



3rd – 5th

May 31-June 1, 2014

DATE

Worship

LESSON TITLE

Psalm 100
Adventure Bible (p. 667)

WHERE TO FIND IT

There are many ways to show love and honor to God.

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (10 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (20 minutes): *Begin NO LATER THAN 15 minutes after the service starts.* We want kids to have time for worship stations.

Worship Stations (30 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

****Please notice that today's schedule is different.** Read the instructions about how to implement stations ahead of time. As a team, make sure you all have a plan before kids even enter the room.

Also, next weekend is Move Up Weekend. Feel free to talk to kids about it and answer any questions.

check-in/out

As kids leave, remind them to tell their parents how they plan to worship God this week.

large group heads up

Today we're talking about worship. Then we're spending some time in worship stations. The presenter will describe each of the stations, but all volunteers will be needed in order to implement them effectively.



connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

WHAT IS WORSHIP?

- Connect Time is shorter than normal today, so keep kids in one large group.
- Lay one large **tear-off sheet of paper** across the floor and give each kid a **marker**.
- Ask kids this question: What is worship?
 - Kids should write/draw their responses (as many as they can think of)
- Split kids into small groups and tell them to meet back in the same group right after large group.
- If you have time, ask kids to turn and tell a friend about the best part of their week.
- Help kids carry the whole sheet of paper into Large Group.

Before you head into Large Group, remind them about your expectations for their behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) understand what worship is and why we do it and (2) engage in meaningful worship activities

Why? We want to create space for kids to connect with God.

Tip: Choose one corner of the room per station. Then, either prepare for one or two groups to meet in each corner (1 or more will need to meet per corner if you have more than 4 small groups). Only Station #2 and #3 require preparation. And each group should begin at a different station; there is no need for kids to go in numerical order.

small group

WORSHIP STATIONS

Remember, if you have more than 4 small groups in your room, you will need to create TWO of each station. Make 1 corner of the room Station #1, another corner #2, etc.

- Set the tone with environment: **Keep the lights low** and **turn on the worship background music** on the last slide of today's Keynote presentation.
- **Tell kids where to begin** and which direction they will go to move through stations
- Look at the clock and divide the remainder of the time left in four. **The room leader is responsible to keep groups moving at the correct pace.** (You can simply yell "switch" and have everyone rotate to a new corner.)

Station #1: Love Letter

Instructions: Take a card and write a love letter to God. Use markers to write your own words or choose words from the box in the middle and create a poem by gluing them onto the card. You don't have to show anybody. It's just for God.

Set-up:

- Place **instructions, cards, glue sticks, markers** and **word box** on the center of an area

Station #2: Love Graffiti

Instructions: Use the **paint pens** to create a collage of love for God. It can be ANYTHING you want—and if nobody else knows what it means, that's OK. You can draw cool designs or just write words that remind you of God.

Set-up:

- **Lay out a large sheet of paper (must be done BEFORE stations begin)**
- Place **instructions** and **paint pens** near the paper

Station #3: Thanks as Love

Instructions: Take a post-it and list the things you're thankful for. Then use a clip to hang it up on the string. Take a look at what other people are thankful for—thank God for those things too!

Items and set-up:

- **Hang a long piece of twine across a wall (or hang several long pieces at different heights along the same span of a wall; must be done BEFORE small groups begin).**
- Place **post-its, markers** and **clips** in a central location
- If kids have a long list, they can stick post-its to one another creating a long sheet

Station #4: Love as Action

Instructions: Love isn't just a feeling; it's an action. Spend a couple minutes asking God how you can show him love this week. Then take an index card and write down the action you want to do. Take the card with you and put it somewhere that you will see every day.

Set-up:

- Place **instructions, index cards, markers,** and the **list of possible actions** in the center of a table/meeting area.

Extra time? Instigate discussion: Do you guys have any questions about worship? How was this experience for you? Have you ever done something like that before? What was your favorite part and why? Did anybody hear something from God? Would you ever do this again? Does anybody want to share your action or tell us what you wrote to God?

special notes

We're trying out something new. Please let a staff member know how it goes for you!

presenter tips

BEFORE YOU BEGIN, YOU WILL NEED TO TALK TO THE OTHER VOLUNTEERS AND MAKE SURE YOU'RE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE ABOUT HOW TO IMPLEMENT STATIONS.

script

**Play the intro music as kids come in. This will become a weekly tradition.*

Hi kids! Welcome to Kids' Club. It's great to see you here. I need a few of you to hold up the poster you guys created (let kids hold the poster). You were answering the question: What is worship? Let's see what you guys said. *(Read some of the responses on the piece of paper. Then lay it on the floor and let your helpers sit down.)*

INTRO: WORSHIP

When I think of worship, I think of a lot of those things too. And the truth is, worship can be ANY of those things. To WORSHIP God means to show love to God. You can show love to God by singing a praise song...or showing love to somebody else...or by telling God you love him while you're brushing your teeth. We can make any moment worshipful. We worship anytime we are honoring God, showing him love, and giving him our best.

Today, we're going to do something a little bit different in Kids' Club. We're going to spend most of the time telling God we love him in a lot of different ways.

WHY WE WORSHIP

First of all, does anybody know WHY we worship? Let's read a Psalm about worship and see if we can figure out WHY we worship:

SLIDE: Psalm 100:1-3 Shout to the LORD with joy, everyone on earth.

² **Worship the LORD with gladness.**

Come to him with songs of joy.

³ **I want you to realize that the LORD is God.**

He made us, and we belong to him.

We are his people.

We are the sheep belonging to his flock.



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So why do we worship? (Let kids respond: the Lord is God.) Yes, God is all-powerful. He's Lord, which means he is in control. He made everything, and *everything* belongs to him—including you and me. We are his, and he loves it when we give him our love back or even sit and thank him for the things he made and the power he has.

And did you notice WHO should worship? (Let kids say: Everyone.) That's right, everyone! We should shout to him with joy, sing songs to him, and show him love with gladness. Think about people who are head over heels in love. Do they want to tell other people? (Let kids say: Yes!) Yes! In fact, one movie shows it like this:

Video: Elf clip (5 seconds)

Ha! Talk about shouting with joy, right? Shouting just means we're telling others who we love.

And do we sometimes sing love songs to people we care about? (Let kids say: Yes!) Absolutely. What love songs do you guys know? (Let 3-5 kids share.) And you guys probably think of a lot more!

Well, remember, telling others about God or singing songs to him are only a couple ways we can show love to him. Anything we do can be done out of love for God, and it's worshiping him with gladness.

WORSHIP TOGETHER

God loves it when his family worships him together. So I want you guys to stand up. Let's start our day of worship by singing a couple songs together. The first song reminds us that God made us, and we belong to him. If you want to declare that you belong to God, either sing it out loud or think it in your heart.

Music Video: I'm Yours

Now let's just tell Jesus how great he is!

Music Video: Better Than the Best

OK, now have a seat. The rest of the day, we're going to be worshiping God in different ways.

INTRODUCE THE WORSHIP STATIONS

When you head back to your small groups, you're not going to stay in one place. You'll be going to 4 different worship stations, where you'll worship God in different ways. Each corner of the room will be a different station. Your small group leader will tell you where you'll start and what to do. You won't all do these in order. Some of you will start with #3 or #4, and that's OK.

Station #1: Love Letter

At one station, you'll find cards. Take one and write a love letter to God. You can either use markers to write your own words, or choose words from a box in the middle and create a poem



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or note by gluing them onto the card. You don't have to show anybody. It's just for God. Any questions about that one?

Station #2: Love Graffiti

At another station, you'll find a big piece of paper like the one you used during Connect Time. We're going to cover this one in love graffiti. We're not using paint, but we ARE using paint pens. On the paper, create a symbol or design of love for God with the paint pens. It can be ANYTHING you want—and if nobody else knows what it means, that's OK. You can draw cool designs or just write words that remind you of God. Questions?

Station #3: Thanks as Love

At this station, you'll find a long string. We'll spend time thanking God for what he's made and what he's done for us. Take a post-it and list the things you're thankful for. Then clip it up on the string. Take a look at what other people are thankful for—thank God for that too! Questions?

Station #4: Love as Action

Remember, telling God you love him is great, but love isn't just a feeling or something you say; it's an action. Spend a couple minutes asking God how you can show him love this week. Then take an index card and write down the action you want to do. There will be a list of ideas to help you come up with something. Take the card with you and put it somewhere that you will see every day. Questions?

PRAY

(Remind kids of the process they will follow. And tell them they may have more than one of each station. Their small group leader will help them determine where to go. They should meet back with him/her first. Then pray and ask God to draw close to us as we worship for the rest of the time.)



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Per room

- 1 REALLY large tear-off sheet of paper
- Markers

small group supplies

Per kid

- 1 Half sheet of colored cardstock, folded in half
- 1 Index card (colored)
- 1 Clothes pin/clip (OT: IN-41/1394)

Per room

- Twine
- scissors to cut twine
- Paint Pens (www.dickblick.com; item 20875-1040)

- 1 REALLY large tear-off sheet of paper

Per group

- Markers
- Bible
- Box/bag with words (template with words provided)
- Glue sticks
- Instructions for each station
- Possible action page for Station #4 (1/2 sheet per group)
- Post-its

large group supplies

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a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. SLIDE: Psalm 100:1-3 Shout to the LORD with joy, everyone on earth.
 - ² Worship the LORD with gladness.
Come to him with songs of joy.
 - ³ I want you to realize that the LORD is God.
He made us, and we belong to him.
We are his people.
We are the sheep belonging to his flock.
3. Video: Elf Clip (2:00-2:06 of this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X5zcnUI9Qy0>)
4. Music Video: I'm Yours
5. Music Video: Better than the Best (with dance moves)
6. Music loop for stations: worship music (Public>KC>KC Video and Tech>Music>KC Prayer Exp Edit)

connect questions

Tell me about worship.
What's one way you worshiped God today?

parent page

While we talked a little bit about what worship is (showing love to God) and why we do it, we *really* focused on getting to experience worshipping God in different ways. Ask kids which worship station they liked best—and why. If you want, read Psalm 100 as a family, and ask your child what it shows us about worshipping God.