



Unit 5 | Session 3

THE PEOPLE WORSHIPED A GOLDEN CALF

Exodus 32-34

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Moses acted as the people's mediator, standing for them before God. Moses could not do anything to make up for their sin, but we have a better Mediator—Jesus. Jesus paid for our sin on the cross and stands for us before God. When we trust in Jesus, our sins are forgiven.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

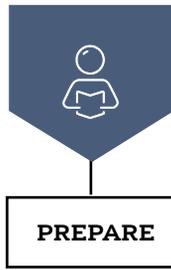
What is worship? Worship is celebrating the greatness of God.

KEY PASSAGE:

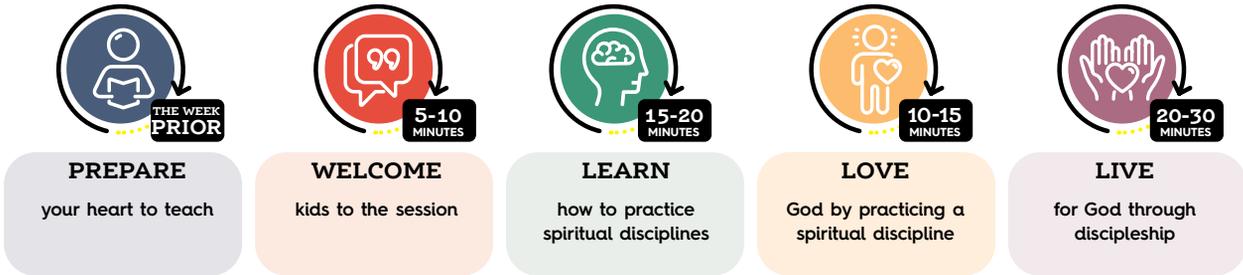
Psalm 95:6-7

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE:

Worship



FOR THE SESSION



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Worship is an outward expression of our belief in God, but it is so much more. Pleasing and acceptable worship to the Lord requires the whole self, leaving nothing out. God knows us wholly and desires to be worshiped fully. All of who we are is meant to be aimed at worshiping Him, but at times, we know this is not reflective of how we live.

Consider the Lord’s words in Isaiah 29:13, “These people approach me with their speeches to honor me with lip-service, yet their hearts are far from me, and human rules direct their worship of me.”

Our hearts hold the truth of what we believe about God. On the outside, we may appear as though we love and honor Him, but the Lord knows what is true. His desire is that we would not be double-minded people, but that we would rely completely on Him. God is consistent, stable, unchanging, faithful, and immutable.

Jesus said in Matthew 22:37 that believers are to, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” Devotion to God is giving to Him all aspects of your life. Will you love and honor the Lord fully today?

How we worship God reveals His worth to us. While we may not cast bronze or golden idols, if we are honest, there are pedestals where we give our praise outside of the One who is worthy. What are the things in your life that vie for your love? What pulls at your heart, soul, and mind?

Before an all-knowing God, there is no hiding. This is a sobering thought, but it is good news. The same God who knows your sin, sees your flaws, and experiences your inconsistencies is the One who loves you and calls you His own. If you are in Christ, there is no condemnation (Romans 8:1). God does not ban entrance to His family, but, by the blood of Christ, welcomes you in and invites you to worship Him!

As you seek to lead children in practicing the spiritual discipline of worship and as you grow in the depth of your understanding, aim to honor the Lord with every part of who you are.

Worship is celebrating the greatness of God through Jesus by the Holy Spirit.