” said Andrew’s mother.

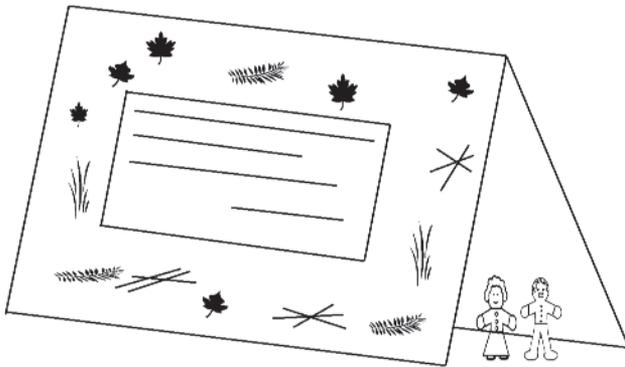
“This is great fun, Andrew!” exclaimed Matt. “I like our tent.”

“Reading the Bible, we can see that people have been eating and sleeping in tents for many, many years,” said Micah (see Nehemiah 8:13-18).

“This is my first time!” said Matt.

“All the congregation ... made booths,
and sat under the booths: ...
And there was very great gladness”
(Nehemiah 8:17).

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God told the people of Israel to make booths out of tree branches once each year at a festival. The purpose was to remember how God had taken care of the Israelites before He gave them land and houses in which to live. Fold a sheet of construction paper in half. Stand it up like a tent, as shown in the picture. Glue small twigs, branches, and leaves on the outside. Cut out and glue the verse above on your tent. If you wish, find or draw some little people to sit inside your tent.



Time to Confess

When Mr. Barton finished reading, he closed his Bible and asked, “What did the Israelites do when they heard about their sin?” (see Nehemiah 9:2, 6-7, 9-10, 30-36).

The children were unusually quiet. Finally, Josh said, “They confessed their sin.”

“Alex, what does it mean to confess sin?” asked Dad.

“You say what you did wrong,” Alex replied quietly.

Dad looked searchingly at both of his quiet sons. “Yes, to confess is to tell what you did wrong. You tell God that you know you have sinned and ask His forgiveness. You boys seem to be very quiet tonight. Is something troubling you?”

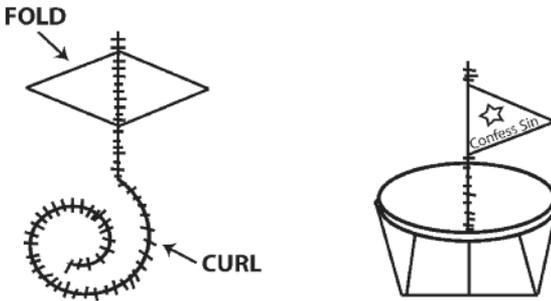
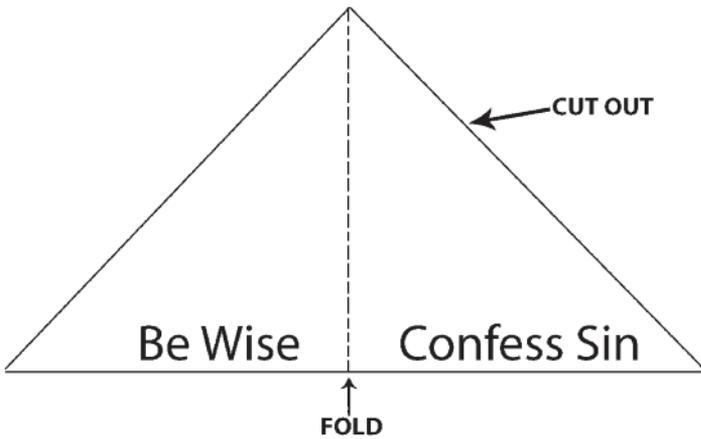
Josh looked at Alex. Alex glanced up at Josh. Finally, Josh spoke.

“I sinned, Dad, and this Bible lesson really hits home. You told me not to go to the pond without your permission, but I did it anyway this afternoon. I’m sorry, Dad.”

“Same here, Dad,” Alex said tearfully. “I went too. Tim showed us how to make little boats. When we finished, we just wanted to see how well they would float. I know we didn’t obey you. I’m sorry, Dad.”

“Your disobedience makes me very sad, boys. But I’m glad that you confessed your sin together, and I forgive you,” Mr. Barton told them.

“I’m glad for the Bible lesson,” said Josh. “I can be happy again!”



Making the boats was fun for Josh and Alex. Disobeying their father made them sad.

Make a simple boat to remind you that you need to confess any sin you might commit. Cut one nest section from an egg carton. Curl one end of a chenille wire in a circle that will fit inside the boat. Keep the other end straight to form the mast. Put a dab of glue in the bottom of your boat; place the curled wire inside. Cut out the sail above, decorate it with a simple drawing, and fold it in half. Put a little glue on the top edge of the wire. Wrap your sail around the wire. Glue the tips of the two halves together.



A Joyful Noise

“Look, Mom, look!” exclaimed Beth and Brian. “Look what Gina showed us how to make!” Putting their special toys to their mouths, the children began singing loudly.

“You must have had a good time with Gina while I went shopping,” Mom said when it was quiet again.

“These are megaphones!” said Gina. “It’s fun to talk and sing through them.”

“Megaphones make noisy children even noisier!” said Mom. “I think those are outside toys!”

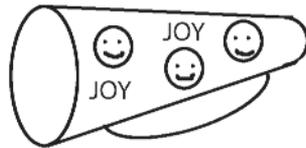
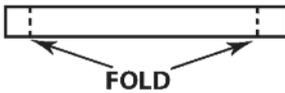
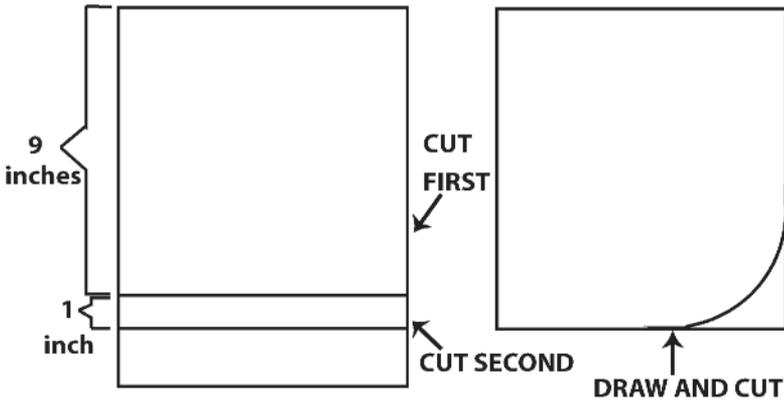
Beth and Brian raced outside, eager to use their new toys.

“Gina, I’m glad you plan special activities for them when you watch the children,” said Mrs. Boone.

“Actually, I wanted to see if Beth and Brian would like the megaphones,” replied Gina. “I’m planning to have each of my Sunday school children make one. When we dedicate the new church building in two weeks, they can use their megaphones as they sing a song of praise at the dedication service.”

“What a splendid idea!” responded Mrs. Boone. “We’re so excited that the new building is finished. People have given a lot of money and worked hard to complete it. Now that the work is finished, we’ll have a joyful time worshipping together in our new building!” (see Nehemiah 12:27-36, 38, 43).

“Part of the joy will be a loud noise!” Gina exclaimed with a smile.



To make a megaphone, cut a 9-inch square from colored construction paper. Then cut a 1-by-9-inch strip from the remaining paper. Draw a rounded line across one corner of the square, as shown above. Cut on that line. Decorate your paper with designs, stickers, glitter, or buttons. Make a cone shape by bringing the sides of the paper together and taping the edges. Cut off the tip of the cone so that you can talk through it. Make a handle for your megaphone by folding each end of the paper strip. Tape these flaps to the bottom of your megaphone. Use your megaphone to sing a joyful song of praise to the Lord.



Honoring God on His Day

Many years ago, a man named Eric Liddell was one of the fastest runners in the world. He was not only a fast runner, but he was also a dedicated believer in Jesus Christ.

Eric's parents were missionaries in China. They taught their children and the Chinese people to believe God's Word and to honor its teachings.

One important way to honor God is to keep the Lord's Day holy. God commanded the Israelites to rest and worship Him one day each week. When they disobeyed, God punished their sin (see Nehemiah 13:15-22).

Eric was such a fast runner that he was chosen to participate in the Olympic games one year.

"The race will take place on Sunday," the officials told Eric.

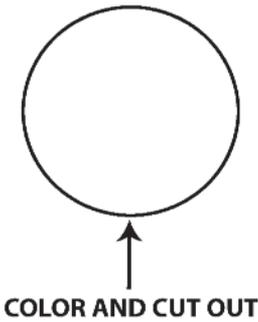
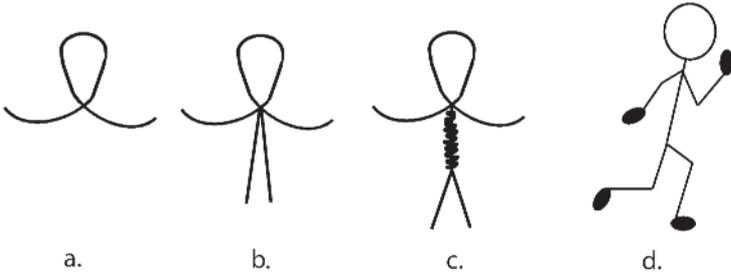
"Sunday is the Lord's Day," he replied. "I will not run on Sunday."

"But you have worked hard to run your race," said the people. "It won't hurt for you to run this one time. You are most likely to win!"

"God is most important in my life," replied Eric. "I love to run, and I want to win the Olympic race very much, but I will put God first."

Sunday is not a day to do whatever you want. It is a special day set aside to meet with God's people, to worship Him, and to rest.

Eric did not race on Sunday, but he won the Olympic race he ran on Monday! He kept the Lord's Day holy.



Eric Liddell chose to keep the Lord's Day holy. He loved to run, but he loved God more. Use two chenille wires to form a runner. Follow the diagram above. Make a loop in one wire (a). Put the second wire through the loop (b). Twist the second wire to make the body and legs (c). Bend the figure into a running position (d). Draw a face and hair on the circle above. Cut it out. Glue the face on the head loop of your wire runner.



What Is Worship?

“I have a new joke for you, Dad!”

Ryan’s father groaned teasingly. “What’s your new joke, Ryan?”

“A Sunday school teacher asked her students, ‘Why do you have to be quiet in church?’” Ryan said with a big smile. “One little boy answered, ‘Because so many people are sleeping!’” Ryan giggled.

“That’s pretty funny,” agreed Dad. “Sad to say, some people do sleep during the service. They should be worshipping God.”

“What if they’re tired?” Ryan asked.

“If someone is often sleepy during the service,” answered Dad, “he should go to bed earlier on Saturday night. Putting God first is the most important way to worship Him.”

“Is that why we go to bed early?”

“That’s one reason!” replied Dad. “What are some other ways to truly worship God, Ryan?”

Ryan thought quietly. “I give an offering from the money Mom pays me for helping her.”

“Yes, giving what we have is another part of worship. Giving our time to fix hymnbooks or to pull weeds in the churchyard or to take meals to sick people is part of worshipping God too.”

“I like to sing songs about Jesus,” said Ryan. “Is that worship?”

“Absolutely!” replied Dad. “God loves to hear us praise Him, and He loves to hear us pray. I’m glad there are many ways to worship God.”

“But not by sleeping in church!” Ryan exclaimed with another smile.

Things of Eternal Value

“Only one life, ’twill soon be past. Only what’s done for Christ will last,” Jasmine’s mother read from the family album picture. “That was Grandpa’s favorite saying.”

“What does it mean, Mom?”

“You are only eight years old, Jasmine. You probably have many years of life ahead to do things.”

“I like to do things, lots of things! My violin and piano are two of my favorite things. I really love to read. Books tell me so much! My favorite class is math, but learning Spanish is fun too. I like my cat and goldfish, and sports, and—”

“Hold on!” Mom exclaimed with a chuckle. “You are one busy eight-year-old girl, and you didn’t even mention liking to cook with me.”

“I haven’t finished,” Jasmine replied as she continued her list. “Cooking together is fun, especially the tasting part. I like weaving and learning to knit too. Don’t forget art, Mom. I like to draw and color, and I love to take photos.”

“Grandpa liked to do lots of things too, Jasmine. He often told stories about when he was a boy on the farm. He loved animals, especially his horse. In one of my favorite stories, he protected his father’s cows from a pack of wolves.”

“I wish I could hear Grandpa tell that story to me,” said Jasmine.

“I do too, but Grandpa’s life on earth ended three years ago—which is the important part about his favorite saying.

“Grandpa lived one life—that is all any person



will live. Only things we do to love, worship, and serve God will last. Everything else will be gone. Grandpa lived that. After he trusted Christ as his Saviour when he was a young man, Grandpa served God with his whole heart. He preached the Bible, led many people to trust Jesus as Saviour, memorized Bible verses, taught his family to love Jesus, and prayed faithfully. Grandpa worshipped and obeyed God for seventy-one more years.”

“Whew, Mom! Grandpa’s list is as long as mine!” exclaimed Jasmine. “Can I do things that will last?”

“In I Corinthians 10:31 we read that we should do everything to the glory of God. Praising God with your music is one way to worship and glorify Him. Reading and math skills prepare you to serve the Lord. Someday you will be able to tell Spanish-speaking people about Jesus. If you love and obey God all your life, these things will have eternal value.”

“And I can taste the cookies I bring to shut-ins!” Jasmine said with a smile.

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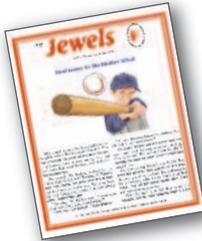
- scissors, glue
- heavy paper
- markers, crayons, stickers, pencils, tape
- cardboard tubes
- waxed paper
- rubber bands
- card stock
- construction paper (including gray, brown, and yellow)
- white paper
- hole punch
- string or ribbon
- paper plates
- small twigs, branches, leaves
- chenille wire
- egg cartons
- glitter, buttons

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