

# Teach me to Worship



**INTRODUCTION,  
OUTLINE, &  
SUGGESTED  
RESOURCES**

Children's Worship Curriculum *from*

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## TEACH ME TO WORSHIP

# Introduction

*Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.*

Psalm 95:6-7 ESV

“Teach me to worship!” Though few parents actually hear their children make that request, the privileges and responsibilities of God’s covenant of grace call every parent to the task.

Worship is for all ages and is one of the few things God’s people do in this life as well as the life to come. In teaching children to worship, parents are helping them develop skills they will use in the New Heavens and the New Earth. The eternal nature of worship makes learning these skills perhaps the most important thing a person (child or adult) can do.

Teaching a child to worship is the privilege of parents, and there is great blessing when family members of all generations worship together. Yet, many parents feel inadequate in knowing what and how to teach their children. The covenant community of the local church serves parents well when church leaders assist the parents in teaching covenant children how to worship. This desire to help parents is the basis for this curriculum. By presenting and explaining common elements of worship that the universal Church has used throughout the ages, we hope to provide ministry leaders and parents a great tool to equip another generation to bow down in worship.

As you work through the lessons in this curriculum, may God bless you with a deeper understanding of His great worth. The nature and work of our Covenant God are the reasons we worship. He is worthy to be praised!

Grace to you and peace,



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# Introduction

## ADDITIONAL INFO

## **GOAL**

The goal in writing this children's worship curriculum was to teach covenant children about worshiping the one true God in spirit and truth. It has been written in response to requests from local churches who specifically want to use children's church time to train children to better understand and participate in corporate worship. If your church does not have children's church, this curriculum could be used for Sunday School, mid-week programs, family devotions, or any Bible-teaching occasion where one would want to emphasize how God's story teaches us to worship.

## STRUCTURE ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●

Each month-long, four-lesson unit will focus on a single element of worship. For learning the “whole of worship” every element of worship will be included in each week’s lesson. The Reading of the Word is printed out for the teacher, but we suggest reading from the Bible during the actual teaching time.

## ORDER OF THE UNITS ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●

Each unit (Call to Worship, Prayer, Praise, etc.) has four lessons that should be done together as a group. The monthly units were created to be done in a specific order. There are three “Plug-In Units” (Christmas, Easter, and Missions) that should be done according to the appropriate time in your church’s calendar. There is also a unit teaching the sacraments—this unit can be done whenever you’d like. See the complete outline found on pages 4-7 of this document.

## TIME ALLOTMENT ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●

Each lesson has been written to take approximately one hour. Make any necessary adjustments to make it work within the time available at your church. For instance, if children stay in the main worship service until just before the sermon starts, begin the lesson with the Call to Worship and Prayer but then move to the Hearing of the Word. If you have a service that goes for 75 minutes and you have children the whole time add in more time for Praise.

**EXTRAS**

If you have additional time at the end of your lesson, here are three suggestions of how to fill that extra time: (1) Review the elements of worship, (2) Allow the kids to work on the Kid's Activity Sheets (Coloring Sheet—for non-readers and Word Search—for readers), (3) Practice the memory verse.





# Outline

The monthly units were created to be done in a specific order (see list below). There are three “Plug-In Units” that should be done according to the appropriate time in your church’s calendar. Please use this outline in planning your use of the curriculum for your upcoming year.



## CALL TO WORSHIP

<b>Month’s Memory Verse</b>	Psalm 95:6-7
<b>Month’s Featured Song</b>	O Worship the King
<b>Week 1 Lesson Topic</b>	Creation Calls Us to Worship
<b>Week 2 Lesson Topic</b>	God Calls Abraham and We Are His Children
<b>Week 3 Lesson Topic</b>	God Commands Us to Worship
<b>Week 4 Lesson Topic</b>	King Jesus Will Be Worshiped Forever



## PRAYER

<b>Month’s Memory Verse</b>	Matthew 6:9-13 (The Lord’s Prayer)
<b>Month’s Featured Song</b>	What a Friend We Have in Jesus
<b>Week 1 Lesson Topic</b>	Jesus Teaches Us to Pray
<b>Week 2 Lesson Topic</b>	Hannah Prays
<b>Week 3 Lesson Topic</b>	Daniel Prays
<b>Week 4 Lesson Topic</b>	Jesus Tells About Two Men Who Pray



## PRAISE

<b>Month’s Memory Verse</b>	Psalm 146:1-2
<b>Month’s Featured Song</b>	Holy, Holy, Holy
<b>Week 1 Lesson Topic</b>	Creation Praises God
<b>Week 2 Lesson Topic</b>	Miriam and the Israelites Praise God
<b>Week 3 Lesson Topic</b>	Children Praise Jesus
<b>Week 4 Lesson Topic</b>	Paul and Silas Praise God from Jail



## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

<b>Month's Memory Verse</b>	II Corinthians 9:6-7
<b>Month's Featured Song</b>	This Is My Father's World
<b>Week 1 Lesson Topic</b>	The Right Reason
<b>Week 2 Lesson Topic</b>	The Right Offering
<b>Week 3 Lesson Topic</b>	The Right Focus
<b>Week 4 Lesson Topic</b>	The Right Amount



## READING OF THE WORD

<b>Month's Memory Verse</b>	II Timothy 3:16-17
<b>Month's Featured Song</b>	Thy Word Is a Lamp to My Feet
<b>Week 1 Lesson Topic</b>	The Word Guides Us
<b>Week 2 Lesson Topic</b>	The Word Calls Us Back to God
<b>Week 3 Lesson Topic</b>	The Word Is Jesus
<b>Week 4 Lesson Topic</b>	The Word Leads All Men to Jesus



## CONFESSION OF FAITH

<b>Month's Memory Verse</b>	The Apostles' Creed
<b>Month's Featured Song</b>	I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord Forever
<b>Week 1 Lesson Topic</b>	His Story: The Apostles' Creed
<b>Week 2 Lesson Topic</b>	In Our Youth: Heidelberg Catechism
<b>Week 3 Lesson Topic</b>	God or Man?: Nicene Creed
<b>Week 4 Lesson Topic</b>	Back to the Beginning: Westminster Confession of Faith





## HEARING OF THE WORD

<b>Month's Memory Verse</b>	Romans 10:4
<b>Month's Featured Song</b>	Wonderful Words of Life
<b>Week 1 Lesson Topic</b>	The Word Is the Promise
<b>Week 2 Lesson Topic</b>	The Word Is the Method
<b>Week 3 Lesson Topic</b>	The Word Is Truth
<b>Week 4 Lesson Topic</b>	The Word Is Power



## SACRAMENTS

<b>Month's Memory Verse</b>	John 1:29
<b>Month's Featured Song</b>	Amazing Grace
<b>Week 1 Lesson Topic</b>	Remember the Door Post
<b>Week 2 Lesson Topic</b>	Remember the Cross
<b>Week 3 Lesson Topic</b>	Jesus's Example in Baptism
<b>Week 4 Lesson Topic</b>	The Sign of the Promise



## BENEDICTION

<b>Month's Memory Verse</b>	Numbers 6:24-26
<b>Month's Featured Song</b>	The Lord Bless You and Keep You
<b>Week 1 Lesson Topic</b>	What Is a Benediction?
<b>Week 2 Lesson Topic</b>	Benediction: Our Hope
<b>Week 3 Lesson Topic</b>	Benediction: Our Charge
<b>Week 4 Lesson Topic</b>	Benediction: Our Forever

# PLUG-IN Units • • • • •

Plug in the following three units when they fall in your church calendar. (i.e., Christmas—in December; Easter—March/April; Missions—the month your church does Missions Conference)



## CHRISTMAS

<b>Month's Memory Verse</b>	Matthew 1:21
<b>Month's Featured Song</b>	Joy to the World
<b>Week 1 Lesson Topic</b>	Promises Fulfilled
<b>Week 2 Lesson Topic</b>	Promises Revealed
<b>Week 3 Lesson Topic</b>	Promises Proclaimed
<b>Week 4 Lesson Topic</b>	Promises Praised



## EASTER

<b>Month's Memory Verse</b>	I Corinthians 15:55-57
<b>Month's Featured Song</b>	When I Survey the Wond'rous Cross
<b>Week 1 Lesson Topic</b>	Our King's Promises Fulfilled
<b>Week 2 Lesson Topic</b>	Our King's Example and Command
<b>Week 3 Lesson Topic</b>	Our King's Sacrifice and Victory
<b>Week 4 Lesson Topic</b>	Our King's Eternal Kingdom



## MISSIONS

<b>Month's Memory Verse</b>	Matthew 28:19
<b>Month's Featured Song</b>	Take My Life and Let It Be
<b>Week 1 Lesson Topic</b>	Taking God's Love to All People
<b>Week 2 Lesson Topic</b>	Having Eyes to See
<b>Week 3 Lesson Topic</b>	Serving and Sharing
<b>Week 4 Lesson Topic</b>	Through Sacrifice

# Suggested Resources

The following are recommended resources you may find helpful in lesson preparation and classroom participation. All resources can be found at the PCA Bookstore (1.800.283.1357 or [www.pcabookstore.com](http://www.pcabookstore.com)) unless noted otherwise.

## Resources for helping children to understand the scriptures. Teachers may want to read the passage a second time from one of these:

- ***My First Message*** by Eugene H. Peterson (Item #12699)
- ***The Jesus Storybook Bible*** by Sally Lloyd-Jones (Item #8745)
- ***The Big Picture Story Bible*** by David Helm (Item #8024)
- ***The Child's Story Bible*** by Catherine F. Vos (Item #2442)

## Resources for teaching the music:

- ***Trinity Hymnal*** by Great Commission Publications (Item #2300)
- ***Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs For Kids***—Worship CD (Item #5490), Songbook (Item #5488), & Arrangements (Item #5489)
- ***Hymns for a Kid's Heart***—[www.hymnsforkids.com](http://www.hymnsforkids.com)—On this website you can download recorded music and sheet music for many of the hymns included in *Teach Me to Worship* curriculum.

## Resource for Missions month:

- ***Heroes for Young Readers***—[www.ywampublishing.com](http://www.ywampublishing.com)—On this website you can purchase books about the missionaries covered in the lessons, along with many other fun resources (Items #82396, 82329, 8237X, & 82361).

## Other helpful resources:

- ***Any Large Classroom Bible***—This would be helpful to show the children where the Bible story can be found.
- ***First Catechism*** by Great Commission Publications (Item #6666)