

Growing... Together

Bible Story

The psalms show love for God. Psalms 23; 122; 150

Worship 11:

Worship is showing God that we love him.

Bible Verse

“Let everything that breathes sing praises to the Lord!” (Psalm 150:6).

In Touch

Today your child learned that worship is showing love for God. The children learned that they can worship God at church and at home, on special days and every day. Use these ideas to say “I love you” to God at home this week.

Stained Glass

In class, the children made a large “stained-glass” picture to show love for God. Make your own stained-glass picture to hang in a window at home. Collect flat leaves, pretty weeds, flower petals or colorful tissue scraps, and ribbon. Lay down newspaper. Arrange your collection on a sheet of wax paper. Cover it with another sheet of wax paper and another layer of newspaper. Press with a warm steam iron. Glue construction paper strips to the edges to make a frame, and hang your stained-glass picture in a window. Talk about how your lives can shine with love for God.

Color Praise

Fill a tall, clear glass with water. Drop one drop of food coloring in the water, but don’t stir it. With your child, watch the color swirl and mix with the water. Talk about how a little bit of praise can color the world and make it beautiful. And just as the water changes, we change and are made beautiful by our worship of God.

Shining Desserts

Gather enough tall, clear glasses for each member of your family to have one. Make healthy parfait desserts by layering frozen fruit juice, granola, mandarin oranges, banana slices, berries, and nonfat vanilla yogurt. While you make and eat the desserts, talk about how what’s on the inside makes people pleasing to God. Our inner characteristics will shine just as the goodies in the parfaits shine through the glass. People can worship and show their love for God by becoming Christ-like people.

Composers

Work with your child to rewrite the words of “Jesus Loves Me” to make it a song about loving Jesus. Your song could begin “I love Jesus; this I know.” Then list reasons you love Jesus, and fit them into the song. Don’t worry about making it all rhyme. Sing this example to get started:

I love Jesus; this I know
Because he died to save my soul.
He is kind and good and strong.
We can worship him in song.
Yes, I love Jesus.
Yes, I love Jesus.
Yes, I love Jesus.
He lives in heaven above.