

Together we can worship Jesus.

New Testament studies on Paul's Letters to the Corinthians

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MORE ABOUT THIS LESSON

In the epistles of the New Testament there is very little instruction that deals explicitly with corporate worship - what we call worship services. Not that there were no corporate gatherings for worship: 1 Corinthians 14:23 speaks of "the whole church gathering together," and Acts 2:46 speaks of the early church "attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes," and Hebrews 10:25 speaks of "not neglecting to meet together." Even when they gathered, the apostles do not speak explicitly of "worship." In the Greek New Testament, the main word for worship is *proskuneo*. The word is common in the gospels (26 times) where people would often bow down worshipfully before Jesus. And it is common in the book of Revelation (21 times) because the angels and elders in heaven often bow down before God. But in the epistles of Paul it occurs only once, namely in 1 Corinthians 14:25 where the unbeliever falls down at the power of prophecy and confesses God is in the assembly. This is the kind of worship God is worthy of.

We have been created to worship and if we don't, Jesus said that the rocks will cry (Luke 19) out because they recognise God is worthy. What we need to realise is that while all of creation glorifies God, we humans are the only ones given the privilege of glorifying Him by being made in His image and likeness.

KEY PASSAGES: 1 Corinthians 14:23; Luke 19:40; John 3:16

KEY CONCEPTS:

- **Know:** Jesus is the reason we come together.
- **Think:** Because of what Jesus did for us, He is worthy of our worship.
- **Do:** Worship Jesus with all your heart.

KEY VERSE FOR THE MONTH: "All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it." 1 Cor 12:27 (NLT)

BIG IDEA: "Together we can worship Jesus".

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LARGE GROUP GAME (10 MINS)

BIBLE MESSAGE (15 MINS)

For the past three weeks we have been learning about the different things we can do together as the body of Christ:

- Praying for others and ourselves
- Serving others in the church with our Spiritual Gift
- Loving others

We've also been learning our bible verse about how together we each have a part to play. Let's read our verse: "All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it." 1 Cor 12:27 (NLT).

This week, we are focusing on the WHO that we are getting together for. The One person who is the sole reason of why we could even be part of this body.

Imagine you're at your **best friend's birthday party**. This friend's birthday party is mega awesome and you were invited to it. You come along and your friend has left some awesome games, prizes even cool music! But he or she isn't there. Would that be fun? The party might be cool, but you're there because you wanted to celebrate your friend's birthday together. You want to do the games and the party together. **What matters most isn't the gifts or the music or even the party itself, it is the person.**

Well, that's a bit like our Christian life as a follower of Jesus. When we come together as a church it's great to pray for others, to serve with our spiritual gifts, and to love each other, but really at the centre of everything is Jesus. **Jesus is the WHO** that we are getting together for. And when we get together, we worship Jesus because He is worthy of, and deserves, our worship.

So why is He worthy? Let's read John 3:16. "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish, but have eternal life." NLT

- The first thing we learn is **Jesus loves us**. He left Heaven to come to this earth all because of His love for us. It never changes. It is not based on whether you are good or bad or even if you love Him back. You cannot do anything to make Him love you any more or less. He has that much love for you and He proved His love by coming to earth to save you from your sin. He loves you so much that he wants you to be a part of His family. And like you play a part in your family, He wants you to play your part in God's family, his church. One way is through worship, at church. As we will learn a little later, worship is more than just singing to him.
- The second thing we learn is **Jesus gives to us**. He gave us the best gift with His life. He had a purpose for coming to this earth. Although Jesus did many great miracles and taught us about God and how to please Him, His purpose was to die on the cross to take our punishment for sin. By giving up His life, Jesus made a way for us to have life forever. And this "forever life" starts now, not when we get to heaven! When we make Jesus "our" Lord he changes us and we begin to live a new life where we can walk closely with Him. When we live this close life with Him we are living a life of "worship" to him. There is no greater form of worship than living your life close to Jesus and asking Him to use your life to help others.

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- Finally we learn **Jesus saves us**. His death and resurrection saved us from our sin. When Jesus gave His life on the cross, He made the way for us to have our sins forgiven and have a relationship with God. There is nothing that you and I can do to earn our salvation; it is a free gift from Jesus! And He also gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is God living in us. He is God our helper and friend. The Holy Spirit helps us live a life of worship when we think we can't. When things get hard at school and at home, it can be hard to worship God. God knows that, so he gives us His Holy Spirit so that we can live a life of worship even when things get too hard! The Holy Spirit is called the "comforter". Does anyone know what comforting means? It's like when you are sad about something and your mum or dad gives you a big hug that makes you feel better. The Holy Spirit is always there for you to help you. Isn't that a great reason to worship God?

Worship isn't just singing, but the way we live our life is a worship to Jesus – the way we pray, the way we serve one another and the way we love one another. Even when we give our 5c for our sponsor children in the 5c challenge, it is worship. When we live our lives in close relationship with Jesus it is worship. We were made to worship God. He is worthy of our worship.

Application and Closing (10 mins)

The only appropriate response we can give is to worship Him. Every time you come to church think about Jesus. He is the real reason why we worship, why we tune in to the Bible, why we memorise verses to get His Words in our heart.

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Fun Fact!

Did you know that Jesus said if we don't worship him, the rocks will?

"If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!" Luke 19:40 NLT

Our Big Idea today is **"Together we can worship"** and that's exactly what we're going to do.

He is so worthy of our worship that even the stones He created will worship Him – imagine that! Creation knows He deserves our worship, but we can do so much better than stones and rocks! Let's take a few minutes to worship God in song. It's okay if you want to stay seated on the floor – many people kneel down to worship when they sing, others stand. It's up to you. The important thing is to decide in your heart how you want to worship Him and worship Him with your whole heart.

Let's sing....

*[Spend some time worshipping to music – **How Great is Our God** is one they all know without needing to read the words]*

*Dear God, You are the only one worthy of our worship. Thank you for all you do for us, thank you for loving us and always making a way for us. Help us to live a life of worship that pleases you.
In Jesus' Name. Amen.*

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Kids Life Group (20 mins)

- **Introduction and welcome to the week (5 mins)**

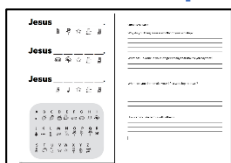
- “Today’s lesson was based on 1 Chor 12:27. Let’s quickly go through it and try and remember it.”

- **Worship craft (see sample online)**

Have them do their craft then ask them some questions about God and worship:

- Do you think we should worship God? Why?
- What has God done for you that you want to worship Him?
- How do you think you can worship God? Share some examples from your own life.

- **Worship worksheet (15 mins)**



Have the kids fill in the worksheet and answer the Observation questions – then talk about it.

- Open the conversation about worship and how worthy God is; and how important it is to grow in their relationships with God.

- **Wrap up**

- **Recap:** Jesus is worthy of our praise. We were made to worship Him – He doesn’t need us to because creation will worship Him. Worship isn’t only singing songs, it’s every aspect of our life.
 - Our Big Idea is “Together we can worship”
 - What is one thing you’ll do this week to worship Jesus?

- **Ask for prayer requests and close in prayer.**