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Introduction Activity (5 Minutes)

Option 1: Thank You Very Much!

What You'll Need: individually packaged snacks (being mindful of allergies), napkins (as needed)

PREP: Before class, purchase snacks for the kids. Have napkins available, if needed. Set the treats out before kids enter the room.

STEP 1: Share that you want to show them kindness. Encourage them to enjoy the snack. Note any responses of gratitude or appreciation they show to you. While kids are enjoying their snack, ask the following questions:

- What were you thinking when you saw the snacks?
- Was it a requirement for me to bring the treats? (Guide kids to understand that you didn't have to do this for them; it shows your care and love for them.)
- How did you feel when you received the treats?

STEP 2: Share these key concepts:

- When someone does something nice for us, we are thankful, excited, and happy.
- We respond to the kindness by letting them know we care and are thankful for them.
- Worship is a response to God's goodness and kindness to us. As we realize what He has done for us, we respond by showing God we love Him.

STEP 3: Transition into the main lesson by opening in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help you and your kids understand the importance of worship.

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Option 2: Grateful Responses

What You'll Need: Easel with paper or whiteboard, marker

STEP 1: Ask the kids to tell you examples of words a person would say when they are showing gratefulness to someone else. Write down their ideas.

STEP 2: Share these key concepts:

- When we remember what God has done for us or when we learn something new about God or His Word, we respond with love and gratefulness to God.
- Our response to what God has done for us is known as worship. We worship God by doing something to let Him know we Love Him.

STEP 3: Transition into the main lesson by opening in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help you and your kids understand the importance of worship.

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Main Lesson Activity (10 Minutes)

Option 1: True Worship

What You'll Need: True Worship Handout, funny objects, crazy costumes, person willing to wear them

PREP: Print the handout, or make into a larger visual.

STEP 1: Share these key concepts:

- Worship is anything we do to show God we love Him. Worship is the response believers display in their hearts, reactions, and thoughts to God's character and goodness (Psalm 86:9-10).
- God desires true worshipers to worship in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24). True worship comes from our heart and is a focused response to a truth about God or His Word (Nehemiah 8:1-3, 6).

STEP 2: Announce that it is time to play "Is it worship?" The kids will stand up if they think that the example given is worship, or sit down if they think it is not. Show the handout as a visual reminder to your kids as they do the activity. Read through the list below and tell the kids the right answer after each one.

Examples:

- When I see a beautiful sunset, I tell God how great He is. (Worship)
- When I eat French fries, I want ketchup. (Not worship)
- When I found out good news about a sick friend, I sang a song to God to say thank you for healing him. (Worship)
- When I go to bed, I pray to God. (Worship)
- When I go to the pool, I put on sunscreen. (Not worship)
- When I read the Bible, I think about how powerful God is. (Worship)
- When I bump my head, I get a headache. (Not worship)

- When God answered my prayer, I told my friend about it. (Worship)
- When I go outside, I put on my shoes. (Not worship)
- When I know the right thing to do, I trust God and do it. (Worship)

STEP 3: Congratulate the kids on playing the game. Even though some of the examples were silly, they got to think more about what worship can be.

Share these key concepts:

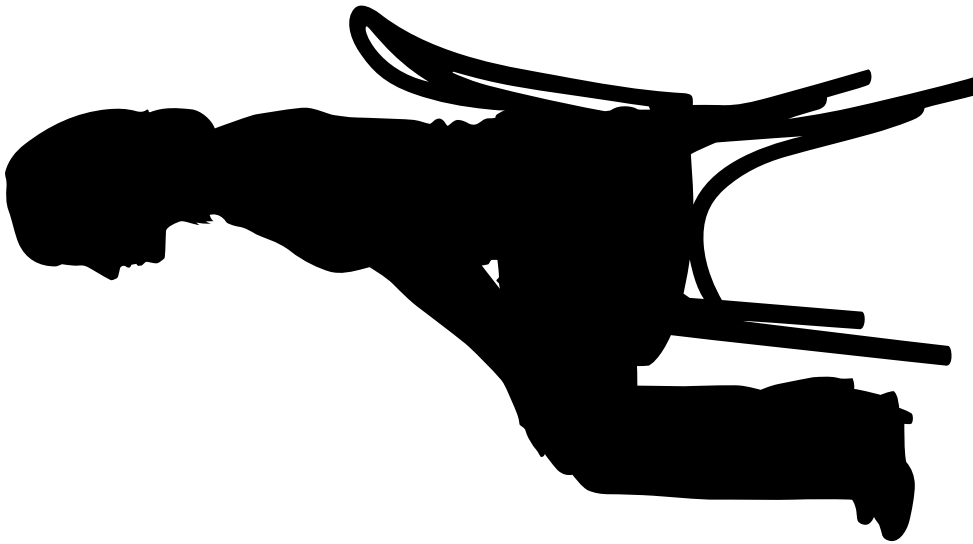
- We worship by praising God (Psalm 47:6). We can praise God by singing (Psalm 98:1), by praying (Matthew 6:9), and reading God's Word (Psalm 119:171-172).
- We worship God by telling others what He has done (Psalm 96:2-3). Telling others how good God is helps others understand who God is, and allows them to join with us in worship (Psalm 34:3).
- We worship God when we live completely for Him, allowing God to do whatever He wants with our lives (Ephesians 2:10, Romans 12:1-2, Hebrews 13:6).

STEP 4: Follow up with the Lesson Application questions and Sum It Up statements from the Large Group Guide.

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Option 2: Worship from the Heart

What You'll Need: A worship song and a way to play it (smart phone, tablet or computer or CD and CD player), (optional: printout of the words to the song)

PREP: Before class, choose your favorite worship song. Be prepared to play it during the lesson. (Optional: Print out the words to the songs so the kids can read or sing along.)

STEP 1: Share these key concepts:

- Worship is anything we do to show God we love Him. Worship is the response believers display in their hearts, reactions, and thoughts to God's character and goodness (Psalm 86:9-10).
- God desires true worshipers to worship in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24). True worship comes from our heart and is a focused response to a truth about God or His Word (Nehemiah 8:1-3, 6).

STEP 2: Ask kids to share a few things they have learned about God from being in T&T this year. Encourage them to look through their T&T handbooks if they need ideas.

(Note: Encourage leaders to participate and to offer guidance as needed.)

STEP 3: Play your favorite worship song, showing the kids the words and explaining why it helps you worship God. Ask the kids for a few of their favorite worship songs.

STEP 4: Share these key concepts:

- We worship by praising God (Psalm 47:6). We can praise God by singing (Psalm 98:1), by praying (Matthew 6:9), and reading God's Word (Psalm 119:171-172).
- We worship God by telling others what He has done (Psalm 96:2-3). Telling others how good God is helps others understand Who God is, and allows them to join with us in worship (Psalm 34:3).

- We worship God when we live completely for Him, allowing God to do whatever He wants with our lives (Ephesians 2:10, Romans 12:1-2, Hebrews 13:6).

STEP 5: Close in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help the leaders and the kids respond to God with true worship from their hearts.

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