

Teacher Notecards Level 1, Quarter C— At Worship With God

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Big Idea: **God welcomes all worship that honors Him.**

Genesis 8 [outline form]

Intro: *Noah worshiped God for protecting his family.*

Ask: *Why is worship important to God?*

1. God had flooded the earth, but He had saved Noah, Noah’s family, and the animals.

- *God remembered Noah and the animals* Genesis 8:1
- *God sent the wind to stop the waters* 8:2
- *The waters receded and the boat landed on the Ararat mountains* 8:3-4

2. Noah obeyed God and waited for the ground to dry.

- *First he sent out a raven* 8:7
- *Then he sent a dove* (picture 1C.1) 8:8
- *After the second time, the dove brought an olive leaf* 8:11



3. Noah obeyed God and left the ark.

- *God told Noah to leave the ark* 8:15-17
- *Noah built an altar to God and worshiped Him* (picture 1C.2) 8:20
- *God was very pleased with Noah’s worship* 8:21
- *God promised never again to destroy life in that way* 8:21

Conclusion: *God loves when our worship is from a pure and loving heart. How can you make sure your worship is true?*



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Today we’re going to find out what happened to Noah when the flood was over. Do you know how long Noah and his family were on the ark? It was more than a whole year!

After waiting a long time, Noah tested how dry the earth was by letting a bird fly from the ark. First he sent out a raven—the raven flew and flew but found no land. Later on he sent a dove (picture 1C.1). The dove flew and flew and then came back because there wasn’t any dry place to land! Noah waited seven more days, then he sent the dove out again. This time when the dove came back, it had a tree leaf in its beak! The land was dry enough for plants and trees to grow again! Noah sent the dove out one more time, and it didn’t come back. The dove found a place to stay. Now they could leave the ark!



God told Noah, “Leave the ark, and take your wife and your sons and their wives with you.” Yea! But God had more instructions for Noah. “Bring out every living creature that is with you—all the birds, all the animals, and crawling things. God told Noah that all these creatures should go and make new animals of their own kinds, so the earth would be full of them again. Noah and his family left the ark, and all the animals and birds and critters followed.

God had showed them how to build the ark. He kept them safe, dry, and healthy all those days on the water. Noah wanted to thank God and worship Him for loving and caring for them. He wanted to praise God in a way that would honor Him.

So Noah built an altar. Then Noah used his altar to worship and thank God. In Bible times, people gave a gift of sacrifice by killing and burning an animal on an altar to show God they were thankful or sorry (picture 1C.2). Noah was so thankful for everything God had done for them. He made a sacrifice. The smoke from the sacrifice curled up to the sky. When God smelled it, He was so pleased that He promised never to flood the whole earth again.



Big Idea: **God rejects people who worship anyone or anything other than Him.**

2 Chronicles 33:1-20 [outline form]

Intro: *King Manasseh learned to honor God by rejecting false idols.*

Ask: *How can we keep from worshiping idols instead of God?*

1. Manasseh became king of Judah at twelve-years old. As he grew, he did evil in the eyes of God.

- *He built altars to false gods.* 2 Chronicles 33:3
- *He worshiped false gods and idols (picture 1C.3)* 33:3
- *He placed idols in God’s Temple in Jerusalem.* 33:7

2. King Manasseh also led his people away from God.

- *God spoke to Manasseh and the people, but they ignored Him.* 33:10
- *God sent the armies of Assyria against Judah* 33:11
- *The Assyrians captured King Manasseh and put him in chains* 33:11

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3. King Manasseh was very sorry for what he had done.

- *Manasseh confessed his sins and humbled himself before God* 33:12
- *God was moved by the king and forgave his sins.* 33:13
- *God returned Manasseh to Jerusalem* 33:13
- *Manasseh rid Jerusalem of all the idols (picture 1C.4)* 33:15
- *Manasseh cleaned the Temple and worshiped God* 33:16

Conclusion: *God wants us to worship Him only! Be sure to let nothing become more important to you than God!*

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Manasseh was a twelve-year-old boy who became the king of Judah when his father, King Hezekiah, died. I’m sorry to say that Manasseh didn’t do a very good job as king. The Bible says “he did evil in the eyes of the LORD.” He did things that made God sad and angry.

In Bible times, people who didn’t know God would make up false gods. King Manasseh built altars to some of those false gods. A god of stone or wood or metal—or even the sun, the moon, and the stars in the sky—has no real power. Only our God is all-powerful. But these were the kinds of gods that Manasseh worshiped (picture 1C.3). Because Manasseh was the king, the people of Judah did what he did. Pretty soon many people in Judah were worshiping false gods.

① God was so sad and angry to see His people doing this! God said to Manasseh and

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to the people of Judah, “My people, stop doing such horrible things! You’re hurting Me, and you’re hurting yourselves!” But did they were so busy worshiping false gods and listening to evil spirits that they didn’t even hear God talking to them. So God sent enemy soldiers from Assyria. They took King Manasseh prisoner. They wrapped chains around him and took him off to prison in Babylon.

Now Manasseh thought about what he had been doing. He knew he had been doing wrong. He finally prayed to God. He humbled himself greatly and asked God to forgive him for all the terrible things he had done.

When anyone comes to God and asks for forgiveness with an honest heart, God listens. If we are truly sorry, He promises to forgive us. Even though Manasseh had done very evil things, God forgave him. God also helped Manasseh get out of prison and return to his kingdom. King Manasseh now knew he should worship only the one real God. He threw all the idols and false gods out of the Temple and out of the city (picture 1C.4). He built an altar to God and he told the people, “Listen to me! From now on, we’ll worship and serve only the true God, the God who created us and loves us.” He worshiped only the true God for the rest of his life.

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Big Idea: **God meets personally with everyone who worships Him.**

Psalm 63 [outline form]

Intro: *God met David as he worshiped God in the desert.*

Ask: *How can you remember to worship God anywhere?*

1. David was in the desert.

- *David looked for God* Psalm 63:1
- *David's soul thirsted for God* 63:1
- *David knew about God's power and glory* 63:2

2. David had run from his son, Absalom.

- *Absalom plotted to take over the kingdom* 2 Samuel 15:10-12
- *A messenger warned David* (picture 1C.5) 15:13
- *David and his people ran to the desert.* 15:14,23

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3. David worshiped God alone in the desert (picture 1C.6).

- *David praised God with his lips* Psalm 63:3-5
- *David remembered God at night, and God comforted him* 63:6-8
- *David trusted God to help him* 63:9-11

Conclusion: *David knew that he could worship God anywhere, even at night in the middle of the desert! God wants us to worship Him all the time, even when we are alone.*

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A messenger came to David and said, “Run for your life, Your Highness. Absalom is coming. He wants to take over!” David said, “You’re right! Everyone must leave immediately!” (picture 1C.5)

And that’s how David ended up in the desert. He was running from his own son. But David loved God. And even though he was in this scary, sad situation, he knew God was in control of everything. David knew that God was there with him. That’s why he worshiped God in the desert.

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When he wrote Psalm 63, David remembered being in the desert. He said, “You are my God. I’m looking for You out here in the desert. I’m hungry and thirsty for You.” David needed God to help him.

David said to God, “Your love and kindness are better than life itself. I’ll praise You my whole life long.” David didn’t know what would happen to him next. His enemies were looking for him. But he wanted to praise God even in this tough time. Then King David put down his royal robe, and prayed (picture 1C.6).

“God, I praise You with great joy! My soul is full of spiritual food.” David’s stomach was empty, but after praying, his empty, lonely feeling was gone.

When it became dark, David looked for a place to sleep. When David went to bed, he said to God, “I remember You when I’m in bed. I think about You all night long, because You have helped me so much.” David sang praise songs to God through the night.

David told God his problem. “God,” he said, “some people are planning to destroy me. I trust You, O God. I rejoice in You, for everyone who trusts in You will be happy.” God took care of David, even in that big desert. God gave David food, drink, and shade. He protected David from his own son, Absalom, who was trying to take over David’s kingdom. And he returned David to Jerusalem!

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Big Idea: **God calls families to love and worship Him.**

Deuteronomy 6 [outline form]

Intro: *Moses instructed God’s people to worship God in their families.*

Ask: *How does your family help you worship God?*

1. Moses taught God’s people His commands (picture 1C.7).
 - *Moses said these commands came from God.* Deuteronomy 6:1
 - *God’s people were to teach their own children.* 6:2
 - *God’s commands let people enjoy life.* 6:2
 - *God’s people should be careful to obey God.* 6:4

2. God told His people how to remember His Word.
 - *Love God with all our hear, soul, and strength.* 6:5
 - *Talk about God’s Word all the time.* 6:7
 - *Keep God’s Word near.* 6:8
 - *Write copies of God’s Word.* 6:9



3. God wants families to worship together (picture 1C.8).
 - *God keeps His promises.* 6:10-11
 - *Follow only God.* 6:13-14
 - *Children should ask their parents questions about God.* 6:20
 - *Parents should explain how God has been faithful.* 6:21-25

Conclusion: *Families grow closer when they worship God together. Look for ways your family can worship God together.*



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In advance, invite an adult to pretend to be Moses, or play the part yourself. *Boker Tov!* That means “Good Morning!” in Hebrew. Can you say it with me? *Boker Tov!* Great job! God gave me many things to tell His people, so they could live the right way. I wanted them to remember these important words (picture 1C.7).

“People of Israel, listen to me. Obey God’s commandments so you and your children and grandchildren can live long and happy lives in the promised land. Always love God with all your heart, soul, and strength. Do not forget Him! Remember, God is the one who delivered you from slavery in Egypt.

“Don’t forget—worship and serve only the LORD God. The people in our new land worship other gods. Leave those false gods alone. God wants your hearts to belong only to Him.



“Do what is right and good, and obey everything God tells you. Now parents, I have some special things to tell you. Your job is to teach your children to obey God. Talk about God and His commandments everywhere. That means when you’re sitting at home and when you are walking along the road. Also, talk about God all the time—when you go to bed at night and when you get up in the morning.

“God says to write His words down. Tie His words on your hands and wear them around your heads. Write them on your front doors and backyard gates.

“Now children, here’s a command for you. God says to listen to your parents and do what they teach you. Then when you grow up and your son or daughter asks you, ‘Why do you have all these commandments from God?’ you can tell them how God delivered us from Egypt in a miraculous way (picture 1C.8).

“We’re going to live in a great land, but it’s our job to respect God and obey Him. We must never forget how He has rescued us. He is our great deliverer! He’ll take care of us.”



Big Idea: **God graciously responds when people gather to worship Him.**

2 Chronicles 29 [outline form]

Intro: *King Hezekiah honored God with a large worship gathering.*

Ask: *Where is God when we worship together?*

1. Hezekiah wanted to be a good King in the eyes of the LORD.
 - *His father, Ahaz, had shut up the Temple* 2 Chronicles 29:6-7
 - *Hezekiah told the priests to purify themselves* 29:5
 - *He told them to clean the Temple* 29:5
2. The priests obeyed Hezekiah and God.
 - *They purified the Temple* 29:15
 - *They priests threw out everything that was not clean* 29:16
 - *They reported to King Hezekiah all they had done* 29:18-19



3. King Hezekiah gathered everyone for a huge worship service.
 - *They made the proper sacrifices* 29:22-24
 - *They worshiped God with David's instruments (picture 1C.9)* 29:25-26
 - *They worshiped God with singing (picture 1C.10)* 29:30
 - *Everyone rejoiced at what God had done* 29:39

Conclusion: *King Hezekiah knew the importance of worshiping God as a group. How wonderful it is that we can worship God together as His Church!*



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When Hezekiah became king of Judah, the first thing he did was pry open the doors of God's Temple—the building where the people were supposed to worship God. And whew, what a mess he found inside! The Temple was full of dirty, broken things. Hezekiah was upset to see this huge mess.

Hezekiah's father, King Ahaz, hadn't obeyed God. He was the one who had wrecked the Temple. Then he nailed the doors shut so no one could go in. No one had worshiped in the Temple for a long time.

But now that Hezekiah was king, things would change! "Hey, all you priests, listen to me," he commanded. "First, make yourselves pure and clean. Then go in and clean up God's holy Temple. Carry out all that trash that our fathers left. They turned their backs on God, and He has been angry with our people ever since. But we're going to change our ways. We're going to follow God."



The priests hauled out all the trash and wiped off all the dust. They fixed the broken furniture and polished the gold bowls. Finally, they came to King Hezekiah and said, "We've finished cleaning the Temple." Hezekiah said, "Good work, men! Now we're going to have a huge worship ceremony for the whole city of Jerusalem. We're going to dedicate this Temple back to God!"

So Hezekiah went with the city leaders and picked out seven bulls, seven rams, seven lambs, and seven goats for the sin sacrifice. The priests killed those animals to ask God to forgive the sins of all the people. After the sacrifices, King Hezekiah called together a praise band. They played cymbals, harps, lyres, and trumpets. They all stood ready around the altar.

Then the king gave the signal. The priests lit the fire on the altar. The musicians began to play. The singers sang, and everyone worshiped. They kept on singing, playing instruments, and worshiping until the fire on the altar burned out (picture 1C.9).

King Hezekiah and his servants bowed down and worshiped God. Then Hezekiah looked up and said, "Priests! Sing! Sing to the LORD! Sing the psalms of David!" And the priests sang joyfully (picture 1C.10). They sang the same psalms we have in our Bibles—they worshiped the LORD.



Big Idea: **God’s people sacrificed animals on altars to receive forgiveness of sins.**

Genesis 35:1-15 [outline form]

Intro: *Jacob worshiped God at altars he had built.*

Ask: *Why do we not need altars today?*

1. God told Jacob to move his family to Bethel.
 - *Jacob obeyed God immediately* Genesis 35:2
 - *Jacob told his family to rid themselves of idols and jewelry* 35:2
 - *Jacob’s family obeyed him, honoring God.* 35:4

2. Jacob and his family traveled to Bethel (picture 1C.11).
 - *God protected them on their journey.* 35:5
 - *Jacob built an altar and worshiped God* (picture 1C.12) 35:7
 - *Jacob named the place El Bethel (God-at-Bethel)* 35:7

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3. God blessed Jacob.
 - *He gave Jacob a new name—Israel* 35:10
 - *God promised to bless his family and descendants* 35:11
 - *God promised to give Jacob good land to live in* 35:12
 - *Jacob raised a stone and anointed it to remember God’s promise* 35:14

Conclusion: *Jacob worshiped God with an altar, but Jesus has replaced the altar with His cross. Thank Jesus for His wonderful gift—the forgiveness of sins!*

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God told Jacob, “Get up and move to a place called Bethel. Make an altar to Me there.” Jacob called his family and servants together. “Guess what? God wants us to move to Bethel. Let’s get ready to go. But before we leave, everyone must get rid of all false gods and idols.”

Jacob collected all his family’s idols and jewelry that showed they had worshiped false gods. Then Jacob did something kind of strange with the rings and earrings. He buried it all under an oak tree!

Next Jacob told everyone, “Take a bath, and put on clean clothes. Let’s go on our journey with clean hearts also. When we get to Bethel, I will build an altar to the one true God who forgives our sins.”

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Jacob’s family started on their journey, and God protected them along the way (picture 1C.11). In every city they passed, people knew God was with Jacob, and they were afraid of God. No one tried to attack Jacob.

When they came to Bethel, Jacob built an altar just as God had told him (picture 1C.12). People didn’t make buildings to worship God yet, so they made a table from stones, or wood, or metal. If they moved to a new place, they would build a new altar so they could worship God there. God was pleased with the altar Jacob built. He appeared to Jacob again, and said, “Your name is Jacob, but I am giving you a new name—Israel.” God promised to make Jacob’s family even bigger and give them a good land to live in.

Before Jesus came, God told His people to sacrifice animals on an altar so they could receive forgiveness for their sins. The people could bring only the very best animals—only the best were good enough for God. When the animals’ blood was shed, God forgave the people for the bad things they had done.

When God sent Jesus, He solved this sin problem once and for all. Instead of killing an animal, Jesus sacrificed His own life so that God would not just forgive our sins, but really take them away! For those of us who believe in Jesus, the cross replaces the altar.

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Level 1C—At Worship with God Lesson 7: *Tabernacle Worship*

Big Idea: **God’s people witnessed His glory in the wilderness tabernacle.**

Exodus 40 [outline form]

Intro: *God’s people witnessed His glory in the wilderness tabernacle.*

Ask: *How does God show His glory today?*

1. God told Moses to set up the tabernacle.

- *The tabernacle was to be set up on the first day of the first month. . . Exodus 40:2*
- *God instructed His people where to place everything. 40:3-8*
- *God told them to anoint the tabernacle to make it holy 40:9-11*
- *God told the priests how to purify themselves 40:12-15*

2. Moses did everything God commanded.

- *The people put up the tabernacle. 40:17-19*
- *They placed the ark inside (picture 1C.13). 40:21*
- *They placed all the other items and washed themselves 40:31-33*

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3. God’s glory came to the completed tabernacle (picture 1C.14).

- *A cloud covered the tent 40:34*
- *God’s glory filled the tabernacle. 40:34*
- *The cloud showed God’s people when to travel and when to stay 40:36-38*

Conclusion: *God’s people worshiped Him in the tabernacle, and God was with them. God is with us, too, when we praise and worship Him!*

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God’s people lived in tents for 40 years as they went from Egypt to the new land God had promised them. While they were traveling and camping in the wilderness, God told Moses to build a tabernacle. The tabernacle was to be a tent where God would meet with His people and they could worship Him. And while they traveled, they could pick it up and take it with them whenever they needed to move! But this was no ordinary camping tent. It would be the most beautiful tent anyone could imagine.

All the best craftsmen worked together to make a beautiful tabernacle to worship God. First they made the Ark of the Covenant. This was a wooden box covered with gold. Two huge golden figures of angels, called cherubim, sat on the lid. Each angel was bigger than you can stretch your arms. Inside the Ark of the Covenant they placed the real stone tablets of the Ten Commandments that God had given

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Moses (picture 1C.13).

When all the work on the tabernacle was done (picture 1C.14), Moses looked carefully at every piece and compared it to God’s instructions. “Wow!” Moses said. “Well done, servants of God! You have made the tabernacle just as God commanded.”

Then God Himself said from heaven: “Set up the tabernacle on the first day of the first month!” The priests took baths and put on the fancy clothes. Everything was ready. Everyone was watching.

Suddenly a cloud came down from heaven and covered the whole tabernacle. The glory of the Most High God filled the tabernacle. This was how God showed He was happy with their work. During daytime, the people could see the cloud of God’s glory over the tabernacle, and at night God filled the cloud with fire, giving them light and heat.

While they traveled, God guided His people with the cloud over the tabernacle. If the cloud went up into the sky, God’s people knew it was time to pack everything and follow Him. If the cloud stayed over the tabernacle, the people stayed where they were. And that’s how God led His people to the promised land.

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Big Idea: **God’s people built a magnificent Temple in Jerusalem to exalt Him.**

2 Chronicles 5-7 [outline form]

Intro: *King Solomon built a magnificent Temple to exalt God.*

Ask: *Why is the Temple in Jerusalem no longer necessary?*

1. King Solomon completed the Temple in Jerusalem.

- *He brought his father’s treasures and placed them in the Temple. . . 2 Chronicles 5:1*
- *The priests brought the Ark and the tabernacle 5:4-6*
- *The priests and musicians praised the LORD 5:12-13*
- *God’s glory filled the Temple 5:13-14*

2. Solomon prayed over the Temple (picture 1C.15).

- *Solomon praised God for keeping His promises. 6:14-17*
- *He asked God to keep His eyes on the Temple. 6:18-21*
- *Solomon asked God to hear His people and to have mercy on them . . . 6:22-39*



3. God responded to Solomon’s prayer.

- *God sent fire from heaven and His glory filled the Temple. 7:1*
- *The people saw God’s glory and praised Him (picture 1C.16). 7:3*
- *There was great rejoicing for many days. 7:8-10*
- *God promised to hear the prayers said in the Temple, as long as the people honored Him 7:15-22*

Conclusion: *Christians are now God’s temple through the power of the Holy Spirit! We must try to honor Him in all we do.*



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Ask: *Why is the Temple in Jerusalem no longer necessary?*

God’s Temple was a beautiful, special place where God’s people could worship Him. King David wanted to build the Temple himself, but God said, “No, not yet. Your son, Solomon, will build My Temple.” King Solomon started building it, just as God had said, on Mount Moriah in Jerusalem. It took seven years to build.

Solomon was so glad to bring the golden Ark of the Covenant into the Temple. He invited people from all over Israel to a big celebration. Imagine that Bible-times celebration. People are standing all around you. Look at those shiny gold doors! This brand-new Temple is an amazing building.

Now look! The leaders of Israel are carrying the Ark of the Covenant up the Temple stairs, through the golden doors, and into the inner room of the Temple, the most holy place. Here they come out, and everyone is singing and praising



the LORD.

Now look above the Temple. There’s a really bright cloud coming down from the sky resting above the Temple. It’s the glory of the LORD! Remember how the glory of the LORD came down like a cloud over the tabernacle? Now it’s happening here at the Temple!

Now King Solomon himself is kneeling in front of the Temple. He’s raising his arms toward heaven. Shhh! Everyone’s quiet. Solomon is praying a dedication prayer (picture 1C.15). “O LORD God, You are the only true God. You always keep Your promises.

“We know bad things will happen in the future. Maybe our enemies will attack us. Maybe there will be no rain. Maybe there will be famine or disease. If any of these things happen, O LORD, and the people confess their sins and repent, forgive them and heal our land.

“And now, O LORD, enter this Temple of Yours. Amen.” Suddenly fire flashed down from heaven! It burned up the sacrifices. God’s glory filled the whole place. When they saw God’s glory, all the people bowed to the ground. They worshiped God and sang (picture 1C.16). The worship and celebration lasted seven days!



Big Idea: **God’s people celebrate holidays (“holy days”) to remember how He has helped them.**

Leviticus 23 [outline form]

Intro: *God gave people holidays to celebrate His goodness.*

Ask: *Why are holidays important?*

1. God spoke to Moses about special feasts (holidays).

- *God created the feasts (picture 1C.17) Leviticus 23:2*
- *God’s people were to keep the feasts holy. 23:2*
- *The Sabbath was a weekly day of rest and worship. 23:3*

2. God ordered the first three holidays.

- *Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread for God’s deliverance 23:5-8*
- *Firstfruits for God’s provision 23:10-14*
- *Feast of Weeks for God’s care of the poor. 23:15-22*



3. God outlined the next three holidays.

- *Feast of Trumpets for God’s victory. 23:23-25*
- *Day of Atonement for God’s forgiveness 23:26-32*
- *Feast of Tabernacles for God’s protection (picture 1C.18) 23:33-43*

Conclusion: *Holidays allow us to remember the great things that God has done for us. Thank God for the wonderful things He has done for you!*



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Bible-times people had holidays. God instructed them to “set apart” special days to honor Him and remember the great things He had done (picture 1C.17). A holiday is a special holy day.

The first holiday is called the Passover. It’s in March or April, around the same time as Easter. On this holiday, Jewish kids eat special food—lamb cooked with special herbs and flat bread that doesn’t have yeast in it. They also wear their outdoor coats, hats, and shoes at the dinner table! Every year, they remember the night that God told every Jewish family to sacrifice a lamb and put some blood on the doorpost of their house. God “passed over” the Jewish houses, and saved those children from death. Then, God set our people free from Egypt. They were in such a hurry to leave Egypt that they didn’t bake regular bread, and they ate dinner in their traveling clothes.



The next Jewish holy day is in May or June, exactly fifty days after the Passover. It’s called Pentecost or “the Feast of Weeks.” Everyone has a day off from work and school, and they have a great feast. It’s the day they give thanks for the grain harvest and a day they make sure to give food and clothes to the poor.

Jewish kids look forward to the fall, because there are three holidays in a row. The first is called Rosh Hashanah, or the Feast of Trumpets. On this day, nobody does any work. Everyone listens for the loud blast of trumpets on this day that reminds everybody to make this seventh month special.

Then ten days later is Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. On Yom Kippur, the high priest makes sacrifices, confesses the people’s sins, and asks for forgiveness. When he comes out, he lays his hands on a goat and asks God to let the goat take the blame for the sins of the people. Then the people chase this special goat, called the scapegoat, away into the wilderness, never to be seen again.

Five days later comes the Feast of Tabernacles. Now this is fun, as long as the weather is good. During this feast, Jewish families camp for seven days! They build a tent from tree branches, and they sleep outside (picture 1C.18)! On this holiday, the Jews remember the forty years their ancestors wandered in the wilderness on their way to the promised land.



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Ask: *How can you tell people about Jesus?*

1. Paul and Silas arrived in Thessalonica.

- *Paul’s custom was to go to the local synagogue (picture 1C.19) Acts 17:1-2*
- *He used Scripture to explain about Jesus 17:2-3*
- *Some Jews and Greeks believed 17:4*
- *Other Jews became jealous and started a riot 17:5*
- *Paul and Silas had to sneak away 17:10*

2. Paul and Silas arrived in Berea.

- *Once again, Paul went straight to the synagogue (picture 1C.20) 17:10*
- *The people of Berea eagerly listened to Paul 17:11*
- *They checked what Paul said against Scripture 17:11*
- *Many Jews and Greeks believed in Berea 17:12*

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Conclusion: *Even people who worshiped God in synagogues had different responses to Jesus. Everyone needs to hear about Jesus!*

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What is a synagogue? In Jerusalem, Jews worshiped at the Temple. Synagogues were places where people who lived outside Jerusalem could learn about God and worship Him. In Bible times, a synagogue was also where boys went to school, and where people had city meetings. Jewish people have been meeting in synagogues, like we do in churches, for a long time. Jesus taught people in synagogues.

In Jesus’ day, the Jewish people were expecting a special leader to show up. They thought He would free them from the Romans. In Scripture, God had promised this person would come, and everyone was watching for Him. They would meet in the synagogues and talk about when He might come and who He might be. The Jews had a name for this leader—Messiah. Well, God did send the Messiah, and it was Jesus! But many people did not believe Jesus was the Messiah—they had misunderstood God’s Word.

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After Jesus died and rose again and went back to heaven, a man named Paul started traveling around boldly telling as many people as he could about Jesus and salvation. One time, Paul and his friend, Silas, were in a city called Thessalonica. Paul went right to the synagogue to tell everyone there that Jesus was the Messiah and that He came to forgive their sins (picture 1C.19). Some people believed Paul’s teaching and decided to trust in Jesus. Some people didn’t like his words at all. The Jewish leaders didn’t like it one bit. They found some trouble-makers and gathered a mean, angry crowd. The Jews shouted, “Paul and Silas are causing trouble in our city! They should go to jail. They say that someone called ‘Jesus’ is the Messiah.”

That night the Christian believers sneaked Paul and Silas out to another city called Berea. If you were Paul, what would you do in Berea? Hide? Pretend not to know Jesus? Not Paul! He was bold and full of courage. He went right to the synagogue in Berea and started telling the people there about Jesus. The people in Berea were glad to hear the Good News about Jesus. Many listened and became followers of Jesus (picture 1C.20).

Why did Paul keep going to the synagogues, when some people didn’t like what he was saying? Because he wanted people to know what the Messiah was all about—that Jesus could forgive their sins and give them life in heaven forever.

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Big Idea: God’s people worship Him today through local churches around the world.

1 Corinthians 12:12-31 [outline form]

Intro: The Church is one body with many members (people).

Ask: How can you be a member of the body (Church)?

1. In a letter, Paul uses a word-picture to talk about the Church (picture 1C.21).
 - The body is one unit with many parts 1 Corinthians 12:12
 - The Church is also one body—the Spirit makes us one 12:12-13
 - Each part is important. 12:14-17
 - God has arranged the Church exactly as it should be 12:18

2. Members of the Church should treat each other with respect (picture 1C.22).
 - Every member of the Church is indispensable. 10:21-22
 - The “lowest” members should receive honor and respect. 10:23
 - Everyone should have equal concern for each other 10:25
 - Believers should suffer and rejoice with each other 10:26

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3. Each believer receives different gifts from God.
 - Some prophesy, some teach, some work miracles, some heal 10:28
 - Not everyone has the same gifts 10:29
 - The important thing is that we are one in Christ 10:27

Conclusion: *Worshiping God as part of the Church is a wonderful gift. We should seek to be “one body” as we serve and worship Him.*

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One church in a city named Corinth was having a tough time. They were confused about how to be a church. Some people thought they were more important than others. Other people were afraid they weren’t important at all—that maybe they shouldn’t even be part of the church! Paul wrote a letter to help them out.

(1 Corinthians 12:12-13) Paul uses a “picture-with-words” to help everyone understand what he wants to say. The picture is the human body. Everyone can

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understand that a body is one thing that has many parts. Paul wants us to know that the Church is all part of one body. Also, it doesn’t matter who you were before—once you become a Christian, you are part of the whole Church.

(12:14-20) Paul talks about some of the different parts in the body. He wants people to know that everyone in the church is important—even you! God puts every person in the Church just where He wants him or her to be. Everyone has a talent or gift that he or she can give to the Church.

(12:21-24) Paul also warns people who think their gifts and talents are more important than other people’s. Feet are just as important to the body as hands and ears and eyes. Paul says that all people are equally important in the Church.

(12:25-26) Paul explains how people should treat each other. Because we are all important to God, we should be sad when people are hurting and happy for people when great things happen. We should treat everyone in the Church like close friends (picture 1C.22).

(12:27) Now Paul wants us to know something very important. Just as the Church is all part of one body, Jesus is part of the Church too! He is connected to the Church as a head is connected to the body. We have to make sure that Jesus is the Head of our Church. We should let Him lead us and be in charge of everything we do.

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Big Idea: God’s people worship the Lamb, Jesus, who is worthy of eternal glory.

Revelation 5 [outline form]

Intro: One day all Christians will worship Jesus in heaven.

Ask: How can you be ready now to one day live in heaven?

1. God called John to heaven in a vision.

- John saw a door standing open in heaven (picture 1C.23) Revelation 4:1
- Jesus called John up to the throne room 4:2

2. A scroll was presented with seven seals.

- An angel asked who was worthy to open the scroll 5:2
- No one on earth or in heaven was worthy 5:3
- Jesus appeared on the throne as a Lamb (picture 1C.24) 5:6
- The creatures and elders worshiped Jesus, proclaiming Him worthy 5:8-10

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3. Everyone in heaven and on earth worshiped Jesus.

- Thousands upon thousands of angels worshiped Him 5:11
- They called Him “the Lamb that was slain” 5:12
- Every person and creature worshiped God and Jesus 5:13

Conclusion: Heaven will be greater and better than anything we can imagine! Worshiping Jesus will be the greatest celebration anyone has ever known. Let’s look forward to the day when we can all worship as one in God’s eternal kingdom!

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In his vision, John saw Jesus. He was shining like the sun and His voice was like thunder! Jesus said to John, “Don’t be afraid!” He looked up and saw a door standing open in heaven (picture 1C.23). Jesus said, “Come up here!” And the next thing John knew, it was as if he were in heaven!

John saw an incredible throne room with Someone sitting on a big throne in the

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middle. The Person there was shining like diamonds or like a rainbow. Twenty-four other thrones surrounded the big one. Elders, dressed in white robes with golden crowns on their heads, were sitting on the thrones. John saw four creatures with wings and many eyes worshiping God, saying, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.”

John saw a scroll sealed up with seven seals. Jesus was standing in the middle of the biggest throne. The elders and the creatures were singing “Holy, holy, holy.” Jesus took the scroll with all the seals on it. The elders and creatures bowed before Jesus and started singing a new song. “Lamb, You died for us. Your blood paid for the sins of the people from all over the world. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!” (picture 1C.24)

Then John heard loud singing coming from everywhere. He saw every animal and every person who ever lived worshiping Jesus the Lamb! Even you and I were there! They were all singing, “Praise and honor and glory and power to Him who sits on the throne and to Jesus, forever and ever! Amen!”

One day, all of us who believe will worship Jesus forever and ever! It will be more wonderful than we can imagine!

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