

Created to Worship

Worship is a recognition and appreciation of worth which results in awe and exaltation.

God designed humans to have a relationship with Him, and worship is an integral part of that relationship. But what about people who don't know God? What do they worship? +List at least 4 things that people worship besides God. Discuss how their actions reveal what they worship. (For example, many people worship wealth. In order to get more money, they may steal from their employer or family.)

Four Questions

Read through Psalm 96 each day this week. As you read, take some time and answer the four questions below.

What constitutes worship of God (vv. 1–3)?

Why must we worship God (vv. 4–6)?

How must we worship God (vv. 7–9)?

Who should worship God (vv. 10–13)?



How We Worship God

Consider all the worship services your church holds in a typical month. List elements of those services under the types of worship we discussed this week. Some activities may fit under multiple headings.

Singing to the Lord	
Demonstration of allegiance to God	
Sharing the good news of God's salvation	
Discussing God's glory and works	
Other parts of the services	

The Motivation Matching Game

Motivation	Goal
Studying all night	Pass a final exam
Calling an old friend	Catch up on news
Going for a run at 5am	Train for a 5k
Covering your face with your arm	Avoid getting hit with a ball
Improve eating habits	Lose weight and get healthy
Get a job	Save money for a car
Clean up a spilled drink	Avoid slipping on the wet floor
Read Bible and pray regularly	Grow in relationship with God
Play games	Relax
Apologize to family member	Make amends

My GOD Is Greater Than Your “Gods”

Believers in both the Old and New Testaments encountered people who worshiped false, pagan gods. Look up each reference and write the given name and characteristics of each pagan god. Then list what attributes and deeds make the true God superior to the false god.

	False god	Description	The True God
1 Kings 18:26–29			
1 Samuel 5:2–7			
Acts 19:23–27			

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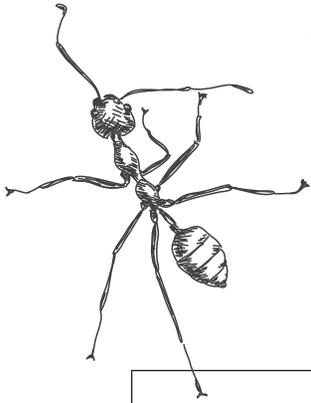
Do Not Disturb

Think of your life as a huge house. Each room represents some aspect of who you are—hobbies, friends, school, work, and desires. God wants access to every one of those rooms, but our pride makes us want to keep the doors closed for our exclusive use. Figuratively speaking, we hang a “Do Not Disturb” sign on each one of those doors.

Take a moment to pray and examine your heart. What are some areas you find difficult to hand over to God? List them below.

How does shutting God out of these areas hinder your worship?





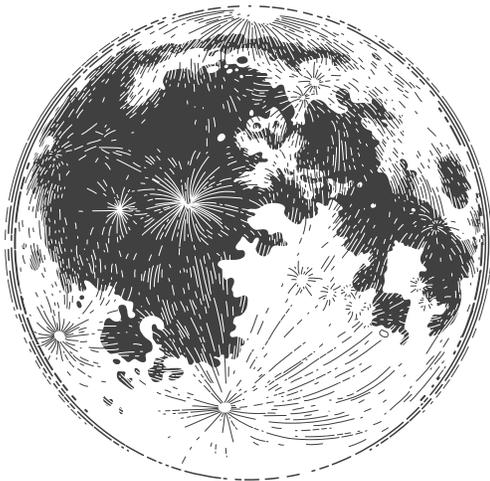
Worship, Worship Everywhere

In many passages, the Bible talks about creation glorifying or praising God. In the space below, record five things you can observe in creation and what they reflect about God's character.

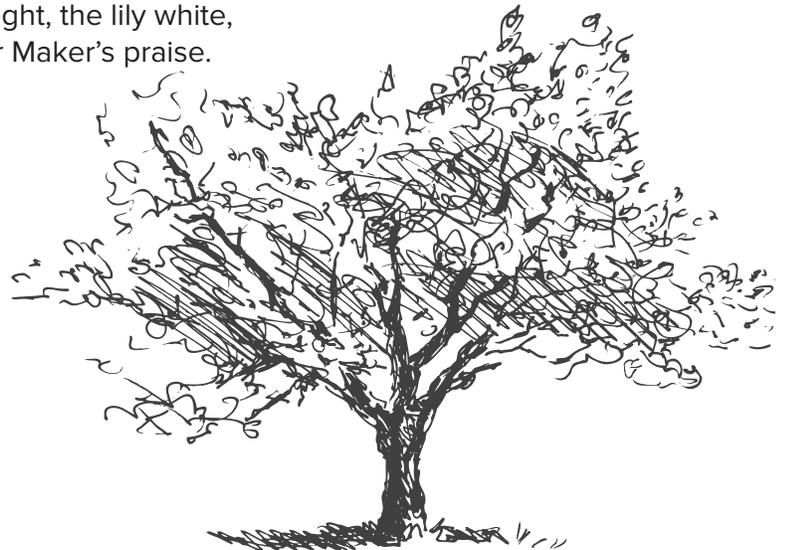
A Part of Nature

What It Shows About God

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Example: Carefully-balanced ecosystems	God is orderly and all-wise



This is my Father's world.
 The birds that their carols raise,
 The morning light, the lily white,
 Declare their Maker's praise.



Worship Plan

Now that you've learned a little more about worship, it's time to think about how you will apply these truths.

In your own words, what does it mean to worship God?

In order to cultivate an attitude of humility in worship, I will learn about God by doing the following:

What are some specific activities by which you plan to worship God . . .

At home? _____

At church? _____

By yourself? _____
