

## WHERE DO WE WORSHIP?

**WE CAN WORSHIP GOD ANYWHERE. GOD'S PEOPLE WERE CREATED TO WORSHIP HIM IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH PERSONALLY AND WITH EACH OTHER.**

JESUS TAUGHT A SAMARITAN WOMAN THAT BELIEVERS WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH. WHEN JESUS DIED FOR OUR SINS, HE REMOVED THE NEED FOR ANY KIND OF SEPARATION IN WORSHIP. BELIEVERS HAVE FULL ACCESS TO GOD AND CAN WORSHIP HIM ANYWHERE. WE WORSHIP GOD WITH OUR ACTIONS AND ATTITUDES IN RESPONSE TO WHO HE IS. THIS WEEK, EXPLORE ELEMENTS OF PRIVATE AND CORPORATE WORSHIP AND WHY THEY ARE BOTH IMPORTANT IN THE LIFE OF A BELIEVER.

### **BIBLE VERSE**

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. Revelation 4:11 NIV

### **BIBLE VERSE**

God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth. *John 4:24 NIV*

### **BONUS VERSE**

The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him *Nahum 1:7 NIV*

### **BIBLE STORY**

Woman at the Well (John 4:1-30)

### **BIBLE TRUTH**

We can worship God anywhere. God's people were created to worship Him in spirit and truth personally and with each other.

### **LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING**

- Preteens: The church is a fellowship of baptized believers who meet together to worship and serve God. Churches today are part of the movement Jesus and His followers began.

### **BIBLE SKILL**

Names the 10 divisions of the Old and New Testaments

### **PARENT CONNECTION**

Lead parents deeper into the Bible story and life application by sharing this meeting's Parent Connection (Item 21).

Tech Needs:  
\*Ask Small Group Leader  
Show Unit Verse  
Take a Ride -  
Rickshaw photos



## Check-in Activity (5-10 MINUTES)

### PROVIDE:

- Beach ball
- Permanent marker

### TO DO:

- Before class, print get-to-know-you questions on an inflated beach ball:
  - *Do you have any pets? What kind of pet would you want?*
  - *What is your favorite school subject?*
  - *What is your favorite Bible verse?*
  - *What is your favorite book?*
  - *What school do you go to?*
  - *What is your favorite thing to do with your parents?*
  - *What is your least favorite chore?*

- As TeamKIDs arrive, toss the get-to-know-you beach ball to a child. Instruct him to check what question his thumb landed on and answer that question in front of everyone. Afterward, he can throw the ball to another TeamKID who has not had the ball yet. As TeamKIDs continue to join, make sure that everyone gets the chance to answer at least once, and help TeamKIDs read any questions or words they may struggle with.
- Welcome children to the room! Make eye-contact and help them get connected to other friends in the room
- Allow them to have time to play or (for shy kids) allow them to start on today's Activity Page.

## Large Group (15-20 MINUTES)

### PROVIDE:

- Bible
- Paper (1 sheet per child)

### Tell the Bible story.

- Commend TeamKIDs on how well they included everyone and introduced themselves. Point out that everyone is different, and still, they can come together and celebrate one thing they have in common: worshiping Jesus! Tell kids that at the time of today's Bible story, people who didn't have much in common would not have worshiped together, but Jesus came to change that.
- Open your Bible to John 4. Hold the Bible open tell the following Bible story.

### **WOMAN AT THE WELL BASED ON JOHN 4:1-30**

*Jesus had been making disciples in Judea, and His disciples baptized people. Now Jesus had more followers than John the Baptist. The time came for Jesus to leave Judea. Jesus began traveling back to Galilee. Usually, people who were Jews took the long route between Judea and Galilee because Samaria was located between the two. Jews did not like people from Samaria because the two groups of people had not gotten along for many years. Jews avoided Samaritans whenever they could.*

*But Jesus was not like all the other Jews. He traveled straight through Samaria. While He was there, He stopped in a town at the well. The sun*



was high overhead. Jesus' disciples went into town to buy food.

While Jesus was at the well, a Samaritan woman came to get water from the well. "Give Me a drink," Jesus said to the woman.

The woman was surprised. "You're a Jew," she said. "Why are you talking to me? I'm a Samaritan."

Jesus said, "I asked you for a drink. You don't know who I am. If you did, you would have asked Me for a drink, and I would give you living water." The woman was confused. Jesus didn't look like He had any water; He didn't even have a bucket to get water out of the well.

"Sir," the woman said, "This well is deep, and you don't have a bucket. Where do You get this 'living water'?"

Jesus said, "Anyone who drinks this well water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks from the water I give will never, ever get thirsty again! In fact, the water I give will become a well inside you, and you will have eternal life." Now Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit, but the woman did not understand.

"Sir," she said, "give me this water. If I'm not thirsty, I won't have to keep coming to this well to get water."

"Go get your husband," Jesus said.

"I don't have a husband," the woman replied.

Jesus knew she was telling the truth. "That's right," He said. "You don't have a husband now, but you've had five husbands." Jesus was right.

"I see you are a prophet," the woman said. Maybe this prophet could explain something to her that she didn't understand. She said, "The Samaritans worship here on a mountain, but the Jews say we need to worship at the temple in Jerusalem."

Jesus said, "Soon you will not need to be in either of those places to worship God in spirit and in truth." The woman said, "I know the Messiah is coming. When He comes, He will explain everything to us." Then Jesus said, "He is talking to you now. I am the Messiah."



### Review the Bible story.

- Give each child a sheet of paper and instruct him to make a paper airplane. Ask one of the following questions, and pick two TeamKIDs who know the answer. Allow them to stand side-by-side and fly their paper airplanes. The TeamKID whose airplane goes the furthest answers the question.
1. How was Jesus acting differently from other Jewish people? (*He chose to go through Samaria.*)
  2. Where did Jesus run into the woman? (*a well*)
  3. Why was the woman surprised that Jesus was talking to her? (*Jews and Samaritans usually don't talk.*)
  4. What did Jesus ask her for? (*water*)
  5. What did Jesus offer her? (*living water*)
  6. What did the woman want to know about worship? (*if she had to worship at the temple in Jerusalem*)
  7. Who did Jesus tell the woman He was? (*the Messiah*)

## MISSIONS (10-15 MINUTES)

### PROVIDE:

- Item 29: "Take a Ride"

### TO DO:

- Display the auto rickshaw photos on a bulletin board or taped to a wall. Set up four chairs to represent a taxi: two chairs in the front and two chairs behind.

- Invite kids to walk around and look at the photos. Say: "These are called auto rickshaws. Auto rickshaws rule the streets in South Asia. There can be hundreds of them on one busy street. People use them for daily transportation, instead of having their own cars."
- Point out the decoration that can be seen on the outside front of the auto rickshaw. Explain that many drivers display different gods and goddesses that the drivers worship. In South Asia, there are hundreds of false gods that people believe are real. If time allows, review the "One True God" video from meeting 3.
- Say: "Since we don't have auto rickshaws here, let's pretend that we're taking a taxi (or other driver service). How could we talk to a driver who has a picture of a false god on the dashboard or who doesn't seem to be a Christian?"
- Ask for a volunteer to sit in the driver's seat and three volunteers to be passengers. Encourage them to pretend to have a conversation about Jesus while they drive. Let the group watching give ideas for things the passengers could say to bring Jesus into the conversation. Perhaps they could ask who the god is, and then say "Oh, we believe in Jesus. Do you know about Jesus?" They could even ask how they can pray for the driver and see how he or she responds.
- Thank the volunteers and pray that God will help us to know how to talk about Jesus wherever we go.



### Apply Biblical Learning

- Remind TeamKIDS that they, too, can worship God wherever they are. They can worship Him at church, at home, at school, even in the car on the way to TeamKID! Say: "We can worship God anywhere. God's people were created to worship Him in spirit and truth personally and with each other."

### Pray.

- Lead TeamKIDS in prayer. Thank God that He sent Jesus so we can worship God wherever we are.

## Small Group (20-25 MINUTES)

### Expand the Session

- Distribute an Activity **Page** to each child.
- Lead kids to complete this week's activity pages.

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All these activities will reinforce today's Bible story. Before the meeting, collect the materials and supplies needed for each. Assign a coach to lead each activity.

### BIBLE BOOKS BASH

PROVIDE:

- Dry erase board, dry erase marker

TO DO:

- Form teams of three. Explain that the Old Testament is made up of five divisions, and the New Testament is made up of five divisions. Each book of the Bible fits into one of these divisions. Touch each division card, say its name, and briefly describe the types of books that fit into that division.
- Call out a book of the Bible, and set a timer. TeamKIDs must determine which Bible book division the book belongs to. If kids need a hint, they may look at the "Bible Book Divisions" poster. One member of each team may run to the wall and tap the correct division card while the other team members locate the book in their Bibles. Play several rounds, calling a different Bible book name for each round.

### Optional Activity: COMPARE HANDWRITING

Lead TeamKIDs to locate John 4:24 in their Bibles. Call on a different child to print each word of the verse on the board. When the entire verse has been printed, read it aloud together. Notice that the handwriting for each word is different from all the others. We are all different. Each person can worship God individually, but we can also come together and worship God too.

## Check OUT (15-20 MINUTES)

Lead these games from the *TeamKID: All In Playbook* one at a time so all children can participate. If time permits, include the unit game in the tournament.

### 1. SILLY HOOP WIGGLE (TEAMKID PLAYBOOK PAGE 13)

- Form one line; kids should stand side-by-side and hold hands or grasp wrists. Place the plastic hoop over the arm of the first child. The child should pass the hoop to the next person without unlinking hands or arms. Use the timer to measure how long it takes for the plastic hoop to get from one end of the line to the other. Play two or three times, trying to increase speed with each round.
- Debrief: Lead TeamKIDs to locate John 4:28-30 to find out what the woman did after she spoke with Jesus (the woman went into her village and told everyone about the Messiah). Eventually, many of them believe in Jesus too! Help kids understand that, like passing along the plastic hoop, when we pass along the good news of Jesus, God can use us to accomplish great things.

